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Patrons: David Gower OBE, Bryce Courtenay (deceased 2012), Nick Price, David Pocock, Kim Hughes.

30th anniversary pictorial edition

President's Report

After our initial meeting at **Warwick Rowell**'s townhouse on **10 June 1987**, who'd have thought that 30 years later we would be the **world's biggest** NGO donor to Zimbabwe rhino conservation and the **second oldest** specialist rhino NGO after **Save the Rhino Trust** in Namibia!? So thank you to all our members, supporters, committee and rhino beneficiaries for allowing this to have happened. How proud we all are of our significant involvement.

We are involved in **11 rhino projects** in Zimbabwe, 6 in the national parks and 5 on private land. The nation's rhino numbers now exceed **800**, the highest figure for a long time, so congratulations to all the anti-poaching rangers and their managers. Our current chosen project for special support is **Save Valley Conservancy**, where we conduct our exclusive **Rhino Ranger Support Schemes**, as below.

Our other 2 main projects are on the eastern side of **Kruger**, in **Mozambique**, and **NW Namibia** in the **Damaraland** desert area. And we have a couple of specialised areas in **South Africa**.

In 1987 there were an estimated 3,500 black rhinos in Africa and 4,900 white rhinos. Now these figures are 5,200 and 20,000. So we're hanging on, especially the whites (mainly in South Africa).

At the time of our 25th newsletter we had spent \$4,200,000 on all our projects. Now, it's close to **\$8,000,000**, so what an enormous 5 years we've had. Thanks everyone.

We now have our highest ever membership, **467**, more than **7,000** guests have attended our annual **gala dinner/auctions** at the **Hyatt Regency Perth** over the past 20 years, and we've hosted in excess of **500** passengers on our **trips to Zimbabwe and Botswana**.

Please enjoy the next 22 pages of our history in photographs – we've done quite a bit! And thanks again for being part of the journey.

Nicholas Duncan



1987

TRAVEL

with John Young



□ Babette Alfieri ... animal poachers are her public enemy No 1.

Poachers' mass slaughter fires charge to save rhino

FOUR years ago an estimated 60,000 rhino roamed Africa - now there are 4000.

The slaughter of these magnificent beasts by poachers for their horn and the males' penis has been a major problem in

central and southern Africa.

Since 1980, Babette Alfieri has raised \$US350,000 to combat the increasing threat of poachers in this region. She and a friend have bought anti-poaching equipment, including two light aircraft for aerial reconnaissance,

and a Mercedes truck for transporting animals to protected areas.

Babette is concerned with saving the rhino from extinction. She is working with the Zimbabwe authorities to conserve 750 black rhino.

Find out about "Vanishing Africa" at a talk Babette is giving in

Perth on Tuesday night.

Gordon Tours Australia, which specialises in safari holidays to Africa, is organising the evening. It's at 6pm, at the Wesley Auditorium in William St.

Admission is free, but phone 322 5674 to book seats.

This was the meeting that resulted in the formation of Save African Endangered Wildlife Foundation (SAVE) - June 1987.

1988



Our first Committee - Tim, John, Warwick, Nicholas, Pat, Jo, Julie and Marion.

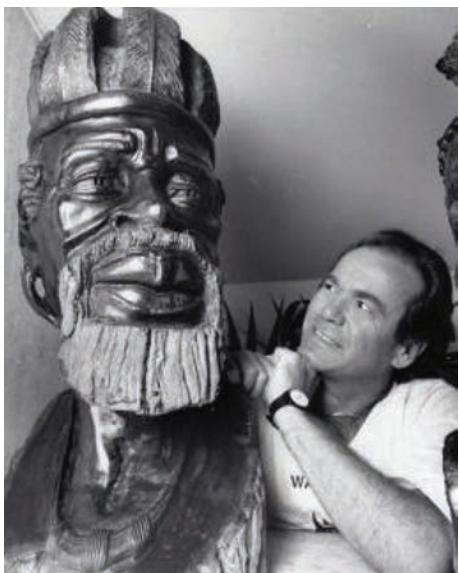


Our first donations - tyres (left), keys to a red Landrover (right) and the Landrover itself (bottom left).



Our first safari.
Warwick, James and Bev on Lake Kariba.

1989



Fundraiser with Glenn Shorrock at the Regal.



Bishop's House Gardens, venue for a cocktail party and fundraising auction



Volunteers from Operation Raleigh, Chief Warden Glenn Tatham, and Lynne Taylor, with donated toolkits and engines. This was the beginning of a Landrover refurbishment programme, ultimately to come under the control of Paul Olesczuk (4th from right).

1990



Clockwise:
More support from Qantas and Yamaha.

Glenn and Paul.
A newly formed BP Mobile Workshop.

Andy Searle and Glenn appealing for an outboard motor for their boat on Lake Kariba, at Matusadona.

1990



Imire Game Ranch – our first introduction to the seven hand-reared, orphan rhinos from the Zambezi Valley, with the Travers family.



"Out of Africa" fundraiser at the Abbey Restaurant, Glebe, NSW.



We had displays at the Perth Royal Show from 1987-1995.



Arantxa and Emilio Sanchez, Spain, donating \$100 each into our acrylic rhino, at the Hopman Cup. The rhino subsequently appeared in many shopping centres over the years.

1991



David Gower & Allan Border signing autographs for the many guests at Coco's South Perth.



On safari with David in the Okavango Delta and at Imire.



Ten rhinos being captured at Chete safari area to begin a breeding programme at Western Plains Zoo, Dubbo.



1992



Our main role is to supply vital kit and spare parts.



Warden Norman English and his men at Sinamatella, with new Motorola radios we donated,



Beginning of the de-horning programme: L-Mark Atkinson, above-Barney O'Hara, R-Mike Kock.

1993



The last of our five donated Land Cruisers on display at National Rhino Day, Harare Showgrounds.



Tim and Ray helping at the Perth Royal Show.

1994



Another safari group, and below, donating outboard motors to Tashinga Camp, Matusadona.



1994



Another fundraiser with some cricketing greats, Mike Proctor (left) and Sir Richard Hadlee (below).

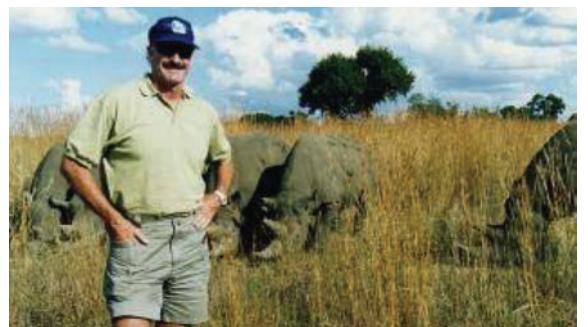


Kevin Judge, left, after his winning bid for a safari, thus beginning his 11-year contribution to the SAVE FOUNDATION.



Margaret, Cheryl, Nicholas, John and Guy, with a carved wooden "tombstone", RIP Black Rhino.

1995



Dennis Lillee at Imire.

The first of our four Black Rhino International cricket matches, World XI -v- Zimbabwe XI. World team taking the field, featuring the "big five", David Gower, Dennis Lillee, Greg Chappell, Mike Proctor and Clive Rice.

1995



L-Another fund-raising dinner/auction with our new Patron, David Gower.

R-Also there, Sir Tim Rice, meeting Santina Stransky.



Painted Dog Project anti-poaching patrol with their multi-tool units.



Tracking equipment being donated to Sinamatella IPZ.



Guy and Nicholas visiting the local community on the outskirts of the Bubiana Conservancy.



Kevin with a hand-reared baby white rhino and his handler, Matobo National Park.

1996



Our second International Cricket match, Super Eights – Zimbabwe (left), World (centre) and South Africa (right). The stars include David Gower, Allan Border, Collis King, Mike Proctor and Graeme Pollock.



Allan Border featured in a documentary with Chewore, a hand-reared rhino in Matusadona, televised on "Today Tonight".

1997



For years we have been supplying ex-British Army field kit, particularly boots, backpacks, bivvies, socks, shirts, trousers, ponchos, jerseys and sleeping bags, all kindly airfreighted by Affretair, DHL Aviation, MK Airlines and British Airways.

1998-1999



Norman English and his men at Sinamatella with new kit.

Rock Band "Oasis" lend their support.



Andy Searle examines kit for his game capture unit.



One of our Land Cruisers going off to patrol.

2000

TRAGIC DEATH OF ANDY SEARLE

It is with great sadness that we report the untimely death of Andy Searle in a helicopter crash on 6 March. He was returning from rhino tracking and mysteriously nose-dived into the ground. Andy was a great all-rounder with National Parks and had served them with distinction for more than 20 years. His last position was as Warden of the game capture unit at Umtsibhi, Hwange National Park. He leaves a widow, Lol, and a four-year old son, Drew.

2001



With the downturn in the Zimbabwe economy, and unreliable fuel supplies, it was necessary to turn to "bike power" for patrolling. Above, Paul de Montille, DART, examines a pile of snares, the result of increased meat poaching right around the country. 90% of Zimbabwe's wildlife on the game farms was about to be lost in the next 5 years.

2002



Our biggest event so far, another evening with David Gower at the Hyatt, followed by an International cricket festival the next day at Melville Cricket Ground, a Super Eights Challenge between the World (left), Australia (centre) and Western Australia (right). The stars included Clive Rice, Adam Hollioake, Collis King, Merv Hughes, Graham Yallop, Greg Matthews, Kim Hughes, Bruce Reid and Mike Veletta.

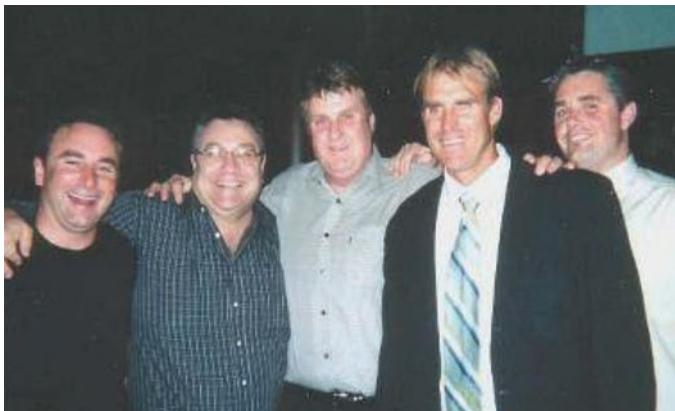
2003



Rhino numbers in Zimbabwe doubled between 1993 and 2002, and then, BANG, poaching started in January 2003 in Sinamatella. The rhino skull (right) evaded her captors before dying with 4kgs of horn, perhaps \$80,000 worth in the Far East! Since then, Sinamatella has lost more than 40 rhinos and around Zimbabwe, there have been at least 100 poached in the last 4 years.



2003



Matthew Hayden, here with some admirers, was our special guest at a dinner/auction the night before he scored a world record 380 against Zimbabwe.



The main rhino breeding successes have been in the Lowveld Conservancies, and here, Nicholas presents Head Tracker, Jackson, with a camera for rhino identification, watched by Raoul du Toit (WWF) and Clive Stockil (Chairman, Save Valley Conservancy).



Director General, Morris Mtsumbirwa, presents Certificates of Achievement to Sinamatella scouts for their outstanding anti-poaching efforts.



2004



Fumbai, a 4-year old female, was the first of 30 rhinos out of a total population of 50 to be killed in the Midlands Conservancy!



Save Valley scouts with new kit that we donated.

Nicholas vehemently opposes the introduction of black rhino hunting in Namibia and South Africa at CITES, Bangkok. Hunting was approved by an overwhelming majority.



Left, one of our Land Cruisers from 1992, needing repairs. Above, after a successful re-build. It is now functional in Matusadona Intensive Protection Zone.

2005



With increased rhino poaching, de-horning again became necessary and Chris Foggin (subsequently to be the first non-South African to be awarded the prestigious 'Wildlife Vet of the Year'), moved around Zimbabwe from project to project. He also fitted radio transmitters to some of the front horns (right).



Our safaris have become very popular and are always fully booked (right). Amongst our favourite destinations are the Hide (left) and Okavango Delta with the fantastic leopard (centre).



A bad drought resulted in an increased demand for water from the big elephant herds in Hwange. Pumps needed repairing (left) and we supplied thousands of litres of diesel (right), supervised by Johnny Rodrigues, Zimbabwe Conservation Task Force.



Far left, Norman English takes our group out rhino tracking in Sinamatella.

Left, the de-horning programme came to an end when the helicopter crashed, badly injuring Chris Foggin. Fortunately, he has made a good recovery and continues his magnificent work.

2005



The Zimbabwe rhino hierarchy with our Committee—from the left—Kim and Geoff Hoddy, Nicholas Morris Mtsimbirwa (Director General of National Parks), Mike Palmer, Evelyn Wong, Raoul du Toit (WWF rhino programme), Chris Foggin (Wildlife Veterinary Unit and Lovemore Mungwashu (WWF).



Other projects supported include Sharon Pincock's elephant studies, Painted Dog Project and the Hwange Lion Project.



Another of our Patrons, Bryce Courtenay, inspired and entertained a sell-out audience at the Hyatt, and a fine time was had by all.

2006



Our safaris continue to be extremely popular and great value, and a good source of funds for the Foundation.



Some of our members privately sponsor the salary for Jean Siguake, a teacher at the Slnamatella School.

2006



In December, 620 guests were entertained by David Gower at our Annual Dinner/Auction. David was hosted by Peter Gangemi of Westwide Financial Services (left), whilst our array of sporting memorabilia was widely admired. A record amount of \$150,000 was raised in the evening. Thanks, David, for being a true friend and champion of the SAVE FOUNDATION cause since 1991.

2007



14 rhino monitors are employed by us in Sinamatella.



Behind-the-scenes trips are becoming increasingly popular



Left, the hub of our Foundation—back row—Mike, Steve, Nicky, Martin, Miriam, Geoff and Nicholas. Front row—Evelyn, Susie (Executive Director, International Rhino Foundation), Kim & Nia.

Right—Celebrating our 20th Anniversary on 6 June at Victoria Falls Hotel. We have now raised and supplied more than \$2 million worth of equipment, mainly to Zimbabwe rhinos.



2008



Victoria Falls Anti-poaching Unit



Greg Opie filming at Imire

2008



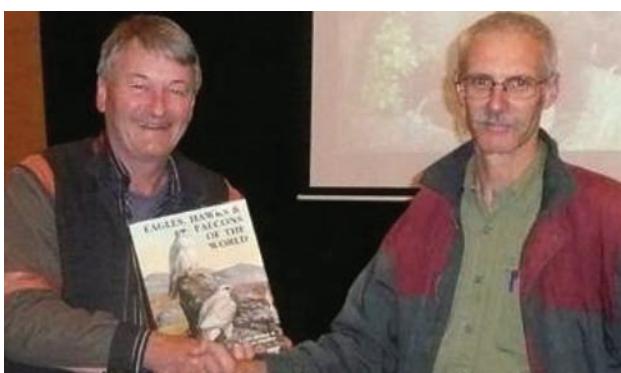
Left—Hwange Lion Project Micro-light and Right—Super Club.



RIP 'Sprinter', 'DJ' and 'Amber' sadly killed in November and (right) orphan 'Tatenda' being hand reared by Judy Travers.



Chris Foggin at the Ian Chappell fundraising event at the Hyatt Regency in Perth.



Norman English, a 20-year rhino warrior and avid bird watcher, was absolutely delighted to receive this 'missing' book for his collection from Nicholas.



'Mr Fixit' Rick Hurlbatt servicing one of the trucks.

2008



Natasha with her favourite rhino "My Boy"



Top right-'Teressa' and 'Joe'
Above-Orphan 'Millie' (l) with 'Tenashe'



New vehicle partially donated by SAVE FOUNDATION
for painted dog conservation.



Anti-poaching teams from-clockwise: Dete, Sinamatella and Victoria Falls.



Stephen Long – Dete Animal Rescue Trust (DART)



2009



Celebrity guest Merv Hughes amusing guests at the Hyatt Regency fundraiser.



Katrina Leathem with orphan calves – 'Sassi', 'Millie' and 'Blondie'



Receiving the 2009 Zimbabwe Council for Tourism Green Globe 21 Award from Chairman Emmanuel Fundira.



Camel teams being used for rhino monitoring in the Namibian desert.

2010



Cameron Murray (Grantham Street Veterinary Clinic) at the Animal Art Awards run by him with overall winner, Yvonne Zago next to her piece – 'Yours is a funeral I would fly to anywhere'.



Magnificent lions being spotted not far from the Hwange Safari Lodge

2010

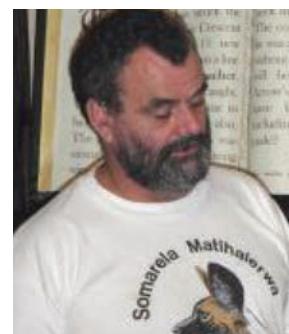


Items for auction at the Mark Nicholas fundraiser.

2011



L—David Gower with an auction item, C—Patron David Gower at one of the two dinner/auctions that raised \$160,000 and R—Peter Hall receiving his framed rhino for sponsorship recognition.



Greg Rasmussen who runs the Painted Dog Project in Hwange.

Sydney fundraising dinner/auction.



Delivery of tents, sleeping bags, off-road trail bike tyres, batteries and engine oil delivered by Nico Nel.

2011



Working with Chris Foggin in the Chivoro National Park.



Training potential trackers and rangers.



National Parks Board Chairman, George Pangeti, receiving Landrovers from SAVE FOUNDATION.

2012



Cow and calf in camera traps.



Training potential trackers and rangers.



Happy bunch of rhino monitors—L-R: Bryce Clemence, Paul de Montille, Chris Palmer and Pete Clemence.

2012



Two new patrons, Kim Hughes and David Pocock.



Discussions at Bronte Hotel.



Audience appreciation for \$5 million.



Our Big Five, Steve, Evelyn, Kim, Nia and Mike with Patron David Gower.

2013



Kit donations for Chipinge National Park



Security Fence at Gonarezhou National Park.



David and cancer sufferer, Gabby, after her sponsored walk around Germany.

2014



Tim Scarrott's first aid training classes.



Cute baby rhino.



AFL legends Matt Priddis, Dean Cox, Tendai Mzungu and Luke McPharlin.



Mother and calf.



Packed Grand Ballroom, Hyatt Regency.



Dean and Steve, Tendai and Helen.



2015



Sorting out donated kit at the Bronte.



Our main project, Save Valley Conservancy.



RIP to our dear rhinos – 3 rhinos and 100 elephants being KILLED EACH DAY around Africa!



Damien Mander night.



Damien & Nicholas signing artist Paula Wiegminck's "Tears of a rhino" campaign poster.



Retiring Vice President, Mike Palmer.



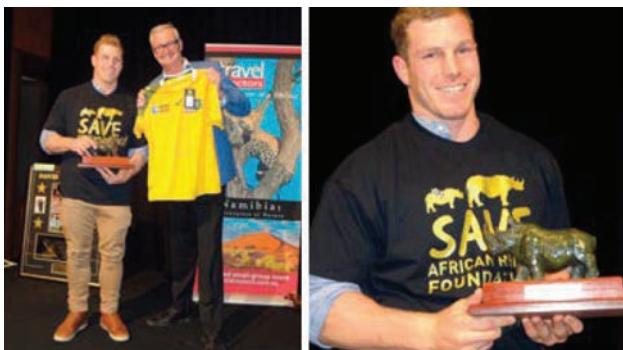
Enjoying an Okavango Sundowner.



David Pocock, Rugby World Cup superstar, and Tim Gossage.



Great collection of memorabilia.



David and his verdite rhino.



Our generous guests, a massive \$170,000.

2016



Dropping off goods at Kyle National Park.



Rewarding a successful poacher contact that resulted in a 35 year prison sentence.



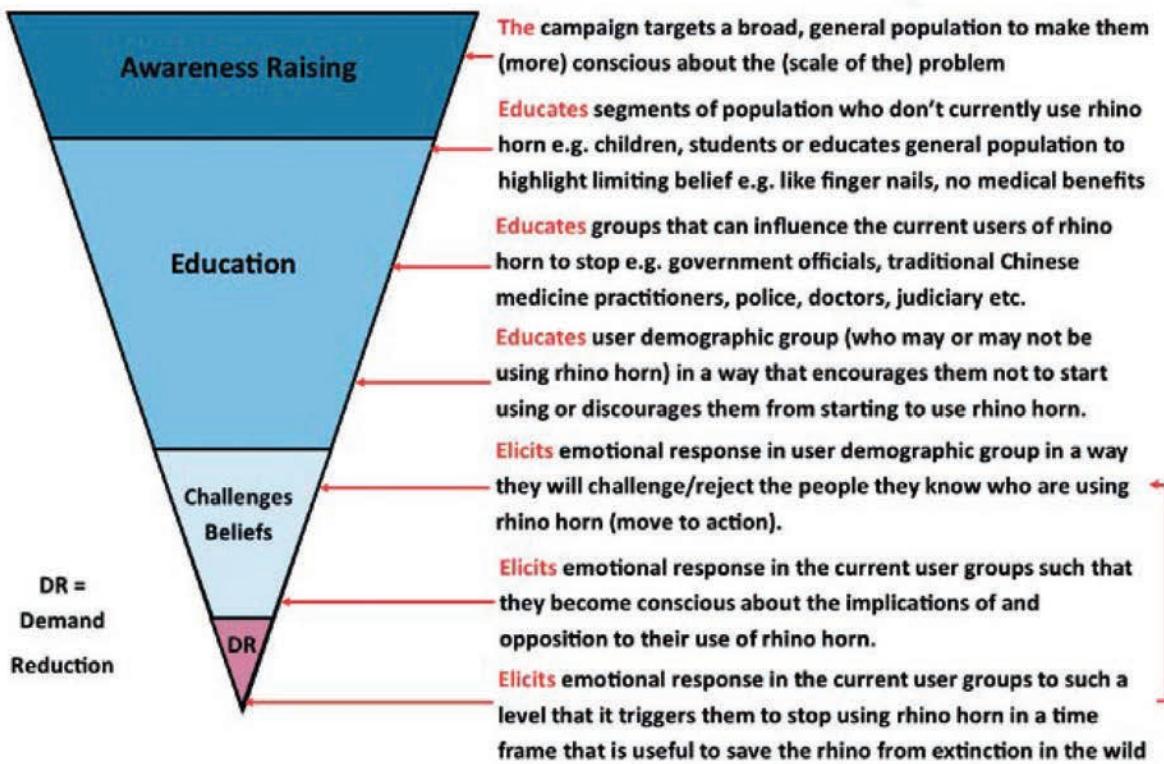
Refurbished operations centre in Mozambique on Kruger's eastern boundary.



Four arrested poachers, two got 10 years and two were freed!

2016 - Breaking the Brand

Basic Test to Differentiate Demand Reduction from Awareness Raising and Education



Done right, demand reduction can work.



Greg Chappell, Adam Shand and Jason Gillespie;
Celebrity Auctioneer Tiny Holly.



Guests with Greg.



A variety of guests.

2017



Another group of adventurers.



More beautiful wildlife.



What we love to see.

30 years of great effort and determination with more than \$8,000,000 worth of vital supplies and support directed into field operations, with less than half of one percent spent of overheads – a simply magnificent achievement!

Thank you all for being part of it, especially our committee members, sponsors and many supporters.

We would like to thank the following suppliers and sponsors for their ongoing assistance – much appreciated.

