

June 2022 Project Update

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## Progress Update on the Australian Rhino Project

Whilst the world has grappled with the pandemic over the past two years, the team at the Australian Rhino Project and our partner organisations have continued to forge ahead on our mission to strengthen the breeding population of rhinos in Australia and New Zealand.

Over the past two years, we have dealt with restricted access to construction sites, reduced labour, increasing prices of building materials and of course managing the project through video conference meetings.

However, we are pleased to say that despite these headwinds, our project is on the precipice of some exciting milestones.

### Orana Wildlife Park Construction

The \$1.4M White Rhino Conservation Centre at Orana Wildlife Park, Christchurch, is nearing completion. This facility has been constructed to house up to 15 rhinos at a time and serve to support the rhino crash at Orana and act as a quarantine facility for the project.

Congratulations must go to Lynn Anderson and her team at Orana who have battled along with the construction of this facility. We are expecting practical completion within the next month and then Orana will work with the NZ Authorities to certify the facility in preparation for the arrival of rhinos. We are expecting the first "crash" of rhinos to arrive at Orana in New Zealand later in 2022.

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## Monarto Safari Park

The past 12 months have seen the construction of the Monarto Visitors Centre as well as substantial work on rhino fencing, rhino and giraffe night quarters construction, water reticulation, weed control and additional construction at the Rhino Quarantine and Management Centre. The team at Monarto and their army of capable volunteers have worked tirelessly to create this incredible location.

The aerial photography of the Wild Africa precinct shows the substantial amount of work that has gone into this location to ensure that it is perfectly prepared as an open plain area for rhinos. And the sunsets aren't too bad either!

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## Our Cornerstone Partners

We are always so grateful to those who share our organisation's vision and are committed to helping us achieve our mission. We are particularly grateful for the support that we have received from our Cornerstone Partners; HardHat and Gold Rhino. [HardHat](#) is a cloud software solution provider that enables organisations to manage information about people, projects and operations – all from one platform. [Gold Rhino](#) is a private equity firm working closely with Australasian-based software development companies. HardHat and Gold Rhino actively support the conservation and population growth of Africa's most endangered wildlife animal, the rhinoceros. Their passion and commitment to our project inspire us and allow us to focus on our goal of building a breeding population of rhinos in Australia and New Zealand. Thank you to Tim Smith and his team, this project would not be possible without your support.

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Our identified rhinos in South Africa continue to be cared for by our highly experienced and committed wildlife partners. We are forever grateful for their patience in helping us ensure this project is a success.

The next stage in our project will see the permitting and paperwork process begin in South Africa. This critical stage in the project will see all our wildlife partner organisations working together on the permitting stage for the relocation of the rhinos.



### **Merchandise Offer - Free Freight Australia-wide!**

Looking for some rhino merchandise for a rhino lover? We are currently clearing the last of our remaining merchandise and are offering FREE freight on any Australian order. Simply put the word FREE into the coupon on checkout and you will receive free freight.

Stock is limited and we won't be restocking, so be quick! Offer ends 30 June 2022.

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### **Special Thanks**

We wanted to make a special mention of the students at Somerset College on the Gold Coast who have once again raised money for our project.

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annual ice cream stall to raise funds for the Australian Rhino Project. Somerset College is a long-term supporter of the Australian Rhino Project and particular thanks must go to Mrs Sarah Hossey who has driven the support of our project for several years. The ice cream stall raised \$474.50 for our project. Thank you to all the students, staff and parents at Somerset.

The Australian Rhino Project is a registered Australian charity and relies on fundraising and partner organisation support. With the impact of COVID on global freight pricing, the project is now facing significantly increased costs to transport rhinos from South Africa.

We are very grateful for the significant support and contribution of our cornerstone partners, [Gold Rhino](#) and [HardHat](#), who together have assisted in helping accelerate our plans to build a future for rhinos in Australia.

Your support for our project is very much appreciated. Donations to the Australian Rhino Project are 100% tax-deductible for any amount of \$2 or more. Consider supporting our project at the end of this financial year. Every dollar counts in building a future for rhinos in Australia and New Zealand.

Allan Davies  
Chairman on behalf of the Australian Rhino Project board and team

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