



## NEWSLETTER

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# PRESIDENT'S REPORT

It's only been 3 weeks since our last Newsletter and, naturally, not much has happened in that time. The main highlight was a most enjoyable evening at the Regal Theatre, where 52 of us were entertained by David Atkins and his cast in a fine performance of "Dancin' Man". Afterwards, we all enjoyed drinks and light refreshments with David and some of his cast, and a small auction of carvings and framed pictures helped raise about \$2000 for our cause. The highlight of the auction was the spirited bidding on the much sought after "Bull Elephant", a lovely piece of Green Serpentine — this was eventually bought by David Atkins for \$500.

It is with regret that I report the resignation of our Secretary, Jo Lindo, who has held that post since SAVE's inception in June 1987. Jo finds the pressure of a full time job, together with a part time one, just too much for her, and the level of secretarial work that is required in the running of a greatly expanding SAVE, means she can no longer manage. During the last 2½ years Jo has made a significant contribution to SAVE, in particular with the first 6 Newsletters that were produced. From all of us we say a big "Thank You" to Jo for all the effort and input that she gave in SAVE's formative times.

I am very happy to announce that my secretary, Vicki Oehme, after much persuasion has finally succumbed and offered to become the new secretary for SAVE.



Elsewhere in this newsletter you will see an Invitation to our FREE Christmas Party. This is designed as a thank you for all your support during the past year; it is also a chance for us all to meet in an informal atmosphere and finally it is an opportunity for you to do some of your Christmas shopping and also be

raising funds for the Zimbabwe Parks Department. You can be assured there will be something there for everybody and a detailed list is included with your invitation. It would be most helpful for the organisers if you could oblige with your acceptance by Monday December 4, as we do have to make catering and other arrangements. We certainly look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible, and if you have interested friends please feel free to bring them along. The main thing is that we know in plenty of time how many people are coming.

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If you are unable to attend but would like to know more about any of our products listed on Page 4, then ring me on 444 6550. If everyone bought 1 pack of 5 rhino cards that would be a great help.

A whole range of Perth businesses have been most helpful to us during the past year and you can see their names listed in our Sponsors' Roll. Naturally, we would want you to support these enterprises wherever possible. To them all, a very sincere thank you from the Executive of SAVE on behalf of the Zimbabwe Parks Department.

It may be that some of our readers are involved with companies that could also be of assistance to SAVE. From the cross-section of businesses that have helped us this year you can see the range of help that we have received and if you can offer any further assistance of a similar kind, or even any other relevant help then it would be greatly appreciated. All you need do is ring me at work on 444 6550 and we can have a chat about it.

In the last Newsletter I omitted to give thanks to Affretair, the National Air Cargo carrier for Zimbabwe, for their very generous donation of free air freight between London and Harare. They have flown 5 engines and gearboxes to Harare for us, representing a real value of a few thousand dollars. To their management in Harare and their manager at Gatwick, Tony Coe, we offer our sincere thanks for their kind assistance.

Enclosed with this Newsletter is an application form for membership to SAVE. This is one of the best ways that we can let people know what we are doing and I ask all of you to make every effort to find one new member before Christmas. The more we can network ourselves out amongst the public the easier our job becomes and the more help we can pass on to Africa.

Plans are currently under way to organise a major fund-raising event at the Perth Zoo sometime in February or March. It is hoped that we will be staging an open air Ball, with high class entertainment and a great environment in which to enjoy ourselves. Without doubt, it is hoped that this will be one of Perth's major

social events of 1990 and we will be hoping to raise a large amount of money. SAVE's proportion of the profits will be put towards the cost involved in bringing rhinos into Australia, in particular, Western Australia. Naturally, members of SAVE will be sent invitations to this Gala Evening and we anticipate that due to its unique situation it will be a sellout. So please keep this idea in mind and respond as soon as invitations are mailed to you.

As we near the end of 1989 it is an appropriate time to thank you all for your kind support during the year but, especially, we must thank our

Executive Committee of Marion Bowers, Jo Lindo, Ray Pedretti and Barbara Bryant, for all the work that they have done in making this such a successful year. You can be assured that the personnel in the Parks Department in Zimbabwe are ever grateful for all the aid we give them. In fact, SAVE in Australia is one of their major supporters and they do depend on us for many items. Let's hope that we can make 1990 an even bigger year for them and that their hazardous work in the field will become easier because of the effort that all of us are putting into SAVE.

NICHOLAS DUNCAN

## TEN OUTBOARD MOTORS FOR THE ZAMBEZI VALLEY

As a result of SAVE's fund-raising during the past 3 months, principally the Royal Show, the "Gods Must Be Crazy — Part 2" evening and the "Dancin' Man" theatre visit, we are now in a position to purchase 10 25hp Yamaha outboard motors. This will be a total outlay of more than \$20,000 and represents one of our major donations for the year.



Operation's room, Mana Pools,

These outboard motors will be fitted to 10 "Banana Boats", recently donated to the Zimbabwe Parks Department by the Zimbabwe Conservation Trust. These boats will patrol the Zambezi River between Kariba and the Mozambique border in the north east of Zimbabwe. This marks the natural boundary between Zambia, to the north, and

Zimbabwe. The river is only about a mile wide in many places and the poachers can easily cross undetected. They then follow the spoor of rhino and wait for their chance to kill them.

This year, the number of incursions has doubled over last year's figure, but fortunately, the number of killed rhinos per trip is rapidly decreasing. In 1986, when poaching was at its peak, there were about 3 rhinos killed per incursion. Recent figures indicate that this number is down to 1.4. This is probably because rhinos are less easy to find and that their protection is now better than before.

Since poaching began in Zimbabwe in 1984 there have been about 800 rhinos killed and about 90 poachers have been shot. As a matter of interest, when Kenya introduced legal shooting of poachers last April there were 27 shot in the first month.

From the above it can be seen that an additional 10 boats on the Zambezi should make a significant contribution to the detection of infiltrating poachers. Hopefully, this will lead to a further decline in rhino slaughter.

# EASTERN STATES NEWS

We are very glad to see that SAVE is now incorporated in Queensland and also New South Wales.

The Queensland organisation has now been together for about a year, but various technicalities prevented their incorporation until quite recently. However, they have been able to fund-raise over that period and contributed \$2500 in July to SAVE. This money was mostly raised by selling T-shirts and memberships. Their new Committee is as follows:

PRESIDENT: Richard Barzdo  
VICE PRESIDENT: Megan Middleton  
SECRETARY: Gail McFarlane  
TREASURER: Lorrie Barzdo  
OTHER DUTIES: Georgina Pickers

Lorrie informs me that they have about \$2000 in the kitty so that will be able to go towards our next major purchase.

SAVE is also being set up in Sydney. Stephen Ward, who was originally on the Committee in Queensland,

has now been relocated to Sydney and is co-ordinating the Incorporation of SAVE in New South Wales. Much of the early work was done by Ricky Caldwell and Susan Bernasconi and they have now formed the new Committee as follows:

PRESIDENT: Stephen Ward  
VICE PRESIDENT: Janey James  
SECRETARY: Pauline MacRaid  
TREASURER: Susan Bernasconi  
OTHER DUTIES: Stewart Cooper, Paul Markovic.

Ricky Caldwell has recently moved to live in Africa for a while, and we thank her for all the work she did in the early days of SAVE in NSW and also for being responsible for the large donations that Gordons Tours have made to SAVE.

Through nationwide media

coverage we are now getting far more support from around Australia than ever before so all people who have made contact with Perth in the past are now invited to make contact with either Queensland or New South Wales. Their addresses and details are on the front page of this issue.

We hope that SAVE will continue to flourish in all of the States in Australia and to Richard, Stephen and their teams we wish every success for their fund-raising for next year. Think how much we will have if everyone in Australia gave \$1! It's up to us to get the word out as best we can. If anyone is in a position to help publicise the work of SAVE and the plight of the rhino/elephant then please contact whichever office is closest to them.

## SPONSORS' LIST

The Executive and members of SAVE would like to thank the following companies and businesses for their generous assistance during 1989.

Qantas Airways  
Tait Communications  
Gordons Tours  
Affretair

Cable Beach Club — Broome  
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ABC Radio  
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Adelaide Zoo  
Ansett Air Freight  
A.P.D. Snacks  
A.R. Frames  
Australasian Tour Services  
Australian Cricket Team  
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Big Belly Bus Caterers  
Bishop's House  
Bo's International Beautician  
Bowman Agencies  
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Business Directions  
Cace Imports  
David Gower  
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Duracell Batteries  
Elaine Bennett — Mamma Maria's  
Eliza's Restaurant  
Estee Lauder  
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Oxford Cinema  
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Parmelia Print  
Patrick Mavros  
Pearl Coast Zoo  
Perth Sound  
Perth Zoo  
Pine Warehouse — Fremantle  
Post Newspapers  
Red Leopard Printing — Osborne  
Park  
Regal Theatre  
Re-Store — Leederville  
Rogues Restaurant — Denmark  
Sandy Davies  
Scout Shop  
Seppelt Wines  
7.30 Report  
Sheraton Hotel  
Shockwaves — Leederville  
6KY  
6PR  
Snap Instant Printing — West Perth  
Swan Brewery  
The Vines Resort  
Tina Renate Lehnerl  
Today Show  
Volkservice Wanneroo  
Warner Home Videos

We ask that you support these businesses wherever possible.

# “DANCIN’ MAN” — an evening with David Atkins

To those of you who again supported SAVE by coming to “Dancin’ Man” at the Regal, we thank you. David Atkins and his Electric Legs Dance Company certainly entertained us in great style — they really are a very talented cast, as I’m sure you will all agree.

After the show David and most of the cast joined us for drinks upstairs in Paddy’s Bar, followed by a mini auction of some of our African Shona and wood carvings. David successfully bid for a very nice Shona carving of an elephant to start the proceedings moving, and this was followed by a number of successful bids by other supporters of our cause.

At the close of the evening it was great to find that we had little to pack up and take back to the office, as it was nearly all sold. We thank you and look forward to your support at our next function.

Marion Bowers  
VICE PRESIDENT

This song was sent to us by a member in Queensland. Anne Cranitch has written the words, and her friend, Mary Fletcher has put it to music. The name DICEROS is the generic name for the black rhino and means “two horns”.

We thought you would like to read it.

## DICEROS

I’d like to write a love song  
For all the world to hear  
I’d sing of all she means to me  
Before she disappears

She comes to a beckoning call  
Which makes her easy prey  
Her high-pitched cry  
Please tell me why  
She’ll disappear one day

Ten million years ago it was  
The beast had surely come  
To roam across the ever-green  
And be surpassed by none

Living hard, just live to be  
And raise a family  
To gaze upon the figure there  
It means so much to be free

I’d like to write a love song  
For all the world to hear  
I’d sing of all she means to me  
Before she disappears

She comes to a beckoning call  
Which makes her easy prey  
Her high-pitched cry  
Please tell me why  
She’ll disappear one day

She’ll get no chance to see her babe  
Grow and have his fun  
The only sound that she will hear  
Is the ringing of a gun

Her crown is her pride  
Her crown is why she’ll die  
That bloody crater  
Please stop the slaughter  
I watch her vanish from the wild

I’d like to write a love song  
For all the world to hear  
I’d sing of all she means to me  
Before she disappears

She comes to a beckoning call  
Which makes her easy prey  
Her high-pitched cry  
Please tell me why  
She’ll disappear one day

## FREE CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Executive of SAVE invites you to our CHRISTMAS PARTY on Thursday December 7 in the Lower Pavilion of Royal King’s Park Tennis Club, anytime between 3.30pm and 6.30pm.

Come and have a Christmas drink with us, and some light refreshments, but most of all just come for a chat and enjoy yourselves.

We will have on display a whole range of African related products and we suggest that there will be some ideal Christmas presents amongst them. You will be able to casually view the following:

Black and White Sketches	David Shepherd prints
Colour photographs	T-Shirts
Hand painted cotton prints	Necklaces and Bangles
Earrings	Brooches
Tablecloths	Cotton Bags
African ironwood carvings	Shona Sculpture
Woven bark bags	Rhino Christmas Cards
and various other items	

Please pop in sometime between 3.30 and 6.30 and have a small celebration with us.

R.S.V.P. Vicki 444 6550 or 444 1545 before 5.00pm Monday December 4

**THE EXECUTIVE OF SAVE SEND THEIR BEST WISHES TO ALL MEMBERS FOR A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND A HEALTHY NEW YEAR**

*Our Christmas Greetings are joined with those of the Head Warden, Glenn Tatham, and his colleagues in Zimbabwe and at the same time they thank you all for your most generous assistance throughout the past year.*