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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

**THIS is a bigger edition than usual, and we apologise for its delay.**

It is now 3 years since SAVE (Australia) was formed in Perth, with subsequent branches in Brisbane and Sydney. Perhaps this is an appropriate time to review the reasons for SAVE's involvement in Zimbabwe.

In 1972, there were an estimated 65,000 black rhinos around Africa, mainly in Kenya, Tanzania, Zambia, Rhodesia (as it was then), South Africa, South West Africa and Botswana. Now, in 1990, there are only an estimated 2,800, and that is a 96% DECLINE!

This has been due to a highly organised network of poaching, initially supplying the North Yemen with rhino horn for their dagger handles, and more recently, South-East Asians with rhino horn for medical purposes, in particular, for curing fevers.

Kenya's rhino population has decreased from 20,000 right down to 400; Zambia's has gone from 8,000 to less than 100 and Zimbabwe's is now some 1,400 from a high of 2,000.

The saving of the black rhino in Africa, especially in Zimbabwe where the last viable breeding herd is to be found, is ONE OF THE GREAT CONSERVATION PROJECTS THAT IS CURRENTLY BEING UNDERTAKEN. We are fighting for a principle - do we let corruption and poaching encroach any further into Africa's great wilderness, or do we say "enough is enough".

We believe that attention and efforts from all around the world should be focused on Zimbabwe's black rhi-

nos and that is the reason for SAVE's current involvement there.

In the last 3 years we have provided \$165,000 of vital equipment, probably having a real value in Australia of \$250,000 and a value in Zimbabwe of many millions! That is simply because all the supplies that we give are unavailable in Zimbabwe as foreign currency is at such a premium over there.

Since receiving your last newsletter you will be happy to know that we have provided 6 brand new Yamaha 250 XT motorcycles and we thank Yamaha and Qantas Airways for their assistance in this project.

We also thank Toyota in Japan for their kindness in helping us with the purchase of a 4.2 litre diesel Landcruiser which has been paid for and is awaiting shipment to Durban and then to Zimbabwe.

We have also spent many thousands of dollars on sending out various Landrover spare parts from London, including a new body for Chief Warden (Operations), Glenn Tatham's V8 Landrover that was in a nasty crash in January. This will now be rebuilt and become serviceable again. To Affretair, the Zimbabwe Cargo Airline, we again offer our thanks for their free freight from London to Harare.

Despite the arrival of these transport items it is still a critical situation in Zimbabwe. Since June 12, 14 rhinos have been killed in 4 incursions by the poachers but we do believe that better organised patrols will now make it a far more difficult task for these illegal insurgents from Zambia.

Our fundraising in the past few months has been fairly minimal and is detailed in another section of this



6 motorbikes bound for Zimbabwe.

newsletter. However, we do thank all of you who have supported us and hope that you will again in the future.

We also ask that all our members make prompt renewals when requested by the Treasurer, as it can be very time consuming writing letters and making follow-up telephone calls, all of which is done at our own expense and in our own time. You must agree that a nominal \$25 per year is not much to ask for the work that is being done by the SAVE Foundation in Perth and we know that you want to continue to support us in our efforts.

The SAVE branches in Queensland and New South Wales have greatly helped our funds this year as you can see from their balance sheets. Richard and Lorrie Barzdo in Brisbane, and Stephen Ward and his Committee in Sydney, are to be thanked for their efforts. Together, they have contributed approximately \$17,000 to our cause.

We were saddened to read of the death of the 2-year-old female white rhino, Mwivi, at Perth Zoo. She and her companion Memphis had been brought to Perth Zoo in May as part of a worldwide breeding programme and it is a tragedy that after all the

effort that went into this project one of them has died. Hopefully, a replacement will be found and Memphis will find a mate.

It has become necessary for programmes like this to be taking place in different areas around the world, simply because of the critical situation of rhinos in their natural environment in Africa. Obviously, it is not the ideal solution, but it is far better than seeing the rhinos decimated in their own parklands.

Our next major fundraising function will be the Royal Show and various offers of help will be much appre-

ciated, as outlined on another page.

Meanwhile, please send in whatever donation you can spare as we are well on our way to winning this war with the poachers but we cannot afford to be complacent and leave it all to the hard-working rangers in Zimbabwe. They deserve, and need, all of our support in whatever way we can offer it, but the bottom line is, for more dollars to be spent on more equipment to make their task easier.

Please help.

Nicholas Duncan  
PRESIDENT



Richard & Lorrie Barzdo at the Holiday Ideas Show, Brisbane

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

ON Monday, 11th June, SAVE's third Annual General Meeting took place at 7.30pm in the lower pavilion of Royal King's Park Tennis Club. We were very pleased to welcome 35 members to this meeting, including many new faces to a SAVE function. Let's hope that our message spreads further and further and that more people start to support SAVE.

After the initial formalities had taken place, the President gave a thorough review of all events and situations that had occurred during the past year with a SAVE involvement. Parts of this information are found elsewhere in this newsletter under various headings. Quite clearly, SAVE cannot do all that is needed and we are glad that other groups in different parts of the world are also doing their best to help.

The President thanked all those who had contributed to the success of SAVE in the past year, in particular the Executive of Marion Bowers, Ray Pedretti, Vicki Oehme, together with Jo Lindo and Barbara Bryant, both of whom retired during the year due to pressures of work. He also thanked the other mainstays of SAVE, in particular, Julie Bain, Pat Bromfield, Maureen De La Harpe, Rhonda Duncan, Deidre Mussen, John Rainbird and Tim Scarrott.

The Treasurer circulated the financial statements for the year, those from Perth, Brisbane and Sydney. These are printed elsewhere in this edition. The obvious conclusion from them is that all the money that we raise from whatever source is spent on purchasing much-needed, vital equipment for Zimbabwe, and no money goes into administrative over-

heads (other than postage). This indeed would be a unique situation in our field of work, and one of which we are justly proud.

The following Executive was elected for the year 1990-91

PRESIDENT .....Nicholas Duncan  
VICE PRESIDENT...Marion Bowers  
TREASURER.....Ray Pedretti  
SECRETARY.....Vicki Oehme  
GENERAL DUTIES Ash Donner

The A.G.M. finished with a most interesting question time in which many items were discussed and we thank everyone for their input into this session.

It is the wish and the goal of your Executive that this year be the biggest and the best in SAVE's history.



The Executive: L-R, Ray Pedretti, Vicki Oehme, Marion Bowers, Ash Donner and Nicholas Duncan.

# SAVE AFRICAN ENDANGERED WILDLIFE FOUNDATION — AUSTRALIAN BRANCH

## FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO YEAR ENDING 31/5/90

<u>INCOME</u>		<u>LESS EXPENDITURE</u>	
Quiz Night	5017.00	Cost of goods	25099.45
Royal Show	19909.46	Cost of Equipment to Africa	42033.28
G.M.B.C. Film Night	4592.45	Freight	4341.33
Dancin' Man	4988.70	Customs Clearance Costs	884.44
Sale Of Goods	31992.00	Royal Show Costs	1298.05
Membership and Renewals	3853.00	Newsletter & Printing	1087.00
Donations	2187.50	Postage	1664.90
Sales Tax Refund	1314.96	Bank Charges	159.74
SAVE Queensland	4400.00	Operating Costs	363.25
Bank Interest	1508.18	Solicitors Fees	250.00
		Cash on hand	2581.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<u>\$79763.26</u>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<u>\$79763.26</u>
<u>ASSETS</u>		<u>LIABILITIES</u>	
Cash on hand	2581.82	Current Liabilities	0.00
Stock on Hand	7232.00		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<u>\$9813.82</u>		

### SAVE (QLD) FINANCIAL STATEMENT

<u>INCOME</u>		<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	
Various Shows	4754.00	Cost of goods sold	6759.30
Memberships/Renewals	1025.00	Operating Expenses	265.43
Other Sales	5147.70	Directory Listings	39.00
Donations	1575.28	Postage	107.67
Interest	34.69	Bank Charges	9.65
Misc (sale of showcase)	363.40	Insurance	152.00
Cash on hand	2081.43	Printing	379.00
		Sent to SAVE (Aust)	4400.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<u>\$14982.00</u>	Cash on hand	2869.75
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<u>\$14982.00</u>
<u>ASSETS</u>		<u>LIABILITIES</u>	
Cash on hand	2869.75	Current Liabilities	0.00
Stock on Hand	2100.00		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<u>\$4969.75</u>		

### SAVE (NSW) FINANCIAL STATEMENT

<u>INCOME</u>		<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	
"The Abbey" Dinner Function	13952.00	"The Abbey" Dinner Function	8268.00
Memberships	1250.00	Operating Expenses	284.00
Donations	373.00	Cost of Equipment to Africa	5051.00
Sale of Goods	2647.00	Cash on Hand	4480.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<u>\$18222.00</u>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<u>\$18222.00</u>
<u>ASSETS</u>		<u>LIABILITIES</u>	
Cash on Hand	4480.00	Current Liabilities	0.00

### COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENT TO YEAR ENDING 31/5/90

<u>INCOME</u>	<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	<u>STOCK ON HAND</u>	<u>CASH ON HAND</u>
\$112,967.26	\$112,967.26	\$9332.00	\$9931.57

# SOCIAL EVENTS

## Dinner at Zebra's African Steakhouse

Early in June we held a dinner at Jerald and Charlene Swindell's restaurant in Attadale. Around 70 people attended the dinner and afterwards we held an Auction of our many and

varied items from Africa. We again thank all who attended the dinner for their support. To those people who took part in the Auction and were successful with their bids, we hope you are enjoying your purchases. We raised approximately \$5000.



Dinner at Zebra's African Steakhouse.

## Lend Me A Tenor

Our next function was the theatre night on July 6 at "Lend Me A Tenor", a very funny show, and 140 people attended. The food was a little slow in arriving, but, extremely well received, when finally it was found, in another function room! Unfortunately because of the lateness of the hour and the car park closing at midnight the Auction did not raise as much money as we had hoped, but I am sure you all enjoyed yourselves. We raised approximately \$1500.

As we have had further urgent requests from Africa since our last function, we are in the process of looking into a few different ideas for our next fundraising event, and hope as always for your and your friends' support.

Thank you.

Marion Bowers  
VICE PRESIDENT





# A LETTER OF THANKS FROM THE ZIMBABWE PARKS DEPARTMENT

6th August, 1990

Dear Nicholas

RE: DONATION: MOTORBIKES, MOTOR BOAT ENGINES AND LAND ROVER SPARES



The Department recently received a donation from your organisation which included 6 motorbikes and 5 outboard engines for Operation Stronghold. Over the past 12 months the Department also received from you an extensive range of Land Rover and outboard engine spares.

The Director, on behalf of the Department, extends his sincere thanks for this equipment. You are only too well aware of the problems associated with obtaining equipment to sustain our anti-poaching units in the field and how this severely debilitates our protection effort for the black rhino.

Apart from the benefits of receiving such equipment, SAVE (Australia) are to be commended for the quick response to requests for equipment and the expeditious manner in which it is delivered to Harare. Very often we have a particular vital spare part in our hand within days of "placing an order".

We do hope that your vital support for our operation continues. It is well appreciated that people are giving of their time and funds to run the administration of your organisation, and accordingly therefore personal thanks to those individuals who carry the biggest loads.

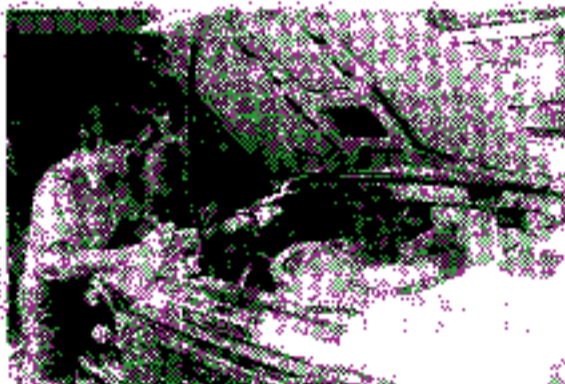
Please refer to Faxed Newspaper clipping regarding hand-over ceremony in Harare on the 7th August 1990.

Yours sincerely

G.H. Tatham  
CHIEF WARDEN (OPERATIONS)  
For DIRECTOR



● Another SAVE engine with mechanic Paul Oleszczuk.



● A SAVE engine at Maria Pools.



● One of SAVE's outboards at Matusadona, Lake Kariba.

## APPEAL

The battle to save the black rhino in Zimbabwe is an ongoing problem and constant help is needed if we are to overcome the many obstacles that are in our way. The main help that we in Australia can give is in the form of transport items to make it easier for the rangers to patrol their parks and also to track the poachers.

In some parks they patrol on foot in areas that are 25 miles square. That takes a bit of doing and is hardly as effective as it could be.

Whilst major suppliers such as Yamaha and Toyota have been generous to us it is still necessary to raise funds for these basic items to be provided.

We desperately need more money to buy what is needed and we are appealing to all readers to make a pledge to help us! If you ring our office on 09 444 6550 we can send you a form so that your donation can be tax-deductible. In this way, you can perhaps give a little more than you might otherwise have done and we hope that you will respond to this appeal. Or, simply post your cheque to 229 Oxford St, Leederville W.A. 6007.

Thank you.



7 young rhinos in their natural habitat.



The tragic result of poaching at Chizarira.