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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Where have all the rhinos gone?

The future of the black rhino in Zimbabwe is now very grave indeed.

Two years ago it was thought that the country still had 1200 animals; today there could be as few as 300 (these figures are "guestimates" based on information from dehorning teams and other observers in the field). Half the rhino are in national parks, the remainder in private sanctuaries.

SAVE (Australia) is currently one of 18 overseas non-government organisations (N.G.O.'s) providing support to the Zimbabwe National Parks; without the vehicles and spare parts supplied by SAVE in recent years, game patrols would be operating far less sufficiently than at present.

Ours is a crucial role, one that cannot be allowed to decline. In fact, one which calls on us in the year ahead to dig deep and offer the maximum assistance possible, because here in Australia we are better placed than many Zimbabweans to help save the rhino from extinction.

A principle is at stake here, can we allow one of the big five (alongside elephant, lion, leopard and buffalo) to disappear from the face of the earth after 60 million years of life?

On the list of the many urgent causes clamouring for your support, we ask you to place the preservation of the black rhino near the top.

Recently released figures would indicate there are just over 2000 black rhinos left in Africa, the majority in South Africa with Namibia in second place and Kenya in third. Zimbabwe, once in the top slot, has slid down to an ignominious fourth place.

Right: 350kgs of vital freight, courtesy of Qantas.

8 rhinos arrive in Australia

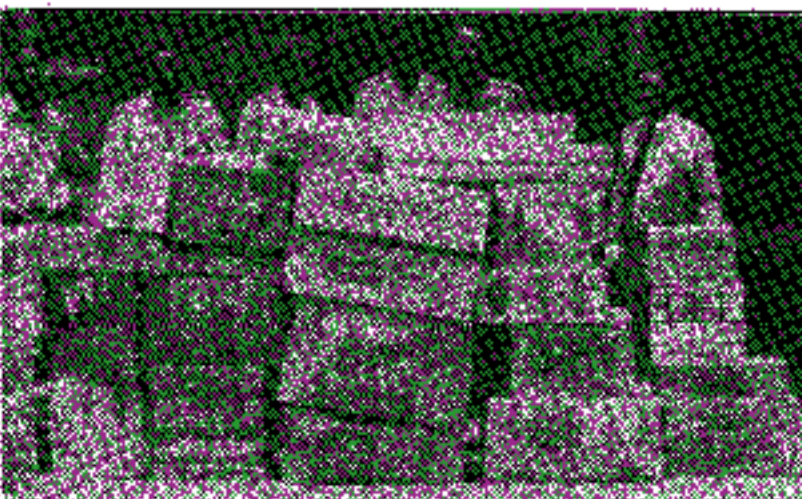
The International Black Rhino Foundation, has moved a second batch of rhino from Zimbabwe to a new home.

On December 1, 1992, nine black rhino from Chete, on the southern shores of Lake Kariba, were flown to Cocos Island for two months in quarantine. They are now starting a new life at Western Plains Zoo, Dubbo where it is hoped their numbers will increase rapidly.

Unfortunately of the three original breeding bulls, one failed the veterinary test in Zimbabwe, one died in Cocos and only one arrived in Dubbo. He died after one day and two other bulls are being brought from Europe.

Fund-raising

Since our last Newsletter, we have had a number of successful fund-raising events; notably a display at the Royal Show, a Quiz Night, a visit to the show, Hair, a fun day at the zoo, Big Day Out, New Idea (promotion), a raffle at the Heineken Golf Classic and the fabulous "Evening with David Gower and Bollinger at Doyles". In all, in the past four months we have raised over \$60,000!



Coming up are a fantastic raffle (a trip for two to Africa), a display at the Perth Ideal Homes Exhibition, a theatre visit to "Out of Order" and a safari with David Gower in October. Other events will also be held in Queensland, New South Wales and Victoria — please contact your local organiser for details. Sue Pennicuik in Melbourne would like some helpers for her Sunday stall at Camberwell Market — Sue's number is 528 5462.

Administration/ membership update

Due to an enormous workload generated by my own business, we have fallen sadly behind in updating membership renewal reminders. If "your time is up" then please renew promptly as it makes administration (all privately donated) much easier.

Your Executive has decided that, after nearly six years at \$25.00, membership is to be increased to \$35, effective from March 1, 1993. As we believe that this is still great value, we are confident that you will continue your support.

As Krys Jury, who kindly joined the Executive as Secretary last September, can no longer continue in the position due to pressure of work, we welcome back Cheryl Davenport, who previously held the position.

Thanks Krys for all your work behind the scenes prior to joining the Executive, and we hope you will keep up your interest in our fund-raising activities.

NICHOLAS S. DUNCAN
 President

250 GAME SCOUTS RETRENCHED

In the middle of last year, the Government of Zimbabwe dismissed 250 game scouts in the course of implementing its cost cutting Economic Structural Adjustment Plan. Although lobbying by National Parks and N.G.O.'s persuaded the Government to agree to reinstate the game scouts, this has not yet been done despite the crisis in National Parks and the obvious urgency of the situation.

SAVE (Australia) urgently requests the Government of Zimbabwe to reinstate these positions to demonstrate their genuine concern for the preservation of their natural heritage.

BUDGET 1992-93

Some interesting facts and figures are available from Zimbabwe's recent budget.

Various wildlife industries generate Z\$545 million (Z\$3.7:AS\$1.0) for the current financial year. Of this, Z\$400 million comes from tourism, the vast majority being in much needed foreign currency. In terms of forex generation, tourism is third after agriculture and mining, and growing at 20 per cent per annum, thus creating many new jobs.

It would therefore come as a surprise to our readers to learn that the Ministry of Environment, Tourism and Natural Resources, received a mere Z\$81 million, of which Z\$34 million is for administration, Z\$10 million for Natural Resources and Z\$37 million for National Parks (0.5 per cent of the total budget for 14 per cent of the land area!) Considering that tourists generate Z\$400 million, and they mainly visit Zimbabwe to see the wildlife, it's a little confusing to wonder why only Z\$37 million is reinvested in National Parks' salaries and maintenance! T.I.A.

Some interesting comparisons are: Ministry of Defence — Z\$1.3 billion; Ministry of Agriculture Z\$1.1 billion; Department of the President and Cabinet — Z\$105 million; Ministry of Foreign Affairs — Z\$103 million and Ministry of National Affairs — Z\$80 million.

The Drought Breaks

After the devastating drought of the past two years, during which hundreds of thousands of head of cattle, thousands of animals and several people perished, it's great to report that heavy rains fell in December and continued into January. The rainfall should ensure an adequate water supply for beleaguered Bulawayo, much needed relief for farmers and, of course, replenished water holes for the game. Sadly a number of hippos died in parts of the southeast Lowveld and, at one time, 30 elephants were dying every day in Gonarezhou Reserve.

Local media highlight rhino plight

The Zimbabwe media has at last focused on the plight of their rhino. During the past two months a number of articles in the press have aroused public support, and resulted in questions being asked in Parliament. Examples of recent headlines:

"Last chance for black rhino survival" (10.12.92); "Moves to step up anti-poaching war" (15.12.92); "Alleged poachers arrested outside Bulawayo" (16.12.92); "Delay in dehorning depletes rhino herd" (20.12.92); "Zimbabwe's black rhino could be extinct by the end

of '93" (24.12.92); "Commercial poaching increasing in safari areas" (4.1.93); "Sixty-four held for rhino horn deals" (13.1.93); "Zimbabwe offered \$70 million dollars for elephant tusk stock" (20.1.93); "Three Zambian poachers arrested" (25.1.93); "Poachers step up rhino slaughter" (28.1.93); "Rhino dehorning spreads wings" (28.1.93); "Act quickly to save the rhino" (29.1.93) "Our resources are our natural right" (1.2.93).

Copies of the above articles are available from the Perth office.

ALARMING TRENDS IN POACHING

One of the more alarming trends is the number of poachers armed with AK47 automatic weapons, entering the country from the north, through Victoria Falls, and travelling by bus as far south as Bulawayo, to poach in the Matopos National Park, home of a number of rhino and a blatant example of the risk poachers are prepared to take. There are a number of poachers in Zimbabwean prisons at the moment, and Esmond Bradley Martin (United Nations Special Envoy for black rhino), Glenn Tatham (Chief Warden) and Nicholas Duncan of SAVE (Australia) recently interviewed a couple of them, who claimed that they were after rhinos in order to supply the horns to Senegalese businessmen in Lusaka.

Dehorning

Dehorning continued through the year, mainly on rhino living in Hwange National Park. Sadly, the Zambezi Valley, once home to the largest black rhino herd in the world, proved too difficult a project due to the start of the rains and the scarcity of animals. It is almost impossible to estimate

the numbers still hiding out in remote areas in the valley, shuddering at the sound of gunfire which has in recent times been directed against the much larger elephant population.

A total of nine dehorned rhinos have now been killed, the most recent one being on New Year's Day in Hwange, when the poachers subsequently ambushed the scouts on follow-up, shooting one through the arm, fortunately without serious injury.

In the light of a recent incident in which all 12 rhino on a private ranch were killed by local Zimbabweans, one now has to question the safety of rhino on private sanctuaries. Poaching by locals is on the increase, whereas in the past the majority of poachers came from beyond the country's northern borders.

We can only hope similar incidents will not occur elsewhere in Zimbabwe and that internal security on ranches will be tightened as a result of a recent project run by the World Wildlife Fund (WWF) using money made available from England.

SAVE Vehicles

All five SAVE Landcruisers are alive and well, and were checked on during a SAVE visit in November. Our first one was in Chewore South (see picture), the second, (Waltzing Matilda) is at Chipinge, the third one is at Chirisa, the fourth is at Gonarezhou in the south east and the fifth is at Rifa in the Zambezi Valley. They are prov-

iding excellent service and a great association is now forming between the Toyota Distributors (Mobile Motors), National Parks and SAVE. In fact, Mobile Motors are now sponsoring the maintenance of the Rifa vehicle for at least the next 12 months, and have committed their support to the rhino cause for the next five years. Thanks, Mobile, and let's hope Big Brother in Japan can also come to the rhino's defence.

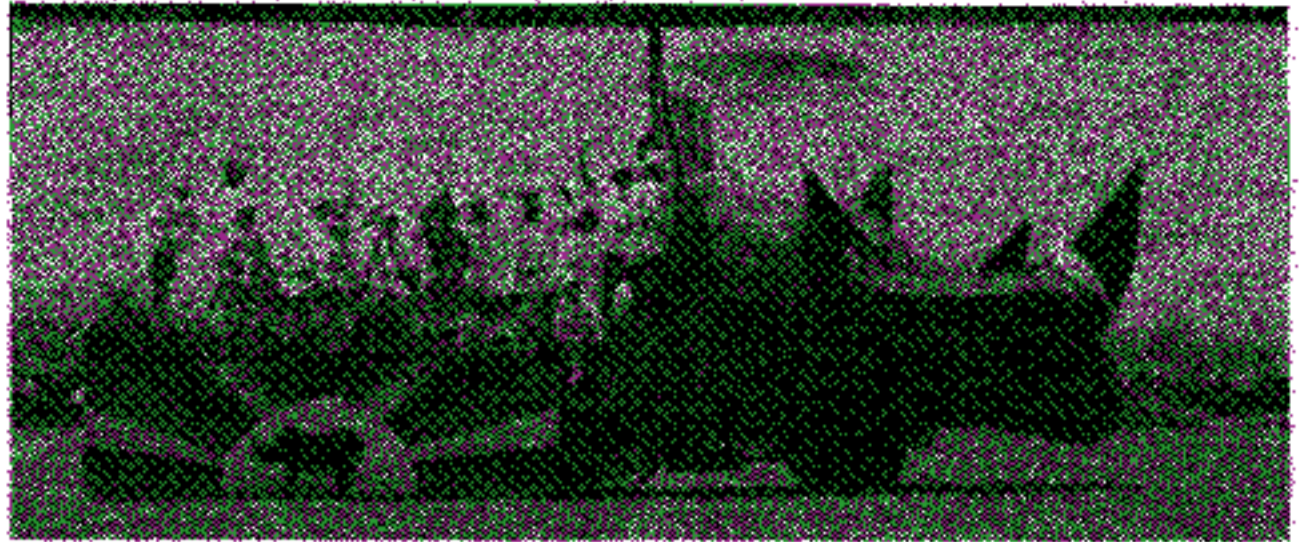


Another SAVE vehicle at M'Kanga, Chewore South

NATIONAL RHINO DAY — 250,000 SIGNATURES

SAVE (Australia) was well represented on Zimbabwe's first Rhino Day on November 7, 1992, when 20 vehicular floats, four foot displays and two marching displays assembled at 7.30am on the corner of Eighth and Samora Machel Avenues to parade through the city.

The 600 metre long procession was led by "Rhino Girls" Charlie Hewatt and Julie Edwards who, in 1989, cycled from London to Harare to raise money for the cause. They were followed by piped bands, marching girls and an impressive display of floats representing Chitsere Primary School, Chisipite Senior School, Hatcliff Primary School, Chisipite Primary School, Oriel Boys School, Borrowdale Primary School, Seké 1 Secondary School, and Mabvuku Secondary School, Environment 2000, Coca-Cola, icecream vendors, National Parks Officers and Scouts, Wilderness Society, Operation Raleigh/Rhino Rescue Trust, Zambezi Society, Savana Society of Italy, BP Oil and SAVE (Australia).

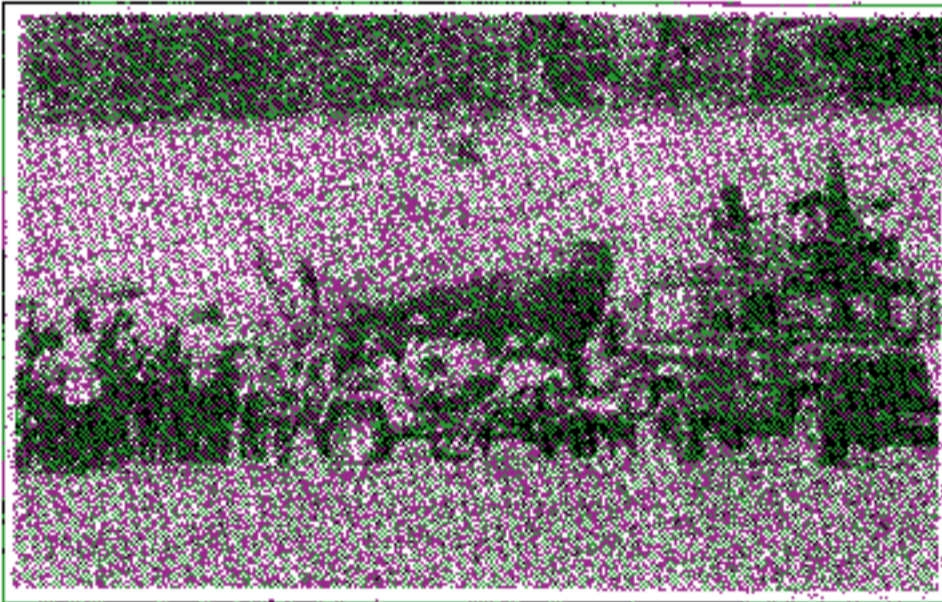


The winning float — Borrowdale Primary School

and Borrowdale Primary School in first place. The prizes: Chimpembere (rhino) dolls, a day visit to Imire Game Ranch, and a four-day visit to the Rifa Environment Centre, were received by the winners with huge delight. The army band played the national anthem, a church choir sang and officers of the National Parks sang a touching song entitled "Beautiful Rhino". A troupe of skydivers floated down from the sky in a free show to demonstrate their support.

Congratulations to the Rhino Day Committee, notably Charlie Hewatt and Tahya Pitcher, for a very successful event. SAVE will hopefully be represented at a repeat later this year, at which an even bigger turn-out is expected.

What Rhino Day has done, is to bring together the various N.G.O.'s, Government Departments, National Parks, media and members of the public. The fight for survival for the black rhino is so major that this was obviously a very strategic move. The international community, led by the United Nations, must now "stand up and be counted" and not wait until it is too late!



The procession, its ranks swelled by supportive onlookers en route, finally arrived at the National Showgrounds to be met by a reception committee comprising the Minister and his Deputy from the Ministry of Environment, Tourism and Natural Resources, and members of the diplomatic community. Our timing was unfortunate as a Zimbabwe war-hero had died that week and was at the moment being honoured by a full ceremonial funeral. Hence, the Rhino Day Committee (Environment 2000, Zambezi Society, Wilderness Society and Mukuvisi Woodlands) were delighted at the presence of ambassadors of the United States, United Kingdom, Australia, Palestine and representatives from the embassies of Zambia, France, Italy, South Africa, Canada, New Zealand and India.

SAVE's float, our new Toyota Landcruiser carrying a costumed rhino and kangaroo, received a great deal of attention and did its bit towards cementing goodwill between Zimbabwe and Australia.

The standard of floats was very high, the main credit for which must go to the school children for their efforts in preparing this "message" to the Government of Zimbabwe. The judges, faced with the difficult task of choosing a winner, selected Chisipite Primary in third place, Hatcliff in second

ABOVE: Runners-up, Hatcliff Primary School.

RIGHT: SAVE's Toyota Landcruiser, rhino and kangaroo.



The two local school children who had collected most signatures on their petition sheets had the honour of presenting 250,000 signatures to the Minister, Dr Herbert Murerwa, pleading for immediate, effective action to prevent further slaughter. Most of the signatures came from rural schools which were unable to attend, so it was very encouraging to receive their messages of support.

Illustrations and letters to the President, including one notable example reading "Dear Mr President, how would you like to be shot for your fingernails, because that is what they are doing to the rhino for its horn!"

A disappointing feature of the event was the lack of local media interest, which was made up for however, by good coverage from BBC TV, and an eight-minute report on the South African news. However, it was the Rhino Day which undoubtedly sparked off the subsequent spate of articles mentioned elsewhere.

MONEY BOX STOLEN

One of our lovely acrylic rhino money boxes was recently stolen by armed gunmen from the foyer of the Monomatapa Hotel, in Harare, over the Christmas period when the box was filled with money.

Obviously we are now tightening security (not that it would have helped in this instance) and Mobile Motors have undertaken to empty the boxes regularly to lower the chance of a repeat performance.

STOP PRESS: Jean Field, the owner of Mobile Motors, has generously donated a cheque for Z\$5,000, the estimated contents of our stolen rhino. Thank you very much Jean for this marvellous gesture.

AN EVENING WITH DAVID GOWER

David Gower, Bollinger and Doyles famous seafood restaurant in Sydney — an irresistible trio combining to create a memorable evening that raised \$45,000 for the rhino cause.

Safari suits were out in force on January 13 as guests gathered in a safari tent at Doyles Restaurant on Watson's Bay wharf to sip Bollinger champagne, sample mouth watering seafood, meet an illustrious cricketer and take part in a charity auction.

Thanks to the generosity of Ivory Coast Travel and Safari, the restaurant was lavishly decorated to set the mood for the evening and Judy and Rob Hirst from Bollinger were on hand to ensure the champagne flowed as guests mingled with friends and did their utmost to snatch a few words with hosts David and Thorunn Gower.

David is no newcomer to the rhino cause. Brought up in Tanganyika (now Tanzania) his love of Africa and its wildlife has never faded, and his belief that the continent's natural heritage must be preserved for future generations had fuelled his continuing support for our fight against the extinction of the black rhino.

After sipping champagne as the sun set over beautiful Sydney Harbour, guests were seated at tables and treated to the taste of Doyles' fish and chips as they listened to Peter Doyle welcoming everyone to this marvellous function. He was followed by SAVE President, Nicholas Duncan, who gave a brief history of SAVE's efforts in Zimbabwe, together with the plight of the black rhino. This was reinforced by the reading of Glenn Tatham's letter (see elsewhere), received that morning.

John Kelly, Director of Western Plains and Taronga Zoos and the driving force in bringing a number of black rhino to Australia for breeding, then explained the role of the International Black Rhino Foundation in future rhino conservation, as well as the breeding facilities at Dubbo.



David batting with Bollinger for the black rhino.

The next course, a platter of Sydney's freshest seafood, was complemented by Cockatoo Ridge wines and Victorian Bitter.

Nicholas then introduced David Gower, describing him as "one of the finest left-hand batsmen ever to play the game, along with Sir Garfield Sobers, Graeme Pollock and Allan Border". He explained the significance of the David Gower Black Rhino Fund in Zimbabwe, established in November 1991 with the proceeds of an auction of some of David's cricket gear and other items, and now responsible for having provided about \$20,000 of locally available equipment to National Parks.

David regaled a captivated audience with his natural charm and humour, and a flow of anecdotes which could have kept

his listeners entertained into the small hours. Undoubtedly, it was David's brilliance and sincerity that motivated the audience to so generously support the evening's cause.

Now the business end of the evening had arrived, and it was time to help those present part with their hard earned cash.

Items up for auction included a luxury 14 day safari for two to Zimbabwe, with business class airfares donated by SAVE's major commercial sponsor, Qantas, and accommodation kindly provided by Chokomela Camp (Hwange), Sanyati Lodge (Kariba), Elephant Hills Hotel (Victoria Falls), Shearwater Canoeing Safaris (Zambezi), Monomatapa Hotel (Harare), Imire Game Ranch (Wedze) and Landela Lodge (Ruwa).



David and Thorunn Gower and their "pet" rhino.

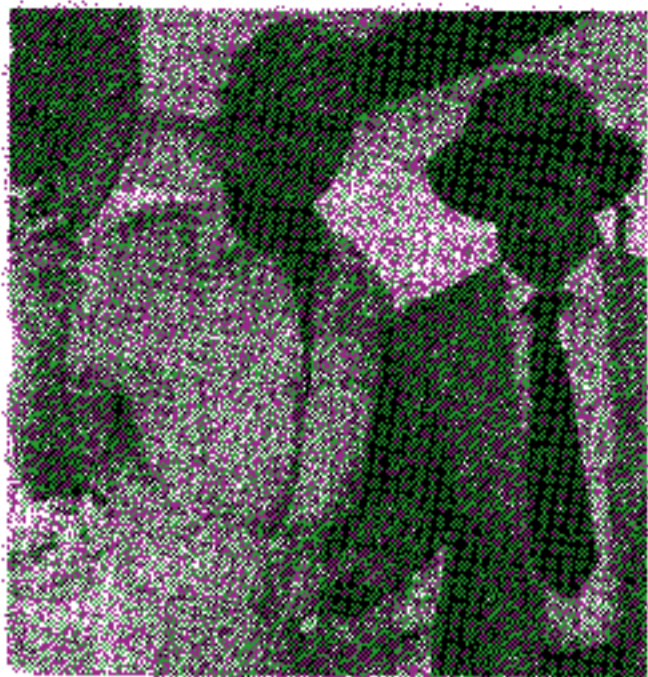
Also available were a selection of travel goods and clothing from Ivory Coast, and a range of African artefacts and pictures, including a limited edition print of Sir Donald Bradman and another of David Gower.

With auctioneer, James Badgery of Lawsons, and spotters in position, the auction started, slowly at the outset, but soon warming up as the bidding gathered momentum. The prize of the evening — the Zimbabwe trip — was bought by Kevin Weldon for \$14,500, who immediately stunned the audience by donating his prize back to be re-auctioned. At this point, Emmet Hobbs from Qantas, upgraded the tickets from economy to business class. Once auctioneer James and president Nicholas had recovered their breath at this generous gesture, the trip was re-sold for another \$15,000.



Rob Hirst (Bollinger), flanked by two all time greats.

AND BOLLINGER AT DOYLES



Hats off to Peter Doyle, for a great evening!

As an added incentive to bidders, cricketers Tony Greig and Allan Border were present to assist David Gower autograph artworks purchased during the evening.

The final total of \$45,000 raised during the auction showed that the audience had indeed been lavish in parting with their money. Sincere thanks to Kevin Weldon for his generosity, to Malcolm Weber, who subsequently purchased the Zimbabwe trip, and to all who took part in the auction. Your generosity will help SAVE buy the much-needed four-wheel drive vehicles and spare parts on the current shopping list.

Thanks also to Polo Ralph Lauren for demonstrating their support through a gift of their new perfume, Safari, to the top four bidders. Nicholas then presented a solid silver leopard on an ebony base, crafted

by the world renowned Zimbabwean silversmith, Patrick Mavros, to David and Thorun Gower for so kindly hosting the evening. Patrick donated another of his exquisite works, three leaping impalas, which was presented to Kevin Weldon for his support. Other silver sculptures were given to Rob and Judy Hirst from the House of Bollinger, the organisers of the evening and without whose help the function could not have been arranged at such short notice.

With the business over, celebrations continued into the early hours as guests mingled with celebrities, examined their new purchases, and told tall tales about travels in Africa.

And finally, a big thank you to Peter Doyle and his staff for their hospitality.

Let's hope the next SAVE function in Sydney will continue the tradition established by this very successful evening out with David Gower and Bollinger at Doyles.



John Kelly, Director of NSW Zoos and Vice-Chairman of I.B.R.F.



Gina Skinner, Georgina Sutton, Louise Sutton and Angela Field, stunningly dressed by Ivory Coast.

RAFFLE NEWS

SAVE has run two successful raffles, one at \$5.00 a ticket for a 14 day safari for two (raising \$25,000) and the other at \$1.00 per ticket for autographed T-shirts (raising just over \$9000). Our 1993 raffle is two return air tickets to Harare, courtesy of Air Zimbabwe, and two nights accommodation at the fabulous new Elephant Hills Hotel, thanks to our faithful supporters Zimbabwe Sun Hotels. This package has a value of approximately \$6000. Second prize is a car alarm from Rhino International value at \$2000, third prize is an Olympus camera valued at \$300, fourth prize, a photography course in five easy sessions with professionals at Travel Image Photography in Sydney, valued at \$180, fifth prize is a traditional Zimbabwe ironwood carving. The cost is only \$2.00 per ticket (in books of 20).

We are taking the liberty of posting each member a book (value \$40.00) with this Newsletter, and we ask you to sell tickets to your friends. Or why not buy the book yourself and have 20 chances of winning this wonderful trip? What better prize for someone interested in wildlife?

Every person who sells five books of tickets over the next five months will receive one of our beautiful T-shirts.

If you are enterprising you could sell tickets through your local school, service club, scout or guide group, etc. We hope to make this our biggest and best raffle, which is why we are keeping it open until 9th June, 1993.

Our thanks go to SAVE (New South Wales) who have organised this, and to all the sponsors listed in the five prizes above.

HELP AT HOME SHOW — PLEASE

Vision Exhibitions have kindly donated some display space at this year's Perth Ideal Homes Exhibition, at the Burswood Superdome, and Furniture Hire and Sales will provide the shell scheme.

The dates are 27th, 28th February and 1st March and 5th to 7th March. If you can sell some raffle tickets, T-shirts and carvings for a four to six hour shift, then please telephone Gill Boyden on 444 1545. Thank you,

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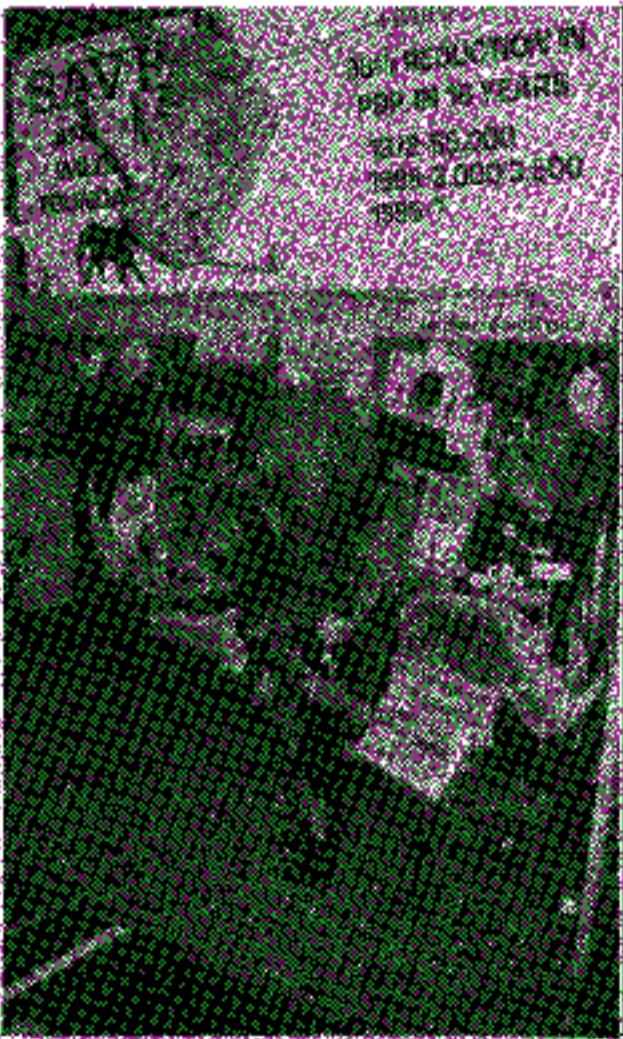
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RHINO DEBUT AT THE ROYAL SHOW

SAVE once again took a stand in the MacFarlane Pavilion at the Royal Agricultural Show in Perth last October. New product lines were on sale for the first time, including a brand new T-shirt design, but the star attraction was undoubtedly the SAVE rhino, making a spectacular debut.

The Rhino captivated show visitors with its antics and was greeted by reactions ranging from amusement and incredulity to, occasionally, apprehension with one elderly person literally swooning at its feet. Undeniably, our Rhino is proving a major draw-card.

The Rainbird Rhino, which features on our newsletters and rhino cards, was used in the new T-shirt design, accompanied by the slogan "Extinction is Forever". The "Wanted Alive" designs were re-introduced in both black and white, and khaki has been added to the array of colours in which the T-shirts are available. Toddler T-shirts were also launched at the Show.



Rhino and intrepid admirer

Other new items included cricket hats, caps, waist bags and tape-mates (walkman wallets exclusive to SAVE) featuring either the SAVE logo or the "Wanted Alive" rhino. SAVE show bags were trialled, plus a great new novelty item: badges, featuring SAVE logos and "Wanted Alive" rhinos, which were so popular they sold out. Stone carvings, David Shepherd framed and unframed pictures, and black and white sketches were also on display.

Special thanks to that versatile and tireless SAVE member Tim Scarrott, who not only manned the SAVE stand for several sessions, but also played a convincing rhino pleading for survival before a rapt audience. Thanks to Rick Selby for his participation, both on the stand and as a Rhino.

As a non-sexist organisation, SAVE extends special thanks to the "Rhinoess" who gave new meaning to Rock'n'Roll with her rendition of Rhino Rock. Thanks Lauren; your antics were great, but a little less flirting in future. Thanks to Irene for her time and support and, to the students of Perth Modern School, Goran, Keong, Marfa and Rosemarie. Your time and enthusiasm was appreciated. Sincere acknowledgement for their support to SAVE — members, Margaret Prior, Wyn Wyman, Ann Calway, Iain MacGregor, Cheryl Davenport, Julie and Michael Stout, Charles Kessler, David Cameron and Freddi Edmonds.

None of the above would have been possible without the overall co-ordination and organisation by Krys Jury, who spent just about the whole eight days on the stand and was responsible for our new product range.

SAVE would like to acknowledge the generosity and continued support of Arthur and Margaret Prior of Furniture Hire and Sales, who once again kindly donated the walls, bookcases, cabinets and TV/video. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Unfortunately public support did not match the enthusiasm of SAVE volunteers, and we hope that 1993 will see a significant improvement on the total of \$7,500 raised at the Show.

QUIZ NIGHT

The Quiz Night was held at the Charles Hotel, North Perth, attended by about 200 enthusiastic SAVE supporters and friends in October last year, raising a net profit of \$2900.

The large number of prizes available included a dinner for eight at the Greenwood Forrest Hotel, plus a number of bottles of wine donated by the proprietors of the Charles Hotel and Leeuwih Estate Wines, Margaret River.

Prizes which were not won in raffles were auctioned off, resulting in some remarkable bargains for members of the audience.

A most enjoyable evening, organised by Guy Tristram and assisted on the night by Krys Jury, Carole Williams and Nicholas Duncan.

HAIR

The raunchy love-rock musical "Hair" proved as big a hit with the 1990s audience at the Regal Theatre in Subiaco as it had been to audiences of the sixties. SAVE organised a group booking of 50 for Sunday, 25th October, 1992, but support from members was extremely disappointing and only 42 tickets were sold, mainly to non-members.

A cocktail party after the show was followed by an auction generously supported by cast members who enthusiastically bought many of the items on display. The SAVE T-shirts and caps proved especially popular.

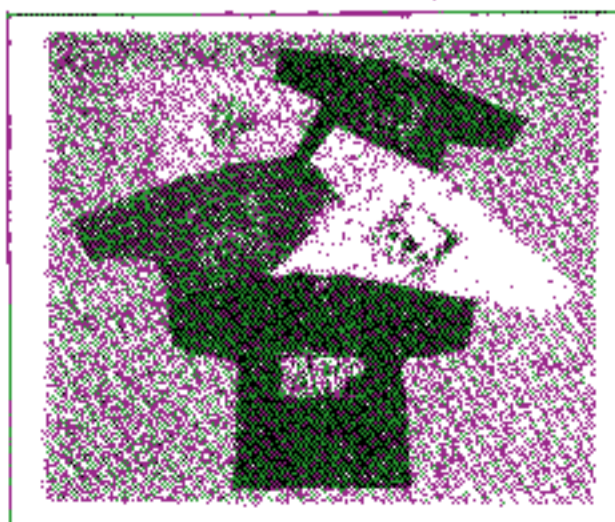
We hope members will show far more support and less apathy for SAVE functions in 1993. How about starting with the fund-raiser outing organised for the comedy "Out of Order" mentioned elsewhere in this newsletter?

Your support is crucial at this critical stage in our fight to save the rhino.

T-SHIRTS

SAVE now has four designs (see picture), all stunning, particularly the black and gold. They have been featured in New Idea and Women's Day and are proving to be immensely popular. The shirts are made of heavy duty 100 per cent cotton, and are of high quality and, if cared for, will last a long time.

The SAVE shirt comes in black, white, green, red, khaki, blue and unbleached cream, with a gold, black or white logo. "Wanted Alive" is in black or white, "Extinction is Forever" is either black with gold or white, or white with black or gold.



Our very latest design, like the traditional SAVE pattern but with a rhino instead of an elephant, is in black or white with an appropriately contrasting logo.

You can get your T-shirt from the Perth office at the bargain price of \$20, plus \$3 postage and packing, but the price will rise to \$25 as soon as current stocks are sold out. In other words, please buy NOW and help boost our funds as well as promote an important message.

LEFT: A sample of our great range of SAVE T-shirts.

SPONSORS

SAVE has been very fortunate in the support of so many sponsors during 1992. Some of these companies have been helping us for the past five years; others have lent their support for the first time during the past year; some provide help in a big way, others in a small way, but whatever their contribution it is much appreciated and the Executive of SAVE has a big "thank you" for each one.

We hope, of course, that SAVE members and readers of the Newsletter will take time to read the sponsors list and to reciprocate by supporting them whenever possible.

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Dear Nicholas,

Re: **SAVE (Australia): SUPPORT: DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL PARKS AND WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT**

Firstly, may I, on behalf of the Director and the Department of National Parks and Wildlife Management, wish you and all your members a Happy and Prosperous New Year. Secondly, a big thank you from all of us, especially from the men in the field, for your unwavering support and encouragement during 1992.

Taking your President's Report (see September Newsletter Vol. 5 No. 4) as a prompter to send you this letter, and may I quote "We believe the future of the black rhino will be determined within the next year, and if not saved, then it clearly faces extinction in its natural habitat." Indeed, since 1984 when the final battle for the rhino in the wild began, the animal as a species represented a major struggle between good and evil for the world's fragile and vital life-giving environment.

The situation is grave. One can imagine performing a rescue operation for a mountain climber who had fallen over a cliff and miraculously had been caught on a ledge, stopping his death fall. Before any attempt could be made to rescue the climber, his physical condition would need to be assessed and stabilised — all vital signs functioning normally — then, and only then, could he be pulled up and back over the edge. Here, in our opinion, is where the beloved rhino are poised.

A type of "A" team need to volunteer and immediately go over the edge and begin the first phase of the rescue — this needs courage, but it puts the team at risk; and together with growing fatigue there is an understandable reluctance to get involved. The costs up to now are enormous in terms of funds, equipment, and, tragically, men's lives. As always, it is the few that hold the ship steady in a storm, by coming up on deck and holding the helm.

SAVE has, in no small way, we believe, volunteered to go over the edge with us here in Zimbabwe. This has been clearly manifested by the continuous donations from SAVE, and the encouragement we receive from the physical presence of yourself and some of your members who actually get out into the field and "see" the true situation.

Whether the DNPWLM receives an expensive piece of machinery or a simple nut and bolt, it is taken as a vital component in the make-up of the rescue equipment.

If the rhinos are abandoned now at this most crucial stage in the war, then not only has all the effort been in vain, but the perpetrators of the crime against those animals will have succeeded in ripping out yet another vital artery from Nature. This cannot happen.

The Department, therefore, once again calls on SAVE and all other organisations who have so magnificently given of their invaluable time and money to continue to help and give it all for this the last lap. There is every reason to believe we can win. The international community of environmentalists now has a very strong lobby which has shown that it can turn around events in favour of Nature. We must not quit.

The Department is in urgent need of equipment, specifically spares of vehicles, electronic equipment, which includes radios, solar panels, and a whole range of sophisticated technical items to help in its battle to save the rhino from extinction.

Once again, the DNPWLM, Zimbabwe, acknowledges the support from SAVE (Australia) for Operation Stronghold and on behalf of the Zimbabwean Government extends its sincere thanks.

Yours sincerely

G.H. TATHAM
Chief Warden (Operations)
For: DIRECTOR



"OUT OF ORDER" FOR A NIGHT OF LAUGHS

How about joining a group booking for the hilarious comedy "Out of Order", starring Ronnie Corbett and Donald Sinden, at the Regal Theatre on Friday 19th March? We will be joined by the two stars and other members of the cast for drinks and light refreshments after the performance and, you never know, there may even be an auction of some of our lovely SAVE items!

Written by the King of British comedy Ray Cooney, "Out of Order" has had English and Australian audiences in stitches with junior ministers, secretaries, opposition leaders, waiters, private detectives, hotel managers, angry wives, and an unconscious nurse making a mess out of the life of a Junior Minister in the British Parliament.

Tickets are \$45, fully inclusive, and should be booked immediately, as we know that some of our members are themselves getting groups together for this special occasion. Please call the Perth office on 444 1545.

SAFARI 1993, WITH DAVID GOWER

Following the outstanding success of the 1991 safari hosted by David Gower, which will be long remembered by all involved, we are delighted to announce that David and Thorunn Gower have accepted our invitation to host this year's safari to Africa, in late October/early November.

The safari takes in Etosha Pan in Namibia, Victoria Falls, Hwange National Park, Lake Kariba, South Luangwa Valley

in Zambia and Harare, venue for a fundraising dinner. You will be flying Qantas between Australia and Zimbabwe and Air Zimbabwe, Zambian Airlines and Air Namibia on the African legs.

Seats on what is likely to be a memorable safari are **strictly limited** and members or friends should contact Nicholas Duncan **immediately** on (09) 444 1545 or (09) 387 4236 (home) for more information.

MEMBERSHIP FORM

YES, I would like to join your worthy cause and help to save the endangered rhinos. I understand that I will receive your quarterly newsletter and relevant material. My cheque for \$25, or more if I wish, is enclosed.

OR Charge my Bankcard Mastercard Visa. Expiry Date:

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