

SAVE AFRICAN ENDANGERED WILDLIFE FOUNDATION

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Dear SAVE Member

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On behalf of the Executive of SAVE (Australia), I should like to apologise for the delay in producing the next edition of your Newsletter. The simple fact is that I am just too busy at present to be able to spend the time compiling the next edition. However, I would like to briefly update you on major events since we were last in contact with you.

The 7th Annual General Meeting was held in mid June and the following Executive was elected:

President:	Nicholas Duncan	Vice President:	Nic Kebbell
Treasurer:	Guy Tristram	Secretary:	Cheryl Davenport
General Duties:	Gail Miller		

The motion to change the name to **SAVE FOUNDATION OF AUSTRALIA (Inc)** and the other constitutional amendments was withdrawn at the meeting, due to a valid objection from the floor on a technicality relating to the appointment of Trustees. This will be corrected at a forthcoming EGM.

A very successful fund-raising meeting was held in **Brisbane**, in mid July, resulting in **\$10,000** being raised for our work in Zimbabwe. Congratulations to the Brisbane team and especially to **Andrew O'Hara**.

The **Sydney** branch of SAVE launched 'Flight of the Rhino' in late July and a great evening was had by the 120 people there, who between them, mainly due to an auction, raised some **\$8,000** for the black rhinos. Well done everyone in New South Wales.

The first 3 weeks of August saw SAVE's first safari this year to Zimbabwe, Botswana and Namibia and it was most successful and enjoyable. Plenty of game was seen, including about **30 rhinos** at different locations. At **Matusadona National Park**, one of the intensive protection zones, we were very happy to hand over three 100 h.p. outboard motors and spares, 20 radio tracking collars, 20 pairs of binoculars and a quantity of second hand clothing. In **Sinamatela**, another of the IPZ's, our contribution was a base station radio, 10 hand held radios, 2 repeater links, 20 radio collars and 2 pairs of binoculars. We gave a water pump and solar panel to the IPZ at **Chipinge**. In **Etosha Pan** we donated 30 sleeping bags, 30 waterproof ponchos, 30 water bottles and 6 pairs of binoculars. **The total value of all these goods was well over \$70,000.**

My impressions of the current rhino situation in Zimbabwe were more positive than for some time. There don't seem to have been any poaching incursions since last March and the infrastructure within the rhino areas is under scrutiny and far better established than at any previous time. There is a greater sense of urgency about the whole project and **cause for optimism for the rhino's future.**

Enclosed is a brief summary of our next special safari in October. We can **guarantee** you sightings of both black and white rhino, an elephant-back trek through the bush, evening game viewing under a new moon at a Hwange water hole and many other **exciting** moments. It is without doubt the **very best value** of all 5 SAVE safaris that we have conducted so far. There are just a few places left and I urge you to consider this if you have a **passion for Africa and it's animals**. We will meet many interesting people and you will view most of our rhino projects at first hand. Your investment in this 15 day trip is a mere nett \$4,800, all inclusive of flights, meals, drinks and 6 hours game viewing per day. Please contact me immediately should you require further persuasion!

Until the next Newsletter, thanks again for your on-going support of SAVE.