



# SAVE FOUNDATION

OF AUSTRALIA INC.

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## NEWSHEET, MAY 1995

**There is a complete newsletter following in the mail in the next three weeks, but in the meantime, we would like to update you on some of the highlights of the past six months.**

The **SAVE FOUNDATION of Australia (Inc)** became the official name for the organisation formerly known as the Save African Endangered Wildlife Foundation, being ratified at an EGM on Wednesday 15 March. At the same meeting it was decided to make **1 April** the common renewal date for all memberships in order to minimise administration work in the SAVE FOUNDATION office. For those members that are in arrears by more than 12 months we invite you to make up the backlog, with an additional \$25 to your current membership fee of \$35, & for those between 5 & 12 months there is an extra \$15. The appropriate renewal form is enclosed. If you have either renewed or joined the SAVE FOUNDATION since 1 December, 1994, your membership will automatically be extended to 1 April 1996.

We are delighted to announce that our great friend & supporter of the past five years, **David Gower OBE**, has accepted the **Patronage** of the SAVE FOUNDATION of Australia & hopes to be as supportive as possible in years to come. As most of you will know, David is one of the great international Test cricketers of the past two decades.

We had a memorable "**Evening with David Gower**" at the Kings Park Restaurant in early February which was attended by a record 260 guests. Our thanks are extended to our major sponsors for the evening, **Tucker Seabrook & the Swan Brewery**. A final total of \$35,000 was raised from this marvellous evening, mainly from the auction.

Some 20 members from the SAVE FOUNDATION made their way from Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne & Perth to the **Western Plains Zoo, Dubbo**, home of ten black rhinos, for the weekend of 11-12 February. This proved to be a memorable weekend, especially the behind-the-scenes visit to the rhino breeding area.

The **Black Rhino Challenge Trophy cricket match**, played in Harare on 1 April, proved to be the SAVE FOUNDATION's most innovative project to date as it involved organising a **World Invitation XI**, captained by David Gower, and including cricketing legends Dennis Lillee, Greg Chappell & Mike Procter, to play against a **Zimbabwe Invitation XI** of current & former Test players. The proceeds of the dinner/auction hosted by David Gower, & the cricket match, resulted in **Z\$150,000 (AUS\$25,000)** being raised.

On Friday 27 April, 50 members & their friends from the **South Australian branch** gathered at the Patawalonga Motel, Glenelg, for their first public function. It was a most enjoyable evening & credit goes to **Daryl Heath & his organising committee** for making all the necessary arrangements for this inaugural event. The final tally for the evening was a very creditable \$5,000 profit.

The **Victorian branch** has set a goal to double its membership this year. They will also be holding a black tie rhino ball on Friday 6 October at Prahran Town Hall with round tables of 12.

During the past year the SAVE FOUNDATION has donated approximately **\$100,000** of items to Zimbabwe, including \$25,950 of rhino tracking equipment, \$22,921 of radio equipment, \$22,473 of motor vehicle parts, \$7,592 of water pumps, \$5,870 of field equipment, \$5,000 Conservancy running costs & \$7,000 of assorted items. **This makes the SAVE FOUNDATION of Australia one of the major non-Governmental donors to rhino conservation in Zimbabwe, a fact of which we are truly proud.** Your Executive thanks all members, sponsors and supporters for making this possible.

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is given of the Eighth Annual General Meeting of the SAVE FOUNDATION of Australia (Inc) to be held at the Lower Pavilion, Royal King's Park Tennis Club at 7.30 pm on Wednesday, 14 June 1995.

Business: 1. Acceptance of the Minutes from the Seventh Annual General Meeting held on 14 June, 1994. 2. President's Report. 3. Treasurer's Report. 4. Election of Committee. 5. Any Other Business. Please Note: Nomination forms for positions on the Executive, together with proxy forms, are available from the SAVE office in Perth. Under the Constitution nominations will close at 7.30 pm on Friday, 9 June 1995.

## SAFARI '95

Following the five previously successful safaris to Zimbabwe & surrounding countries, Safari '95 leaves Australia on Thursday 24 August, & can either be for 15 days or 18 days. The first 13 days of both trips are the same, visiting a rhino sanctuary just outside Harare, Matusadona National Park, Hwange National Park, Victoria Falls & Okavango Delta. The 18 day trip then goes on to Etosha Park in Namibia & the fortnight trip returns to Harare & then back to Australia.

You fly with Qantas & Air Zimbabwe & stay at exclusive lodges, which cater for up to 16 people.

**24 Aug:** Fly to Harare, arriving 5.30 pm local time, overnighing at the Monomatapa Hotel.

**25 Aug:** Your first taste & sight of Zimbabwe is at Imire Game Ranch, home of 7 orphaned rhinos & 6 elephants as well as buffalo, lion, impala, warthog, hippos, zebra & wildebeest.

**26 Aug:** Then it's 3 days at Musango Safari Camp near the shores of Lake Kariba, an area plentiful with game. Options include walking, boating, canoeing, driving & rhino tracking with our radio equipment.

**29 Aug:** You fly to Hwange & then overland to the remote Linkwasha wilderness area of southern Hwange, home to big herds of elephant, buffalo, eland, kudu, sable & impala, not to mention lion & leopard & there are still two white rhino in the area. This is the real Africa.

**31 Aug:** It's a short afternoon flight to Victoria Falls, where you spend the next 24 hours at the charming Victoria Falls Hotel, with its panoramic vista over "the smoke that thunders". White-water rafting is an option as is a drive around the neighbouring Zambezi National Park.

**1 Sept:** You now fly into the Okavango Delta & have two nights at Camp Okavango where game viewing is undertaken by small river craft, canoes & nature walks. Then it's a three hour scenic & adventurous boat transfer to Camp Moremi on the beautiful Xakanaxa Lagoon, within the Moremi Wildlife Reserve, well known for its diversity of wildlife, for two more wonderful days & nights.

### EITHER

**5 Sept:** Return to Victoria Falls to take in more of the delights of this small town & its surrounds.

**6 Sept:** Fly back to Harare at 4 pm, overnighing at the Monomatapa.

**7 Sept:** This is a free day before catching the 7.40 pm flight back to Perth, arriving on Fri 8 September.

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**5 Sept:** Fly to Namutoni Fort in Namibia. Etosha National Park is home to 300 black rhinos & you always see them. It's also famous for the gemsbok & the springbok.

**6 Sept:** You take a pleasant drive through Etosha to Halali for an overnight stop.

**7 Sept:** Continue the drive through Etosha to Okaukeujo Camp, famous for its floodlit waterhole, where you'll see rhino, elephant & others coming down to drink. You have two days & nights here.

**9 Sept:** It's an overland journey to Windhoek, capital of Namibia, staying at the Safari Hotel.

**10 Sept:** You fly to Johannesburg to connect back to Australia, arriving on Monday morning at 5.20 am.

All the locations are first class, (except perhaps the National Parks lodges in Etosha), together with their facilities & personnel. Whilst on safari, each day includes two three-hour game drives/walks, three full meals & most drinks. Flights are by scheduled airline or private charter & each destination includes meetings with the local conservation personalities.

Numbers are strictly limited (8 seats remain) & places are filling fast (bookings close on 16 June). To participate in these unique safaris, or if you want more information, please call: Nicholas Duncan, on (09) 444 1545 (office) or (09) 387 4236 (home) or fax (09) 444 9270. Prices are from \$6,600 all inclusive, including a tax-deductible donation of \$1,400.