

**Patrons:** The Lord McAlpine of West Green, David Gower OBE, Bryce Courtenay (deceased 2012), Nick Price, David Pocock, Kim Hughes.

## Loss of a patron



We are very saddened to learn of the passing of one of our patrons, Bryce Courtenay. He died in his sleep after a nasty battle with cancer. To his wife, Christine, and two sons, Adam and Brett, we extend our deepest sympathies on their sad loss.

I approached Bryce at a book signing session in Perth in 1994, briefly mentioned our cause and the names of our two existing patrons, Lord McAlpine and David Gower, and invited him to become our third. To my absolute delight and surprise, he accepted on the spot, less than two minutes after meeting me for the first time. And since then, he has been an inspirational figurehead for our foundation.

Bryce Courtenay came to Australia from South Africa in 1958 and first had a highly successful career in advertising. He went on to become Australia's bestselling author of more than 20 novels, amongst them being *The Power of One*, *Tandia*, *April Fool's Day*, *The Potato Factory*, *Tommo & Hawk* and *Jessica*. His worldwide following from his fans led to a buying frenzy each November when his latest

book was released, right up to last week, 11 November, when *Jack of Diamonds* hit the shelves.

We were honoured to have Bryce as our celebrity guest speaker on two occasions, 1994 and 2005, at our annual dinner/auction, both to packed houses. His passion and energy whilst giving his talk ignited the whole audience and his powerful message around *The Power of One* left no-one doubting the capabilities of every individual.

Bryce was generous in his support of the rhinos in other ways too, always donating signed books for our events. He had a great love of animals and was greatly distressed by all the atrocities committed against them around the world.

He is a great loss to mankind, humanity and to all those who were touched by just knowing him or reading his books. He was a true champion in every sense of the word, right till the end.

Nicholas Duncan  
**President**

## President's Report

At our postponed (due to inclement weather) **Annual General Meeting** on Thursday 21 June we were delighted to celebrate our **25th Anniversary with exactly 100 members** and their guests. We started the night with a celebratory toast to the future wellbeing of Zimbabwe's rhinos and our foundation, and this was followed by a series of video presentations from our patrons and VIPs. These included **David Gower, Nick Price, Vitalis Chadenga, Babette Alfieri, Chris Foggin, Raoul du Toit and Kim Hughes**. We also announced our two latest patrons, **Kim, and Wallaby star David Pocock**.



Kim Hughes



David Pocock

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After a well illustrated power point presentation on all the year's activities, and the acceptance of our annual financial statements, your new committee was elected as follows; **President – Nicholas Duncan; Vice President – Michael Palmer; Secretary – Kim Hoddy; Treasurer – Nia Carras; Special Projects – Evelyn Wong; General Committee – Geoff Hoddy, Helen Fairnie, Steve Harrison and Candice Lynn. Geoff has subsequently retired** after 11 valuable years as part of our team and we **thank him very much for his contribution.**

We also passed the motion to change our name to **Save African Rhino Foundation (Inc)** to more aptly describe our purpose. This name change has now been accepted by the relevant authorities.

After a break we were treated to some video of a two day trip to **Save Valley Conservancy** by **Steve Harrison and Nicholas**, full of all sorts of interesting and informative footage.



Gen Y Committee

We thank our new team of younger supporters, **Kim McIntosh, Kelly Scott, Fadzai Matambanadzo, Evan Litis, Patrick Williamson and Jacques Phillips**, who have energetically updated our **Facebook** page and **website** design and content – thanks, guys, so much, we are now coming of technological age.

In September, we were **saddened to learn of the untimely passing of the Director General of Zimbabwe's National Parks and Wildlife Management Authority, Vitalis Chadenga. To his family and work colleagues we extend our condolences.**

**Chris Foggin**, chief vet of the Wildlife Veterinary Unit, retired from his post in August, after ... years of amazingly dedicated service. Not only was he the chief vet for all rhino management issues for the past 18 years, he was also a worldwide expert on crocodile and ostrich production, plus the country's leading authority on the control of foot and mouth disease. All is not lost as he has taken up part time work with the newly formed **Zimbabwe Wildlife Veterinary Trust and the Wild Horizons Wildlife**



**Trust. Thanks, Chris, for your lifelong total commitment to Zimbabwe's wild animals, and long may you continue to be active in this field.**

**Cameron Murray** from **Grantham Street Veterinary Clinic**, hosted his annual art fundraiser at the University of WA in October, and we again thank him for his ongoing contribution to our cause.



The **rhino poaching in South Africa** appears to be right out of control, with over **600 rhinos** slain this year, at least half of them in the world famous **Kruger National Park**. It's hard to imagine how this can be happening so readily. Three recent prosecutions have been successful with sentences of 40, 23 and 21 years being handed down to the culprits.

*Nicholas Duncan*

## 25th Anniversary Awards

### For outstanding donor support of Black Rhino Conservation in Zimbabwe

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### For outstanding service to Black Rhino Conservation in Zimbabwe

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Neil Pace of Moore Stephens



Dawn Newman



Angelo Porcaro of Annalice Framing



Julie Bain

**For long standing membership for Black Rhino Conservation in Zimbabwe**

Kevin Adams; Carole Anderson; Denis & Gabrielle Backshall; Julie Bain; Gerry Barton; David & Adele Begovich; Anne Bluntish; Gerry Bradley; Brandon Brooksbank; Maureen de la Harpe; Freddi Edmonds; Barbara Evans; Fettes Falconer; Graham & Rhelma Giles; Simon Gill; Alwyn Hambley; Alex & Viv James; Gil Johnston; Gordon Kealley; Ian Kuba; Graham Matheson; Graham McDonald; Joy Mack Heaven; Gordon

McNeill; Christopher Mitchell; Tim Norman; Julie Peran; Betty Pitcher; Daniel & Pamela Pitts; Rod & Dee Pollitt; Cathy Reindler; Tim Scarrott; John & Joanna Trenka; Helen Trowell; Stephen Ward; Joanne Watcyn-Jones; Karl & Jackie Wigh; Dee Williamson and Chris Woodroff.

**For outstanding anti-poaching work for Black Rhino Conservation in Zimbabwe**

Jackson Kamwi; Israel Ngarira and Sylvester Ncube



Anne Bluntish



Betty Pitcher



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Freddi Edmonds



Gerry Bradley



Gordon Kealley



Gordon McNeil



Joy Mack Heaven

# We welcome our two new patrons

**Kim Hughes** is a former international cricketer, having played for Western Australia, Natal and Australia in the 70s and 80s. Debuting for Australia in 1977, he went on to play **70 Tests, including 28 as captain**, as well as 97 One Day Internationals. He was an accomplished middle order, attacking batsman, one of the best of his generation.

Kim played in our invitational Australia team in a fundraising cricket match in Bulawayo in 1997, and again in 2002 in Perth, and was **our guest speaker in March at our annual dinner-auction, helping us raise \$107,000.**

As a local Perth identity, we look forward to a long association with each other.

**David Pocock** grew up in Zimbabwe and migrated with his family to Brisbane in 2002. He made his debut for the Australian Schoolboys team in 2005 and then moved to Perth to play for the Western Force. His first match for the **Wallabies** was in 2008 and since then, he has been one of their most prominent players.

He won the prestigious **John Eales Medal in 2010** and was a finalist in the **International Rugby Board Player of the Year in both 2010 and 2011**. This year he has captained the Wallabies in a few Tests.

David was **WA Young Australian of the Year in 2011**, mainly due to his rugby success and his charity **Eightytwo Vision**, which is making a difference to many rural lives in Zimbabwe through health, education and agricultural assistance.



## Funds spent during 12 months from December 2011 to November 2012

Project or item description	Funds spent (AUD '000s)
Rhino Conservancy projects	151
National Parks projects – <i>vehicles, Hwange, Sinamatella, Matobo, Matusadona, Chipinge, spare parts and communication equipment</i>	130
Other rhino projects	57
Veterinary support	24
Other wildlife projects	20
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$382,000</b>

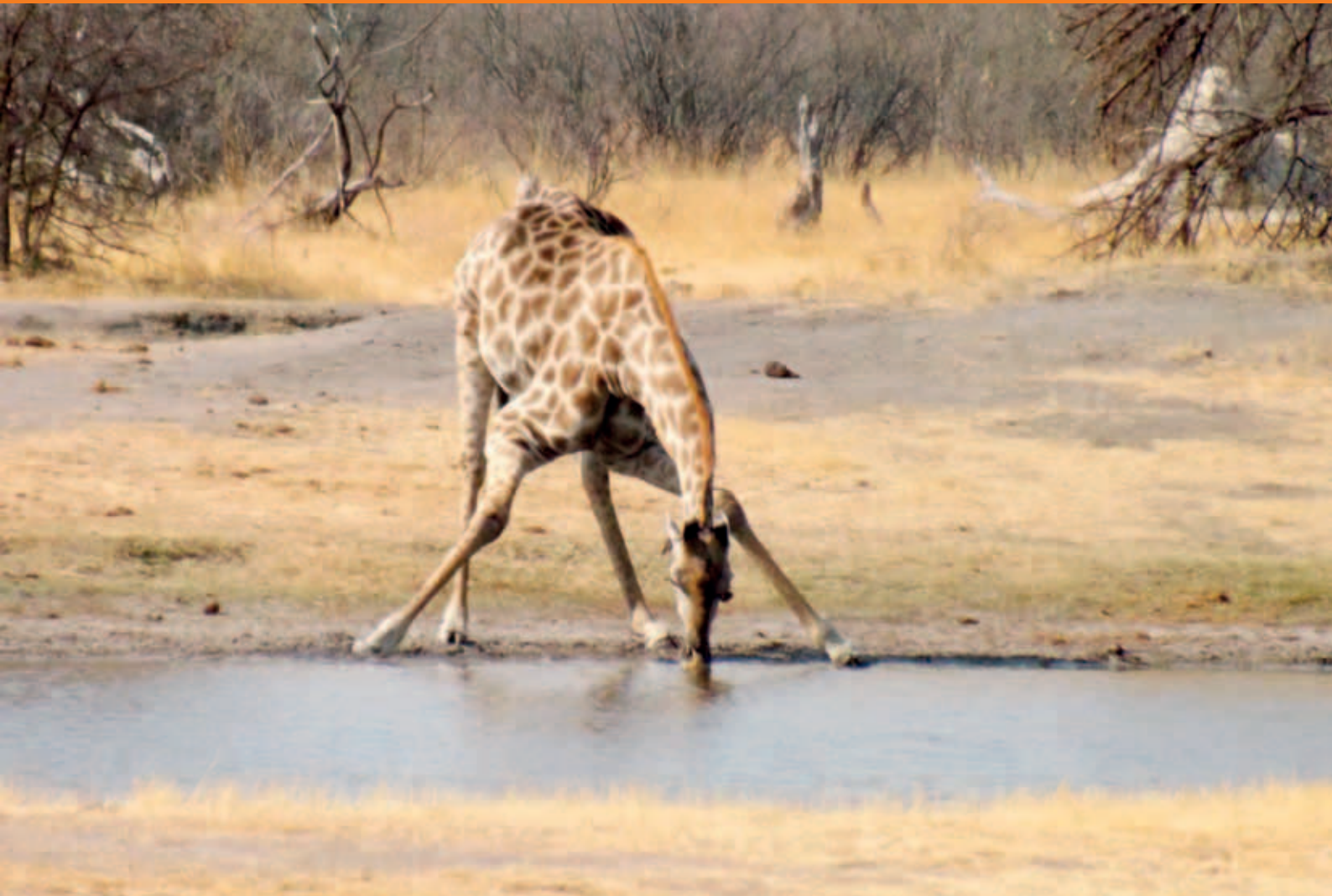
## Zimbabwe update

Just over **5% of Zimbabwe's black and white rhinos** have died this year, mainly through illegal poaching. These deaths have been on both National Parks land and private conservancies. Of course, births have also occurred. Elephant poaching has also increased with a few hundred being shot this year, even for smallish tusks. **Rhino horn now sells for \$60,000 per kg, fuelled by the Vietnamese black market, and ivory stands at about \$2,500 per kg. The growing middle class in parts of Asia seem to be responsible for the increased demand.**

Zimbabwe's premier park, **Hwange**, could well have less than 15 free roaming wild rhinos left, down from a peak of 130 in the early 2000s. What a sad story! We have funded intensive field training over the past 18 months and **55 National Parks rangers** have just completed their Advanced course and will certainly provide specialist skills in the field. Our thanks goes to **Pete Clemence** for finalising this project.

We continue to provide field resources in the form of 4wd vehicle support and repairs, kit, radio and tracking equipment, satellite communications, fuel for water holes, veterinary skills and helicopter hire fees.

Our project in the **Lowveld** seems to be progressing well and we look forward to visiting there in February for the latest update. Congratulations to **Bryce Clemence and his team** for their recent successful capture of two poachers who have caused much damage in the past.



Where to begin?

## Kate and I would like to go back immediately!

After so many years, this trip fulfilled many dreams and put into perspective all the **marvelous things Nicholas and his troops have been doing, for over 25 years, to help with the problems that face these lovely smiling folk and their gorgeous animals.**

The amount we did in just 18 days, when you look at the map and peruse the 2000 photos that my newly created 'photographer wife' compiled, makes for dreamlike wonderment and longterm memories !

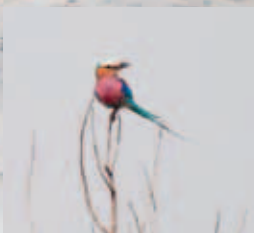
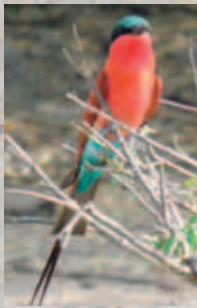
Busy, and kept up to the task for the trip, each day was an adventure, starting with the baboons at Vic Falls Airport, as we got off the plane on Day 1.

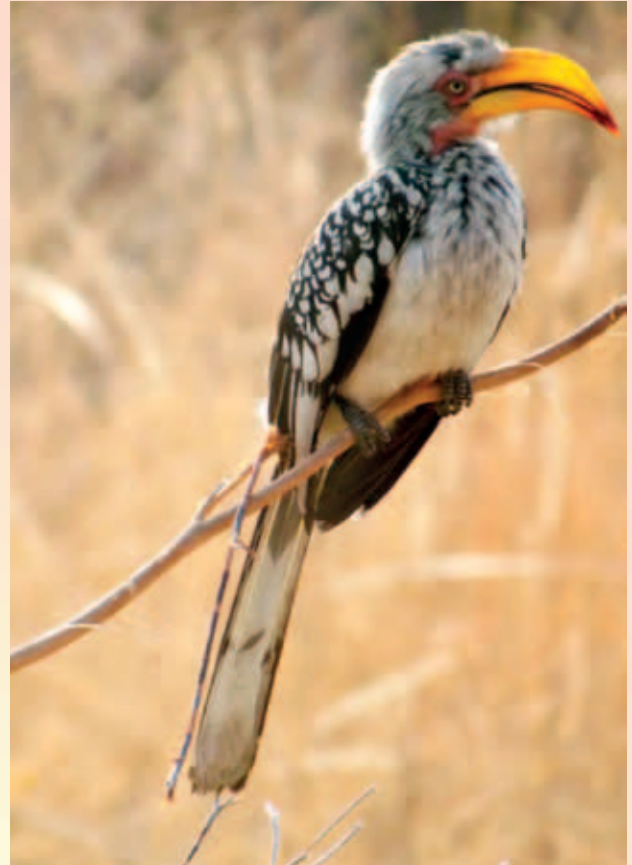
**The Hide, Victoria Falls Hotel, Xakanaxa, Chobe and Musango-** Google them and dream – all so welcoming and

friendly – light aircraft flights at low level, drives/walks and sailing resulted in viewing so many animals, which included **lion + kill (from start of stalk of old kudu, to the sad but natural inevitability) leopards, cheetahs, black rhino, hippo, giraffe, elephant-birds so numerous, colourful and varied, butterflies, flowers, trees and endless combinations, coupled with sunsets and backgrounds that stunned the eyeballs-** tea/coffee and delicious biscuits/ cakes supplied at watering holes in the mornings and then endless G&Ts, at the late afternoon meeting spot, topped every day off in grand style!

All this was capped by hospitality and comfort that was genuinely and graciously supplied at all camps- delicious grub served at grand wooden tables in the midst of an elegant African Bush setting.

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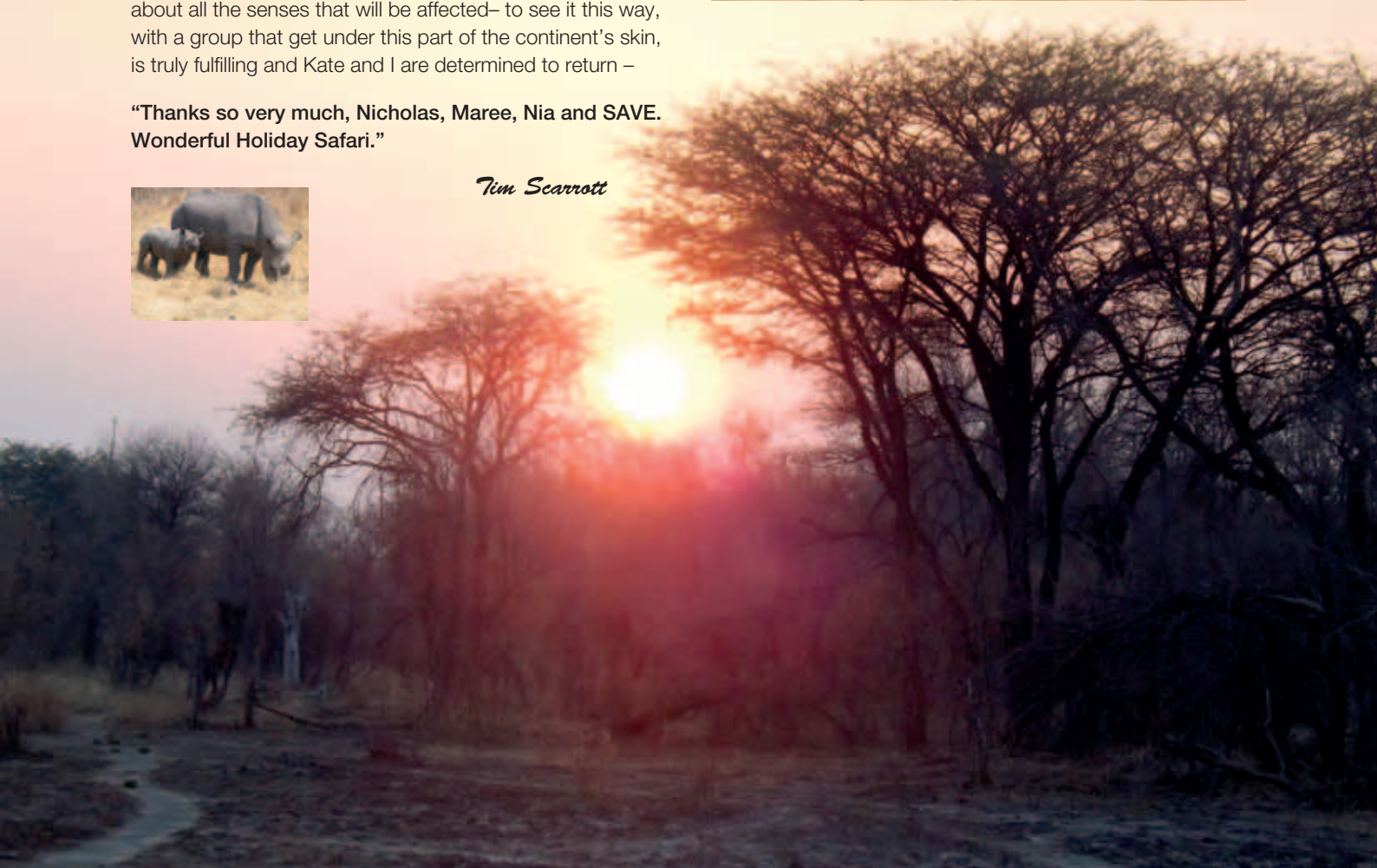


Tired, at the end of each day, even hippo and baby sniffing at mesh window of tent at 0300hrs was part of the adventure and with reports of leopard roaming the pathways during the dark, there was no doubt as to where you were, at any time !

In terms of recommendation?- as I have always said **“if one does not see some of Africa before moving on, you need your brain tested”** – there is something very magical about all the senses that will be affected– to see it this way, with a group that get under this part of the continent’s skin, is truly fulfilling and Kate and I are determined to return –

**“Thanks so very much, Nicholas, Maree, Nia and SAVE. Wonderful Holiday Safari.”**

*Tim Scarrott*



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