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From the Chairman

On behalf of Painted Dog Conservation Incorporated and your Committee, I hope all members had a very Merry Christmas and have a prosperous new year in 2010.

Since the last newsletter in August 2009, PDC Inc has undergone some significant changes within the structure of the committee. Greg Gibbard, who was the previous Chairman, has resigned the position as he is currently working in an Administrative role with the Painted Dog Conservation Project in Zimbabwe. In addition, another founding member and our previous Treasurer, Dick Watson, has also had to stand down for personal commitments (see enclosed story for details). I would like to thank them both for their dedication and commitment to PDC Inc over the last 5 years.

Therefore, to the current Committee, Angela Lemon (Vice Chairman), Tracey Bernasconi (Secretary/Treasurer), John Trevillian, Mark Tyler, Wayne Monks, Barbara Johnson, Jenny Preston, Lesley Hacking, Peter Wood and Bec Chriss a huge thank you for their work and support during the past year. Again, thanks to Daniel Scarparolo for the formatting and presentation of our newsletters.

Above all, I would like to thank all of our members for their continued support and our newest members for joining our association. I would like to welcome the following new members to PDC Inc: Helen Potkura, Jamie Cowell, Leanne Vanderweyde, Trixie Rhodes, Libby Beattie, Lindy Cullen, Lesley Hacking, Bernard (Ox) Hacking, Elka Hacking, Ian Norman, Jill Norman, Michelle Hurley, Wayne Monks, Sophie Lourandos and Tessa Sproul.

Please find in this, our first newsletter for 2010, updates on all of our news and events over the last 4 months and into the first half of 2010. In August 2009, we hosted another successful event with world renowned author Tony Park at the Hyatt Hotel. We are looking forward to his return later in 2010! This was followed by World Animal Day, which was a great day showcasing the efforts of all of the in situ conservation groups involved with Perth Zoo.

I have just returned from a field trip to the "African Wild Dog Conservation" project in Zambia, which was very rewarding and satisfying to see the project first hand.

I have now worked in the field with all of the Painted Dog projects that PDC Inc support (full story inside!). Many thanks to Nicholas Duncan and SAVE Foundation for their continued support of my airfares to Zambia.

Finally, please mark in your diaries some very important upcoming dates: The Absolutely 80s band is returning to Perth during the week of the 13 -20 March 2010 for another sell out tour of WA, with part proceeds of one of their events being donated to PDC Inc. We will confirm venues with you in the coming weeks-but keep this week free!

Also, PDC Inc will be hosting an Art Auction on 23 April 2010 at Hamilton Hill Memorial Hall. Another date to mark in your diary now!

Please read about all of the above news in the following bumper edition of our first newsletter for 2010!

SPECIAL THANKS

Special thanks must go to Graeme Morrison of Armchair Aviator (Aviation Books, Models, Videos, Aviation Prints (Framing)). He generously donated his time to frame some of our very special prints for our Association. We highly recommend his work, so please do not hesitate to visit him at 8 James Street, Fremantle and he can be contacted on 9335 2500.

Also, another special thanks to Sue Chipchase of Pet Magic in Cannington. Sue is a long time supporter of PDC Inc; however, she has just started selling environmentally friendly eco bags at her shop, and is donating 50 cents from each purchase to PDC Inc! Thank you Sue for your generosity, and for all of your pet needs, please do not hesitate to visit Sue and her friendly staff at Pet Magic, Shop 8, 1500 Albany Highway, Cannington and can be contacted on 9458 1960.

PDCInc have a new donor. Custom Vintage will donate 10% from all sales of its pet care products for dogs to PDCInc. All products are cruelty-free and Custom Vintage is also on the preferred products list of the CCFA (Choose Cruelty-Free Association) so no products are tested on animals, nor do they contain animal by-products or palm oil (or its derivatives). Most products are vegan-friendly. Check out the website at www.customvintage.com.au. Thank you to Custom Vintage for their support.

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Chairman's Visit to African Wild Dog Conservation, Zambia 2009

In November/December 2009 I spent time working with AWDC in Zambia, a project that we have been supporting since 2007. We have been actively involved in supporting the purchase of Telemetry Equipment, funding the Anti-poaching Team and more recently committing to proposals to undertake a Domestic Village Dog vaccination program and assistance with funding for a Conservation Education Program for Secondary Students in the Luangwa Valley.

My visit was truly memorable and my thanks go to Matt, Egil, Freddy and team for their hospitality. From undertaking anti-poaching walks and removing snares with the team that PDC Inc. supports to darting and collaring Lion and of course tracking and studying our beloved Painted Dogs, there was never a dull moment. Combine that with one of the most spectacular wildlife areas in the World and the building of the wet season, you could ask for no more.



Above left: Sun setting over the magical Luangwa River. Above right: My New Warthog Friend "Alice" at Chipembele Wildlife Education Centre. Below: Matt and I with the lioness we collared.





Above left: Crawshay's zebra, a South Luangwa specialty. Above right: Thornicroft's giraffe, also endemic to South Luangwa. Bottom right: Matt vaccinating a local village dog as part of the Vaccination Program to prevent disease transmission from domestic dogs to canids and felids.

South Luangwa National Park

Called by some as one of the greatest wildlife sanctuaries in the world, South Luangwa is one of Zambia's main draws. This 9,050-sq km park is centered around the Luangwa River and is home to one of Africa's largest concentrations of wildlife.

Thanks to its inaccessible location, South Luangwa manages to combine immense density of wildlife with limited visitor numbers, and it's also one of the few national parks that allow night safaris.

Landscape

South Luangwa is dry woodland, watered by the meandering Luangwa River and its many oxbow lakes. The dominant tree is the mopane, but stately baobabs also dot the landscape here and there. In the dry season, most plants and trees seem to shrivel up and wildlife congregates around watering holes, allowing excellent viewing.

Flora and fauna

South Luangwa is home to a dazzling array of wildlife. You'll see hippos and crocodiles as soon as you cross the bridge over the Luangwa River, and elephants are hard to miss along the river's banks. Thornicroft's giraffe, with white legs and faces, and Crawshay's zebra, without the brownish "shadow-stripe" of common (Burchell's) zebra, are both endemic to the park and easily spotted. Herds of buffalo roam the park, along with several prides of lions. The density of leopards is among the highest in the world, although spotting these nocturnal creatures can be tricky. All sorts of antelopes abound: impala are ubiquitous, the puku — rarely seen outside Zambia — is almost as common and there are plenty of waterbucks and bushbucks too.

South Luangwa is a dream come true for birdwatchers, with over 400 species recorded. Depending on who you ask, the best times to go are November-December (when the rains start), April-May (when they end) or August-September (when the water levels are at their lowest).

African Wild Dog Conservation (AWDC)

AWDC commenced conservation research in 1999 in the Lower Zambezi National Park, recognising the need to understand the plight of the African Wild Dog to ensure its survival and ultimately to conserve vital habitat for this and other species in the region. In 2000, AWDC received not-for-profit status under the Zambian Societies Act, allowing the organisation to commence international fundraising efforts to support this vital research.

AWDC has since expanded its study area from the Lower Zambezi National Park, through connecting Game Management Areas into the South Luangwa National Park. Work is now centred on establishing a large population of wild dogs in Eastern Zambia throughout this protected area network, in partnership with the Zambia Wildlife Authority (ZAWA).

AWDC's Goals

- To safeguard the African wild dog and its habitat in Zambia through scientific research, community education and conservation activities.
- To utilise the endangered African wild dog as a flagship species for large scale habitat conservation, this in turn will benefit many other species.



- To provide information and recommendations to the Zambia Wildlife Authority, and support them in all efforts to safeguard the future of wild dog habitat and protected areas.
- To increase knowledge and understanding of the African wild dog and contribute to the conservation of the species as a whole.
- To build capacity within local Zambian organisations and government bodies for the sustainable conservation of the African wild dog and its habitat.

Project Staff

Matthew Becker, Project Manager



Matt is a wildlife ecologist that has just joined the project this year and is excited to work with AWDC. He received a bachelor degree with majors in wildlife ecology, biological aspects of conservation, and entomology from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, and has just completed his Ph.D. from Montana State University, where he was awarded

a National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship to research gray wolves in Yellowstone National Park. He has worked for over 16 years on a variety of wildlife field research and conservation projects in North America, Antarctica, and Africa, studying numerous endangered species, including African wild dogs in Botswana.

Matt will be coordinating the project activities with the support of the Zambia Wildlife Authority and WWF-Netherlands. His fields of research interest and expertise include predator-prey dynamics, conservation biology, and behavioural ecology.

Egil Droge, Ecologist



Egil holds a Masters degree in Ecology, a Masters in GIS and has considerable experience working with international field projects including work with Durrell Wildlife on the Caribbean island of St. Lucia, and fieldwork in Botswana working with African wildlife. He has extensive experience with mammal-trapping and radio telemetry. Returning to Holland Egil

worked as a GIS consultant before his heart drew him back to Africa. After a volunteer period with AWDC he has now joined the staff as Assistant Ecologist, where he will be coordinating the volunteer programs and assisting the Project Ecologist with fieldwork and GIS research.

Dr Kellie Leigh, Founder



After completing her undergraduate Honours degree in Environmental Biology at the University of Technology in Sydney Kellie moved to Zambia and worked as a safari guide in the Lower Zambezi Valley, while looking to establish a research project. In 1999 Kellie commenced

full-time research, education and conservation work on the African wild dogs and subsequently founded AWDC. She later completed her PhD on the Ecology and Conservation Biology of African wild dogs through University of Sydney; her key fields of research expertise include conservation biology, population genetics, wild dog behaviour and demography, and spatial ecology. In 2005 Kellie began expanding AWDC's activities into South Luangwa National Park and adjoining Game Management Areas in Eastern Zambia.

From June 2007 Kellie moved into a Trustee position for AWDC, based back in Sydney, after ten years in Zambia.

You can now contact Kellie through her new wildlife and landscape art website, www.bushpalette.com

Despite being widely-recognized as one of the productive wildlife areas in Africa, Zambia's rich wildlife heritage is under serious threat from poaching. Meat-hunting in the form of snaring is one of the most pervasive poaching activities in the country, particularly within and around protected areas. Snares are typically of crude wire construction designed to tighten and constrict around whatever portion of an animal that encounters them. Snares are set in great profusion around waterholes and other high use areas and, because of their indiscriminate nature, snares inflict severe injuries and mortalities on virtually all large animal species.

Unfortunately, wild dogs are no exception. In some areas of Zambia such as the Lower Zambezi National Park, over 30% of wild dogs were found carrying snares around their necks, with many animals repeatedly being caught (Leigh 2005). As a consequence the Lower Zambezi wild dog population has precipitously declined and is no longer considered viable without strong connectivity between South Luangwa and other source areas, in combination with a significant reduction in snaring.

To help combat this serious threat to wild dog populations AWDC has teamed with the South Luangwa Conservation Society and PDCInc. to assemble Zambia's first African Wild Dog



Above left: An immobilized young male dog with a snare on its paw. The animal was euthanized, as the severity of the injury had diminished its body condition beyond recovery and resulted in an attack from another predator that left bite marks and infection throughout its neck. Above right: An African wild dog with a snare caught around the abdomen. Once caught on a dog, snares continue to tighten and typically result in massive infection and inflammation, loss of limbs and mortality. (Photo provided by Johan Elzenga).



Anti-Snaring Team. Selected, trained, and employed through SLCS and funded by PDC Inc. and Perth Zoo, the team uses AWDC wild dog movement data to identify high-priority areas for snare-removal. Snare detection and removal requires long hours in the field under extremely remote, harsh and dangerous conditions. Few people are capable of such difficult work and thus team members must undergo an intensive selection and training process before they can be tasked with the heavy responsibility of protecting one of Zambia's most renowned, yet most endangered, large carnivores.

Anti-poaching Team supported by PDCInc

Edgar Malipita

Edgar was born in Kamoto but lives in Mfuwe. He is 24 years old. He completed grade 12 and this is his first job.

Johnathon Mbewe

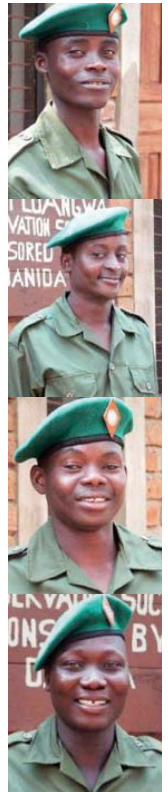
Jonathon Mbewe is 25 years old and was born in Chipata and lives in Mfuwe. He completed grade 12 and this is his first job.

Isaac Phiri

Isaac is 28 years old and was born in Mulfulira. He completed grade 12 and is married with three children. He was a volunteer teacher for Mwendakwisano Community School before becoming a scout.

Davis Zulu

Davis Zulu is 26 years old and was born in Kakumbi Old Palace in Mfuwe. He is married with 3 children. He completed grade 9, and this is his first full-time job. He was previously an informer for SLCS.



World Animal Day at Perth Zoo

On a perfect fine spring day on 4 October, PDC Inc. along with other Zoo supported Conservation groups were invited to setup up a stall at the Zoo for World Animal Day. Over 3600 Zoo visitors were treated to a showcase of all the projects in-situ work and opportunities to purchase merchandise etc.

We had a great day interacting with the public and in particular our mascot Costumed character "Picasso" was a hit with the Children and Adults alike. Thanks go to Sandra Galati the event Coordinator at the Zoo and to Tracey and Brian Bernasconi, Angela and John Lemon and Mark Tyler who attended on behalf of the PDC Inc. committee.



"Picasso" and John work the crowd.



Brian Bernasconi, John Lemon and Tracey Bernasconi at the PDC Inc. Stall

New Patron for 2010

PDC Inc would like to welcome our new Patron, Tony Park. For many of our members, Tony will be a familiar welcome face after attend one of his book launches on behalf of PDC Inc. Here in Perth. We are very honoured and excited to have Tony on Board and look forward to the year ahead with his support. For those who are only new to Tony, he is the Australian author of five thriller novels set in southern Africa. His sixth novel, IVORY deals with two controversial issues facing modern day Africa – the increase in piracy off the continent's coast, and the planned reintroduction of elephant culling in South Africa.

Tony and his wife, Nicola, spend six months of every year travelling through Africa, where Tony researches and writes his books. His books, FAR HORIZON (2004), ZAMBEZI (2005), AFRICAN SKY (2006), SAFARI (2007), and SILENT PREDATOR (2008) deal with issues such as conservation, hunting, poaching, crime, and corruption.

Tony was born in 1964 and grew up in the western suburbs of Sydney. He has worked as a newspaper reporter in Australia and England, a government press secretary, a public relations consultant, and a freelance writer.

He is also a major in the Australian Army Reserve and served six months in Afghanistan in 2002 as the public affairs officer for the Australian ground forces.

When they're not in Africa, camping in the continent's magnificent national parks and living out of the back of their old Series III Land Rover (which they leave garaged in southern Africa), Tony and Nicola live in Sydney. Welcome Tony and Nicola!!!



Update from Tony Park

I was thrilled and honoured to be asked if I would be one of PDC Inc's patrons. I still don't really know what a patron does, but my view is that if PDC Inc wants me to do something, I'll do it!

When I first started writing books set in Africa, and was lucky enough to get published, one of my hopes was that one day I'd somehow be able to use this new career path to raise awareness about wildlife conservation issues in Africa and, hopefully, find a way to give something back to the continent I've grown to love. (I'm not from Africa originally, but my wife, Nicola, and I spend six months of every year there, while I research and write my books).

So, when John and Ange from PDC Inc contacted me a couple of years ago and asked if I'd speak at a fundraiser in Perth I jumped at the chance. Thank you to all of you who came along to the last two events I've spoken at, and thanks especially to everyone who made a bid at auction to have a name used as a character in one of my books.

My latest novel, "Ivory" features PDC Inc members Kim Hoddy and Petrice Judge and next year's book, which is set in the Okavango Delta, will feature successful bidder Sydney Chipchase, and the one and only John Lemon (whose character is a Painted Dog researcher in Botswana!).

As I write this I'm in South Africa working on another book. A few weeks ago I was in Zimbabwe and stopped in for the first time at the excellent Painted Dog Conservation centre just outside Hwange National Park's main camp. I'd heard about the centre but I was blown away by just how well designed and well managed the place is.

I even got to meet John and Ange the painted dogs. John was

babysitting a litter of five puppies whose parents had been killed by lions near Robins Camp in the north-west of Hwange. Guide Xmas told me that the plan was to release the pups in a few months' time, and that they were confident they would be successfully adopted by a wild pack elsewhere in Hwange.

Thanks, again, to PDC Inc for inviting me to come on board and to each and every one of you who support this brilliant cause, thank you, and have a merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



Above: Tony Park pictured with Xmas Mpofu, head keeper at Painted Dog Conservation (Zimbabwe) Rehabilitation Centre.

An Evening with Tony Park 2009

Following the success of "An Evening with Tony Park" in 2008, PDC Inc celebrated the return of Tony, one of Australia's best selling authors, to Perth on the 7th August, 2009.

PDC Inc hosted a cocktail evening for 110 guests in the "Gershwin Room" at the prestigious Hyatt Hotel. Guests were treated to canapes and drinks for the duration of the event, whilst perusing African artefacts and artworks to be auctioned later in the evening.

The highlight of the night was the launch of Tony's latest novel "Ivory". As was done last year, Tony auctioned the rights to 2 character names in his next book, which is due for release later in 2010.

The winning bids were placed by Syd Chipchase and Kim Hoddy-however, there was a twist to the evening with Kim insisting on giving her character to John Lemon!!! So the breaking news is that in Tony's next novel, one of the main characters will be John Lemon, a Painted Dog Researcher!! Thank you once again to Kim for her generosity.

The night was a huge success with money raised going to our projects in Zambia, Namibia and Zimbabwe, and we look forward to another Tony Park event later in 2010 for the release of his next book!!



Above left: Tony warming the crowd with his stories of Africa. Top right: Tony Park and Nicholas Duncan (President SAVE Foundation) work the crowd during the auction. Bottom right: Wayne Monks busy with the auction items. Middle right: The enthralled crowd mesmerised with Tony's presentation.

Farewells

Greg Gibbard

We say a fond farewell to one of the founding members of PDC Inc. and former Chairman Greg Gibbard. Greg has taken up a three year position as Administrator for the Zimbabwe Painted Dog Conservation Project. Greg has worked tirelessly with the committee to get PDC Inc. to the successful NGO it is today. Greg resigned from the committee at the AGM held in October to take up the position in Zimbabwe. He will continue to be involved in PDC Inc. in an advisory capacity. We wish Greg all the best for the coming years and hope to hear of his adventures from the Dark Continent.



Richard "Dick" Watson

Being one of the founding members of PDC Inc back in 2003, Richard Watson has been an integral part to the success of Association to date. Richard has been our Treasurer along with other roles and after six years has decided to step down to allow him to focus on the countless other associations, clubs and charities he is involved in. He is a champion with a heart of Gold and we wish him all the best in his future endeavours. He will continue to be an active member of PDC Inc and will stay on as an advisor for all those accounting questions. Thanks Dick you will be missed!!



Dr Luke Hunter

From the inception of Painted Dog Conservation Incorporated in October 2003, we have been blessed with the support of our fond Patrons Bradley Trevor Greive and Dr Luke Hunter.

Sadly for 2010 we say farewell to Luke as our official Patron. He is still and will remain a key supporter and advisor to our work but due to his increased work commitments he has had to take a back seat so to speak.

Born and raised in Melbourne, Luke Hunter is now the Executive Director of Panthera, formed in 2006 to conserve the world's 36 species of Wild Cats. Prior to which he headed the Great Cats Program of the Wildlife Conservation Society, and held positions in universities in Australia and South Africa. Luke has conducted fieldwork on large cats in Africa since 1992.

His doctorate examined the behaviour and ecology of reintroduced cheetahs and lions in South Africa, and evaluated the effectiveness of reintroduction as a tool to re-establish populations of large cats. His current projects include assessing the effects of sport hunting and illegal persecution on leopards outside protected areas, developing a conservation strategy for lions across their African range, and the first intensive study of Persian leopards and the last surviving Asiatic cheetahs in Iran.

Luke has contributed to 80 scientific papers and popular articles, and has written five books. He is working on his sixth book, a field guide to all carnivores of the world.

We wish Luke all the best for the future and from the short biography above you have to agree he is one very busy man indeed.





Creature Feature: Black Mamba

The Black Mamba snake also known as *Dendroaspis polylepis* is one of Africa's most dangerous and feared snakes. The black mamba is the largest venomous snake in Africa and the second largest snake in the world, after the King Cobra. Adult black mambas have an average length of 2.5 metres or 8.2 feet and a maximum length of 4.5 metres or around 14 feet. The Black Mamba is also one of the fastest land snakes in the world. It has the capability to reach speeds in excess of 12 mph or 20km/hr. It mainly uses this speed to escape danger rather than capturing prey.

The Black Mamba gets its name not because the colour of its body, but because it has a black inky colour mouth. The black mamba has either a dark olive, olive green, grey brown or metal colour skin depending on what area of the country the Black Mamba is found. As Black Mambas begin to age, their skin starts to become darker.

Black Mambas are elapid snakes, which mean they are venomous snakes found in tropical or subtropical regions around the world including the Indian and Pacific Ocean. Elapid snakes are characterized by having a set of hollow, fixed fangs through which they inject venom. Black Mambas venom contains powerful, fast-acting neurotoxins and cardiotoxins, including calocseptine. Calocseptine contains 60 amino acids with four disulfide bonds and is one of the main culprits for the Black Mambas prey to stop pumping blood through its veins.

Each bite that the Black Mamba delivers has about 100-120 mg of venom on average and it can deliver up to 400 mg. If the venom reaches a vein, .25 mg/kg is enough to kill a full-size human in half of the cases. The initial symptom of the bite is local pain in the bite area, and then the victim experiences a tingling sensation in the mouth and extremities, double vision, tunnel vision, severe confusion, fever, excessive perspiration, foaming of the mouth and nose, and a lack of muscle control.

If the victim does not receive medical attention, symptoms rapidly progress to severe abdominal pain, nausea and vomiting, shortness of breath, and paralysis. Eventually, the victim experiences convulsions, respiratory arrest, coma, and then death. Without antivenom, the mortality rate is nearly

100%, the highest among venomous snakes.

The black mamba usually delivers multiple strikes when defending itself from threats. This snake injects its potent neurotoxin and cardiotoxin with each strike, often attacking the body or head, unlike most other snakes. It can strike up to 12 times in a row. A single bite from a black mamba can inject enough venom to kill up to 10–25 grown men, easily killing one unless the appropriate antivenom is administered in time.

When in the striking position, the mamba flattens its neck, hisses very loudly and displays its inky black mouth and fangs. It can rear up around two-third of its body from the ground, which allows it to reach heights of approximately four feet.

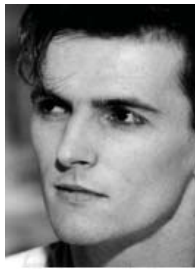
Like many reptiles, the Black Mamba relies on external heat to regulate its body heat. The Black Mamba snake must live in a warm dry environment, which is why you will find this snake in Somalia, Egypt, Ethiopia, Kenya, Tanzania, Botswana, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe, Angola, Namibia, Malawi, Mozambique, South Africa, Swaziland, and the Congo. These snakes are found in open savannahs, open woodlands, and rocky outcrops.

Black Mambas main source of food include rodents, ground squirrels, and other small mammals. When hunting small animals, the black mamba delivers one or two deadly bites and backs off, waiting for the neurotoxin in its venom to paralyze the prey. After ingestion, powerful acids digest the prey, sometimes within 8 to 10 hours.

Black Mamba snakes tend to live for long periods of time in vacant insect mounds or hollow trees. They are known as creatures of habit and will return to their same basking spots on a daily basis to warm their body. They use their eyesight to detect motion, and sudden movements will cause them to strike. The tongue of the mamba is extended from the mouth to collect and analyze air particles which are then deposited in the vomeronasal organ on the roof of the mouth. These snakes have no external ears, but are quite skilled at detecting vibrations from the ground. Just like other snakes, they will display aggression with a set of signals, warning the possibility of attack if threatened.

Source: <http://www.blackmambasnake.com/>

Dates for Your Diaries



13-20 MARCH 2010

In March 2009, the Absolutely 80s band toured metro and country Western Australia to sell out crowds. They donated part proceeds from one of their performances at the Belvoir Function Centre to PDCInc –all 100 guests in attendance had a fantastic evening, rocking along to the music of the 80s performed by the original artists themselves.

Absolutely 80s are a fantastic road show born from the sold-out Countdown Spectacular of 2006. Brian Mannix, Sean Kelly, Scott Carne and Ally Fowler performed all their hits, in a 2-hour jam-packed show with a bunch Aussie 80's gems thrown in.

When the guys started pumping out hits like Everybody wants to work, 50 Years, Party, Bitter Desire, Current Stand, Barbados, I Hear Motion, Out of Mind Out of Sight, Change in Mood, Shine and Wanna be Up, the crowd certainly hit the dance floor!

The great news is that the Absolutely 80's is heading back to Perth during the week of the 13 -20 March 2010. Venues are still to be advised; however we can confirm that part proceeds of one of their gigs will be again donated to PDCInc. As soon as venues are booked, we will let you know-but thought we would give you the heads up well in advance!

So if you're keen for a high-powered dose of nostalgia, this is a show not to be missed for the true 80s lover at heart –so MARK IT IN YOUR DIARY NOW!!!

Scott Carne

Successfully rode the "new wave" of 80's pop with his band "Kids in the Kitchen" the band had success

With the Platinum selling debut album "Shine". Yielding 5 top ten singles including "Change in Mood", "Bitter Desire" & "Current Stand".

Kids in the Kitchen quickly became a household name, and signed an international deal with (Madonna's management and USA record contract) Warner Brothers/Sire Records. The second LP "Terrain" was released in 1986 and contained two Top 20 hits "Say It" and "Revolution Love", which saw the Kids touring the world before returning to Australia to break venue capacity records!

Scott was a popular host on Countdown – doing many a gig for Molly while the hat man was travelling and also performed before Royalty (Charles and Diana)

These days Scott is more behind the scenes, running a successful booking Agency "POPSHOP" but says he prefers nothing more than jumping on stage and jamming with his 80's mates and playing with the Absolutely 80's Band.

23 APRIL 2010

Painted Dog Conservation Inc is hosting an Art Auction Cocktail Evening on Friday 23 April 2009 at Hamilton Hill Memorial Hall. Not only will the evening showcase the talent of local and interstate artists, but part proceeds are being donated to PDC Inc.

Artists include our very own committee member, Jenny Preston, who is a world renowned wildlife artist, Chris McClelland, Steve Morvell, Bradley Trevor Greive, Kellie Leigh (founder of African Wildog Conservation in Zambia) and many more.....



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The Object of the Association is:

To advance conservation for the public benefit of the African Painted Dog, (also referred to as a Wild Dog) *Lycaon pictus*, through education promoting and disseminating research into such conservation and seeking to achieve their sustainable management.



Would You Like To Help?

Our supported projects do NOT receive any government funding and is wholly reliant on donations to continue its operations.

The key factor in retaining the workers from the local communities – both skilled and unskilled who are classed as staff – is to have sufficient funding available to pay them a reasonable wage.

Please consider a donation for the work to continue.

All donations received are put without deduction to the benefit of the African Painted Dog.

Here's What to Do

Forward a cheque or money order (within Australia) made payable to:

Painted Dog Conservation Inc
C/- The Treasurer
Post Office Box 40
Westminster WA 6061

Credit cards (Overseas and Australia): We can accept either Visa or Mastercard. Please tear off the slip below and forward to the Treasurer, whose address appears above.

Credit Card Transaction

Please note that PDC Inc does not recommend provision of credit card details via email, and will not request them.

Name:

Address:

Credit Card Type: Visa / Mastercard

Card Number.....Expiry Date.....

Name on Card.....

Amount:.....\$AUD / \$USD Signature:.....

Please note that the entry on your statement will be "Chris & Marge McClelland, Oxley".

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