



Media release

Beach takes extinction by the horns with Southern White Rhino sponsorship

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Beach Energy has announced a new partnership with Monarto Safari Park, supporting the iconic Southern White Rhinos, helping to safeguard the future of the much-loved and endangered species.

The partnership includes support for the Australian Rhino Project, which involves the future relocation of eight Southern White Rhinos from South Africa to Monarto Safari Park, adding to the Park's current population of five.

Beach Energy Managing Director Matt Kay said the partnership with Monarto Safari Park is exciting for the company and continues its long partnership with Zoos SA.

"Beach Energy is thrilled to support the Southern White Rhinos and enhance the conservation efforts around these beloved creatures so they can be enjoyed by future generations," Mr Kay said.

"We are very lucky to have such a world-class facility in Monarto Safari Park right here on our doorstep, it is a great place for families to enjoy and learn about endangered and near-threatened animals like the Southern White Rhino."

Zoos SA Chief Executive Elaine Bensted said Zoos SA is currently working with The Australian Rhino Project and other partners to create a rhino sanctuary at Monarto Safari Park.

"Securing Beach Energy as a major partner is a coup for Monarto Safari Park and is great endorsement of our conservation efforts," said Elaine.

"Beach Energy's support is helping us to safeguard the future of Southern White Rhinos and is greatly appreciated.

"With up to three rhino being poached in the wild each day, the race to save the species has never been so urgent. With Beach Energy's support, we can continue our conservation efforts for Southern White Rhino both here with the Australian Rhino Project and also in Africa where we work with the South African National Parks Honorary Rangers.

News of Beach Energy's sponsorship follows other positive news for Monarto Safari Park. Zoos SA recently announced that Gerry Ryan, OAM, is to build a \$40 million resort at the Safari Park. Money from the land sale and a future 'conservation fee' applied to guests' stays will help Zoos SA to raise more funds for their important conservation work.

“We can’t wait to welcome Beach Energy’s employees and their families to Monarto Safari Park and to introduce them to our precious rhino. We know they will love the crash as much as we do.”

About:

Monarto Safari Park is home to a rhino crash of five Southern White Rhinoceros, two mature bulls (Ibutho and Satara) and three adult females (Savannah, Uhura and Umqali).

Uhura and Umqali are the mothers to the six rhino calves born at the zoo over the last few years.

Satara and Umqali, arrived at Monarto Safari Park in September 2002 from the Kruger National Park in South Africa.

Ibutho, Monarto’s other bull, is housed separately as adult males are very territorial.

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