



“GO LONG BASIL BILBY” **BIKE EXPEDITION**

AUSTRALIA WIDE APPEAL

**Welcome to the dry, dusty, sun parched world of
Australia’s rare and endangered little animals!**

**Due to the disruptive influence of man and introduced
animals such as Cats, Foxes and the Rabbit, many of
our own native animals are on the brink of
extinction. The little fella’s need some help!!!**

**On behalf of Kanyana Wildlife Centre in Western
Australia, Mr Paul Bernard Richardson will cycle in a
Bilby Suit from Perth Zoo in Western Australia to
Taronga Zoo in Sydney (a distance of 4500 kilometres).**

The aim of this exhaustive undertaking is to raise as much money as possible for the Native Animal Captive Breeding Programme at Kanyana.

Kanyana Wildlife Rehabilitation Centre Incorporated is a privately run non-profit organisation originally set up to rehabilitate sick and injured native animals. Run by volunteers entirely it is now a major link in the survival of our rare and threatened species. The Centre was established in 1986 by June and Lloyd Butcher, two great Australians. Many animals bred at Kanyana have been successfully reintroduced back into the wild, such as the Bilby at Dryandra Forest, Narrogin, WA. Ninety volunteers do all work, from feeding and cleaning to veterinary advice and physiotherapy!

The date of the Bilby Bike departure will be Tuesday, 25th July 2000 from the Perth Zoo in South Perth. The official launch of this fund raising initiative will be at the launch of the documentary “Operation Feathergrinder” in Perth on 12th July 2000.

Why The Basil Bilby Bike Expedition???

“Basil” was a Bilby (Rare Bandicoot) that lived at Kanyana until his unfortunate death from sickness. This amazing fellow had come down to Perth from the Kimberley region of W.A.. He was a wild Bilby and for genetical reasons, became a valuable part of Kanyana’s

Breeding Programme. Thanks to “Baz” there are now more young Bilbies making their mark on the world!!.

To illustrate the tenuous link that Australia’s native animals have with us all we have named this expedition after a great Australian...Basil!!

The crazy man who will be belting along the asphalt on his bike will be none other than Paul Richardson. Richo is a well-known Western Australian public bar identity that has a penchant for weird and wonderful undertakings. This is his biggest yet!!

What we ask of you now is to consider a contribution to the Kanyana Wildlife Centre based on your level of concern for our rare animals and their fund raising cobbler Paul”Pablo”Richardson.

If you don’t know these are... Bilby, Chuditch, Mala, Mardo, Mundarda, Mulgara, Boodie, Kowari, Nabarlek, Djoongari, Red Tailed Wambenger, Black Tailed Wambenger, Numbat, Woylie, Potoroo, Rock Possum...and the list goes on!!...then I think you will realise the urgency of their preservation.

The cost of the expedition has been partially covered by generous sponsorship from “The Pastoralists and Graziers Association” and the people of Kulin.

All we ask now is that you send a cheque (no matter how large or small) made out to “Kanyana Wildlife Centre” to the following address:

The Basil Bilby Fund
Kanyana Wildlife Centre
70 Kalamatta Way
Gooseberry Hill 6076
Western Australia

All donations are tax deductible. Please leave forwarding address so that a receipt can be posted back to you by Kanyana. Any donations greater than \$10 entitles you to be an associate member of Kanyana and you will receive a regular newsletter to keep you informed on Kanyana’s progress.

In conjunction with the bicycle trip, we hope to raise \$100,000.

An alternative is to be part of the animal sponsorship programme. Your organisation, school or family could sponsor an aviary or an endangered animal in the captive-breeding programme. Please inform of your preference.

This event is organised by *Inland Event Management*.

Contact details for expedition are as follows:

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See below for Basil's Fundraising Committee:

Fundraising Committee

(In no particular order except Huddo wanted to be first)

Richard Hudson (Shepparton Vic)
Naomi Morison (Perth WA)
David Satchell (Sydney NSW)
Robin Anderson (Tambellup WA)
John Foss (Wickepin WA)
Kathleen Broderick (Perth WA)
Paul Richardson (Perth WA)#
Michael Eyres (Kulin WA)
Sam Fischer (Ho Chi Minh City. Vietnam)

Ben Scott (Adelaide SA)
Rachel Kelly (Adelaide SA)
Hugh Dowling (Sydney NSW)
Wade Hinkley (Kulin WA)
Jarron and Tracy Noble (Kulin WA)
Sandy Cameron (Melbourne Vic)
Sara Murphy (Melbourne Vic)
Simon Gaskell (Northampton UK)
Bramwell Collins (Atherton Tableland QLD)
Peter Gall (Blackall QLD)
Michael James Dilloway Slee (Bidyadanga WA)
Teresa Court (Perth WA)
David Ukich (Stavange Norway)
Greg Noyes (Los Angeles USA)
Kate Duckett (Henley-on-Thames UK)
Sarah Straton (Prospective Sydney 2000 Olympian)
Caroline Moylan (Kellerberrin WA)
Melanie Byres (Perth WA)
Sanchia Robinson (Perth WA)
Sue Johnston (Perth WA)
Holly Winnall (Sydney NSW)
Regina Radlmair (Markt Schwaben Germany)#
Rodney “Blinkybill” Duckworth (Jitarning WA)
Liza and Kylie Dowling (Popanyinning WA)
John Pascoe (Williams WA)
Rob Strahan of “Strahans Lawns” (Perth WA)
Denis Charles Crowdie (PNG)

#Denotes cyclists

A website is being constructed. We will keep you informed.

Anyone who feels like joining Basil for part of this trip is more than welcome, Cyclists and lead vehicles are in short supply. In fact, ANY lead vehicle for the poor fellow would be a bonus.

Please send this email to as many interested people as possible.

Thank you for your support.

SO LONG AND GO LONG BASIL!