

# NACSA AWARDS 2007

The NACSA award is given to Non members of NACSA who have promoted Community conservation and helped NACSA to reach our Goals

The NACSA Chairman's Award award is given to members of NACSA who have shown outstanding commitment and service to NACSA

## NACSA AWARD

### Councilor Franci Hossack

Franci Has been a councilor with the Midvaal council for over 8 years. She has promoted conservancies not only in Midvaal but wherever she goes. She treats everyone with respect .Her hospitality towards any helpless people is to be admired. Almal se Moeder She helped form the First informal settlement Conservancy in Gauteng, Tswelopele  
Franci NACSA is proud of you keep up the good work



**Executive Mayor Alderman Marti Wenger and Councilor Franci Hassack**

## **Danielle Thompson**

Danielle has unselfishly worked many hours for NACSA she did our application for the IUCN she also did the documentation for NACSA's application to become a Non Profit Organisation She also helped with the document that helped us win the M&G award last Friday

She is presently the Secretary of Thorntree Conservancy

She has also done all the secretarial work for both the Gauteng Conservancy Association and NACSA which is not an easy task as she has to work with Ivan Parkes who wants everything done yesterday and also checks everything with hawk's eyes

She has always been Available to promote NACSA, last year she promoted NACSA at the Welferdiend Country Fair and at Wits University



**NACSA Chairman Anthony Duigan ,Executive Mayor Alderman Marti Wenger and Danielle Thompson**

# NACSA Chairman's Award

## Dr Vicky Ahlmann

Dr. Vicky Ahlmann, who was awarded the 2005 Endangered wildlife Trust Conservationist of the Year, is a veterinary surgeon who originally hails from Berlin, Germany.

She is currently working as the Riverine Rabbit Working Group Manager at the Endangered Wildlife Trust.

The Riverine Rabbit, whose natural habitat is the Western and Northern Cape, falls under the endangered species list. Vicky solely promotes conservancies within the Northern Cape Province in order to try and preserve the environment of the little creatures she is so passionate about.

Last year's NACSA meeting was held in Sandveld in the Free State. On her way to this meeting, Vicky travelled with a stuffed mounted rabbit that she uses at exhibitions. The road was so bumpy resulting in the rabbit bouncing around to such an extent that she later exclaimed "Ivan, I got such a fright, I thought the rabbit had come to life."

Conservation and more specifically the Riverine Rabbit are extremely fortunate to have a dedicated individual of this calibre looking after their interests.



Dr Vicky Ahlman

## **Jean Lindsay**

**In 1988 she was presented with an M Net Green Trust Award on behalf of the Wildlife Society for her contribution to the work on the Metropolitan Open Space System. In 1993 her work with the Fulton School for the Deaf's Recycling Project resulted in the school being one of the finalists on the M Net green Trust Award. In 1999 she won the KZN Wildlife Conservation Award, in the Individual Category, in recognition of outstanding commitment and contribution to the natural environment of KZN.**

**Also in 1999 the Inner West City Council of Durban paid tribute to her for her service to the broader community in her conservation work.**

**In 2003 she won the WESSA conservationist of the Year Award.**

**She has sat on a number of committees in various environmental associations, from Wessa and EEASA to The Natal Bird Club, KwaZulu Recycling Forum, EKZN Wildlife Honorary Officers and has been the Chairperson of the New Germany Conservancy and KZN Conservancies Association.**

**In 1997 Jean retired after 30 years of teaching to pursue her interests in nature conservation and broader environmental issues. She was an environmental consultant for a while and is now an eThekweni Municipal Councillor. When she is not editing the Guineafowl Magazine, conducting "froggy operatics", fighting unscrupulous developers or keeping the various government departments on their toes, Jean keeps fit by hiking, scuba diving and mountain biking.**



**NACSA Chairman Anthony Duigan ,Executive Mayor Alderman Marti Wenger and Jean Lindsay**

## **Bob Dehning**

**Bob Dehning has made a huge impact on the conservancy scene since he and his wife, Cheryl, were among the founding members of the Gauteng Conservancy Association.**

**One of his great passions, and area of enormous expertise, is to commune with trees - at least that is what one would think when one sees Bob and Cheryl discussing the intimate characteristics of various indigenous tree types. Bob has been involved for many years with the Tree Society and has given freely of his time - as has Cheryl - to go out to conservancies and help them identify and draw up checklists of trees and other important plants on their properties.**

**But Bob's highest profile work has been in the "green legal" area:**

- checking on the sensitivities of properties that come under the threat of development**
- continually testing development applications against Gauteng's Conservation Plan**
- assisting conservancies with expert guidance on what to do when confronted by threats of inappropriate development and habitat destruction**
- providing checklists on the scoping reports produced by developers**
- challenging the developers and their consultants.**

**In fact, environmental consultants won't like this but Bob has sometimes been one of their best educators, ensuring they fulfill their proper role and not letting them get away with sloppy work.**

**In this capacity he is to be found at Development Tribunal hearings across Gauteng. He is also a networker supreme, digging out important contacts across the spectrum of environmental and conservation governance.**

**He also sits on two major environmental groups - the WESSA NGO Forum and the Klipriver Wetlands Forum.**

**This expertise he has given to Nacsa at a national level as well and he stands as one of the guardians of community-based conservation in South Africa.**



**Bob Dehning**