



THE WELVERDIEND TRIANGLE CONSERVANCY

(GCA No: 042.)



CHAIRMAN'S REPORT period 2005-2006

Committee

Chairman:	Reg Humphrey
Vice Chairman:	Wynand van der Berg
Treasurer:	Gerrit Boersma
Secretary:	Annatjie van der Berg
Faire Committee:	Reg, Charmaine, Willie, Wynand, Annatjie, Welma, Jenny

I would like to take a moment and reflect back on a year past

Our Humble beginnings:

Do we remember those days not so long ago when the threat of low cost housing, squatters, and just not knowing, were the portions for the day. When adjacent neighbours didn't even know each other's names, never mind telephone numbers. It was on one such day coming back from a highly charged and politically motivated meeting that I decided. Now was the time to take action and DO! instead of complaining. Here follows a brief notation of events as the seed of our Welverdiend Triangle Conservancy grew....

Important Events:

We received our official certificate of registration from GCA in February 2006.
Planning, preparation and planting of our signboards followed by an official Mayoral unveiling by The Executive Mayor MidVaal Marti Wenger.
The formation of a dedicated, motivated management team to take us forward in establishing our Conservancy within the local community.
Invite to participate in the regional Gauteng Conservation Awards.
Proactive and community level type involvement and support of local Municipal Elections.
The creation and establishment of a point of contact between ourselves (The Organisation) and the local community, media, council, government departments and business as a whole.
Invite to attend the Merit Award Ceremony of the Mail and Guardian greening the Future as part of the G.C.A. committee.

Projects:

Local rubbish and refuse pickups on gautrans roads – ongoing.
Development and Implementation of local security plan – SAPS and Community. – ongoing.
Develop and implement local fire prevention and response plan. - ongoing.
Develop a management plan. – ongoing.
Develop and implement environmental management plan. – ongoing
Family outing and excursion with the Tree Society of South Africa scheduled for 23rd July 2006. – education.
Hosting of The Annual Conservancy Spring Country Faire at Zomerlust Estate in Sep 2006. – fund raising.

Future projects are in planning to introduce training and awareness within the local community on subjects as diverse as soil, HIV Aids, Alien vegetation, fire prevention and fighting techniques and security.

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Awards Received:

I am very impressed to note that Welverdiend Triangle Conservancy came a wonderful third position in the annual conservation awards in the category of Top Gauteng Conservancy Meerkat Award. As this is a highly prized award which is very closely contested annually between the 52 odd Gauteng Conservancies this was certainly no easy feat. We can be very proud of this achievement which once again gives credit to the members and my dedicated management team without which this award would not have been possible.

I would like to mention what was quoted by the judges in their decision of making us the recipient of this award:

"This is a very new conservancy and yet, has achieved a remarkable amount. The participation of members and their extensive community work is wonderful. They show fantastic initiative with their projects and efforts to involve as many people as possible in their activities and planning. The initiation of an EMP and species lists is good. They demonstrate a passion for their conservancy and a strong appreciation for the value of their natural resources. This conservancy has remarkable potential and should keep going!"



The Award was received by Reg & Charmaine Humphrey on behalf of the WTC during the recent Gauteng Conservancy Association's AGM held at a freezing Danie Taljaard Hall on the East Rand 20th May 2006.

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Affiliations:

Successful affiliations have already been achieved with:

Meyerton SAPS via Meyerton Community Policing Forum representation – At management and local levels.
Midvaal Town Council and Executive boards.
Meyerton Fire Department.
Local Plaas and Buurtwag organizations.
Local Midvaal traffic department.
Gauteng Conservation Association & NACSA.
Tree Society of South Africa.

Schools, Education, Tourism and the Midvaal meander are still to be dealt with.

Ongoing Local Issues:

These are generally dealt with during regular member and management meetings and include:

Security within the community,
The current state and upkeep of local roads etc.,
Fire protection organizations and issues surrounding the law etc.,
Environmental based training and awareness.
Creation of a local species list database with pictures.

Media & Internet Site:

We have successfully liaised with local media and enjoy regular print exposure in our local newspapers.
An interim internet site was developed and is up at address <http://www.solutions4u.co.za/WTC/main.htm>
This will develop and grow as our organization matures.

Maps & Aerial Photographs:

We have managed to acquire various maps and photographs of our area in an attempt to better monitor and manage the environment around us.

Present Needs of Organisation:

Admin – funding for general office requirements such as printing, paper etc.
Equipment – purchase of fire prevention or fighting equipment, grass cutters/burners etc.
Sponsors – look to local business for ongoing organizational running costs sponsorships.
Fund raising – acquire donors or participating member type fund raising events etc.

Conclusion:

In ending I consider it an honour and privilege to be included in the continued goal of preserving our environment and its associated heritage. Thanks to all those dedicated members and my management team who have and continue to strive alongside me in this venture, for their amazing support and advice in times good and bad. It would not have been possible without you all. A new and challenging year now lies ahead in which I would like to see more member and local community participation.

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