



**THE
WELVERDIEND
TRIANGLE CONSERVANCY**

God's Creation - Our Responsibility!

(GCA No: 042.)



CHAIRMANS REPORT period 2006 - 2007

Current Management Team

Chairman:	Reg Humphrey
Vice Chairman:	Roy Mostert
Treasurer:	Gerrit Boersma
Assistant Treasurer:	Colyn Purdon
Secretary:	Estelle Danielsen

This past year has been a year of painful growth for me and my family. I have shared much of myself in emotional reports during the year. I am willing to learn and to change. For WTC it has been a year of "consolidation" and lessons learnt.

From our humble beginnings, with the threat of low cost housing and squatters- we have come a long way. I say we, as I have not done it alone. I must thank my wife for standing by me, for the work she does for the conservancy and for the community. I would also like to thank Ivan Parkes for his support and advice. Thank you to the management team and to those members who I have been able to call on for assistance. I am grateful to Malonjeni for allowing us the privilege of using their beautiful and most convenient venue for our meetings.

In the short time I have worked together with the new management team they have already taken a load off of me and Charmaine. Because of their expertise and commitment Charmaine and I now have some free time to focus on what's important and that is conservation. I have found that fire and security overwhelm us and most of our time and energy is focused on resolving emotional issues as a direct result. I am preparing for more development issues to come our way. There is an interest and demand for property specifically in our conservancy.

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Projects and Future plans

Local litter pickups on Gautrans roads-ongoing
Recycling-pick up point in conservancy
Education on waste removal
Radio or CB contact between us (currently investigating)
Portfolios for fire and security
Tree Society excursions
Country Fair at Malonjeni Nov 2008
Projects for fund raising-Sept 2007
Develop a management plan-ongoing
Develop an environmental management plan-ongoing
Removal of invader plants- eg. bankrot bos (a serious problem in our conservancy)
Planting of trees (awaiting an answer from Sasol)
Training and awareness within the local community on subjects like soil, overgrazing, fire prevention, recycling.
Creation of a local species list. Birds etc.
Conservancy Signboards on member properties
Identification for all workers in the conservancy

Affiliations

Meyerton SAPS

Myself, Charmaine, Colyn, Chantelle are officially police reservists with training starting soon-conservancy members will have access to police services within our community. (if we pass our tests)

Midvaal-not for political reasons but to assist the community and to stay up to date with current municipal issues eg. the requirement of building plans for future and existing buildings and future planned developments

Gauteng Conservation Association (GCA)

National Association of Conservancies South Africa (NACSA)

Tree Society

EWT (Endangered Wildlife Trust)

National Department of Air Quality Control – Government Level

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Achievements

I could not enter the Meerkat Award for our conservancy this year, sadly I just didn't have time. Will try again hopefully this year coming.

The cooperation of SAP Meyerton and police reservists. Without our knowledge they often patrol our area and the local shebeens. As a result the current crime rate is zero.

We are hopefully more security conscious.

Our conservancy is zoned Eco-Tourism. We have the support of Midvaal with any tourism business, providing we are legal.

Conservation is covered in most newspapers and on television news on a daily basis. We are getting attention.

Involvement with current developments (factories and eco estates) in our conservancy and in neighboring areas. We are well equipped to deal with these sensitive issues because of many hours spent attending workshops and with the help and expertise of the GCA. We might not be able to stop development completely but we do have a say in how it happens.

I continue to consider it an honor and privilege to be part of this conservancy. The peace and quiet and the quality of life far out weighs the difficult challenges we face. Midvaal will be putting demands on us regarding buildings without plans, future and existing. Please call me if you have a problem and let us work together with council on this issue.

May God bless you all and may all the dreams you have for your place in the sun come true.

Regards

Reg Humphrey
WTC Chairman (2006-2007)

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