



CAPE FOX AWARDS 2018

SYMPOSIUM 2018 ● CAPE FOX AWARDS

The Conservation at Work Symposium 2018: Biodiversity and Natural Resource Conservation for Economic and eco system resilience took place from 19-20 November 2018, at the Graham & Rhona Beck Skills Centre, Robertson.

This year we had 130 delegates attending and 23 speakers. It was a very successful event and Conservation at work is proud to build on the successes of our 2016 and 2017 Knowledge Sharing events for conservation minded landowners. With this we had our Annual Cape Fox Awards to acknowledge great people and their hard work which contribute tremendously to environmental conservation and sustainability. The acknowledgements were as follows: The Gold Award for Best Conservancy in the Central region went to Rooiberg Breede Conservancy and the Gold Award for the Eastern Region were awarded to Grootvadersbosch.



Liz Egligton, Chairperson Conservation at Work (left) presenting the Cape Fox Awards 2018 with Garth Mortimer from Cape Nature (middle) and Key Heyns (Conservation at Work).



Garth Mortimer from Cape Nature (Left) and Kei Heyns from Conservation at Work (Right) handing over the Cape Fox Gold Award (Central Region) to Jackie Robinson (middle) from Rooiberg Breede Conservancy.



Aileen Anderson (General Manager) from Grootvadersbosch Conservancy accepting the Cape Fox Gold Award (Eastern Region) for Best Conservancy from Garth Mortimer and Kei Heyns.

Below is Chairperson Stephen Smuts of Napier Mountain Conservancy accepting the Cape Fox Silver Award (eastern region) from Garth Mortimer and Kei Heyns.



The Cape Fox Award for the Best Managed Individual Member/ Property were awarded to West Coast Fossil Park



Here Pippa Haarhoff, manager from West Coast Fossil Park is accepting the Cape Fox for Best Managed Individual Property

This year there were a new Cape Fox Gold Award for The Best Landscape Initiative and it was awarded to The Gouritz Cluster Biosphere Reserve.



The Cape Fox Trophies



Wendy Craine (middle) and Andre Britz (right) from Gouritz Cluster Biosphere Reserve accepting the Cape Fox Gold Award for Best Landscape Initiative.

The Cape Fox Gold Award for the Best Manager of a Conservancy went to Adele Toua of the Greater Simonsberg Conservancy, below she is receiving her award from Garth Mortimer and Kei Heyns.



Funding is quite essential when it comes to achieving your conservation goals and this year Conservation at Work gave acknowledgement to our main Funder, The Wilderness Foundation for their continual support in funding the Symposium and Cape Fox Awards over the past 3 years. Their funding support contributed greatly to the success of our knowledge exchange events. We also thank, the Table Mountain Fund, Graham & Rhona Beck Skills Center, The Graham Beck Development Trust and The Beck Family Development Foundation and all that contributed to making these events a success over the past three years.

Below Mossie Basson (middle) from Graham Beck accepting The Cape Fox Award for Funder of the Year 2018 on behalf of Wilderness Foundation.



Conservation at Work acknowledged our tremendous partners, Cape Nature and Landcare for their contribution by awarding them both the Cape Fox Partner Award for 2018



Above (left to right): Kei Heyns (Conservation at Work, Senior Ranger at Fransmanshoek Conservancy), Francis Steyn (Sustainable Resource manager: Landcare WC Department of Agriculture), Garth Mortimer (Senior Manager: Protected Area Expansion & Stewardship) and Ingrid du Plessis (Whale Coast Conservation).

Conservation at Work also held their Annual General Meeting on the 20th of November 2018 and would like to welcome all the new members to the Executive committee. The following members were elected (in no particular order):

- Liz Eglington – Buffelshoek farm
- Dianne Marais- Hemenl en Aarde Valley
- Mossie Basson – Rooiberg Breede Conservancy
- Heather Epstein – Schapenberg Sir Lowry Conservancy
- Kei Heyns – Fransmanshoek Conservancy
- Alouise Lynch - Bionerds
- Eugene Hahndiek – Nuwejaars Wetlands Special Management Area
- Michael Fabricius – Walker Bay Conservancy
- Abraham Suse – Schapenberg Sir Lowry Conservancy

Partner representatives

- Francis Steyn: Landcare
- Garth Mortimer: Cape Nature
- Lindsay Lewis: Cape Nature
- Gareth Boothway: WWF
- Japie Buckle DEA: NRM

To all our members we would like to thank you for your support and hope that you will have a happy festive season and may 2019 be a prosperous year for all!!

Warm Regards



Liz Eglington
Chairperson: Conservation at Work