



BirdLife Port Natal

Honorary Life Membership Award Citation

Lesley-Ann Frescura

This award today recognizes Lesley's incredible work and dedication to the bird club over the past 15 years. Lesley has a very interesting and varied past and a wide variety of interests. She has been involved in human rights through her work with Amnesty International South Africa, the Black Sash Eastern Cape, the Human Rights Trust in Port Elizabeth and Lawyers for Human Rights in Pretoria.

We are very privileged that having finally got to KwaZulu-Natal in 2003 she immediately joined BirdLife Port Natal and had volunteered services to the sub-committee dealing with education by July 2004. She has been a dedicated member ever since. By September 2006 she was nominated Chair of the club and remained as Chair for a staggering 12 years.

Her service on the committee alone would probably justify this award, but Lesley has done so much more in the categories required for this to be considered - club administration, understanding birds and their behavior, conservation of birds and their habitats and education and outreach. In addition to this Lesley is a fantastic communicator and keeps bird club members informed of everything to do with birds, their conservation and habitats via the KZN Birds email group, facebook and at the meetings. She has tirelessly organized the monthly indoor meeting evening speakers and thanks to her efforts these have been extremely high quality and relevant. She has also guided the Wednesday morning outings and shared her knowledge and experience as a birder. This is just a surface description of all the things Lesley has done over the years but a glance back through the club's history, minutes and notices over the past two decades provides a very clear indication of her impact on the club.

Lesley this award does not let you off the hook and we know you will continue serving on the committee and be there to share your knowledge, insight and a provide a steady hand. You have already been a wonderful resource for me during this year and I know will continue to act in that role for the new committee into 2019. In your role as chair you have left some very big shoes to fill.