

THE WINNERS!

Announcing the winners in the 2016 KLCBT Annual Awards

31 October 2016

The KLCBT Annual Awards 2016

The KLCBT / Sizwe Ntsaluba Gobodo Entrepreneur Award



FREYJA HOLISTIC WELLNESS AND DAY SPA

In the picture:

Mr Ronald Ncube from SNG with Ms Donna James from Freyja

"The KLCBT Annual Awards is the only platform of its kind in the Kruger Lowveld, which gives recognition of excellent performance in business and tourism and creates awareness of world class operations in the area."

The KLCBT / First Technology Group Franchisee Award



FASTWAY COURIERS

In the picture:

Mr Gerhard Potgieter from First Technology with Mr Tim Buys from Fastway Couriers

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The KLCBT / The Halls Properties Alan Bachelor Environmental Award

TIMELE GREENING PROJECT

In the picture:

Mr James Aling from Halls Properties with Ms Thulisi Mohsala and Mr Jack Mongongo from Timele Greening Project



The KLCBT Nedbank Retail Relationship Banking Small Business Enterprise Award

SANHU PRODUCTIONS

In the picture:

Mr Peet Mocke from Nedbank with Mr Jacques and Mrs Antoinette Goosen and Ms Zante Duveen



The KLCBT Tracker Connect Medium Business Enterprise Award

OLIVER'S RESTAURANT & LODGE

In the picture:

Mr Johan de Klerk from Tracker Connect with Mrs Tanja Ruf from Oliver's Restaurant and Lodge



The KLCBT / Canary Walk Mall & Of- fice Park Large Business Enterprise Award

CROSSING SUPERSPAR

In the Picture:

Mr Fred Kinnear from Canary Walk Mall with Ms Cindy Coetzee from Crossing Superspar

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The KLCBT / Sappi Limited Nelspruit Community Service Award



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In the picture:

Mr SW Engelbrecht from
Sappi Ltd with Ms Trienie
Drotschie from CMR

The KLCBT / Crossing Superspar Large Tourism Enterprise Award



BUNDU COUNTRY LODGE

In the picture:

Ms Cindy Coetzee from
Crossing Superspar with Mr
Wayne Blake from Bundu
Country Lodge

The KLCBT / Kruger Mpumalanga International Airport Tourism SMME Award



CASAMBO EXCLUSIVE GUEST LODGE

In the picture:

Mr Charl du Plessis from
KMIA with Mr Lloyds Sambo,
Ms Carol Sanderson and Ms
Esabel Dama from Casambo

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The Special Awards

The KLCBT also presented FIVE special awards. These awards are highly prestigious and there are no finalists in these categories. The announcement of the winners always holds the best surprise of the evening, as not even the winners themselves know this until they are announced:

The KLCBT / Bidvest Car Rental Business Personality Award



MS LASEA SWIFT

In the picture: Ms Lasea Swift with Ms Michelle Curley from Bidvest Car Rental

"She is the owner and managing director of the SWIFT Group. 6 Years ago, her ex-husband decided to start farming and close down the plumbing business. She refused to retrench the 15 employees and decided to carry on with the business herself. Her improved business model promised to provide service within 24 hours. Today, she employs 30 people of which 3 are women which she assisted through training to become qualified. She is the chairperson of the SA Council for Business Women, Nelspruit Branch and is passionate about community service. She strives to make a difference in everybody's lives, from clients to suppliers to employees and her circle of friends. She is known as a very positive person, attacking everything with a big smile and yet she is humble and will never assign a task to an employee which she will not do herself—Lasea Swift!"

The KLCBT / Echo Africa Safaris & Transfers Tourism Personality Award



In the picture:

Mr Elvis Shabangu and Ms Carol Sanderson with Mr Heinrich Nieuwoudt from Echo Africa

MS CAROL SANDERSON

"The transition from radio journalism to the development of a luxury lodge took a leap of faith, but it is an undertaking she does not regret. Having conquered the airwaves, Carol made a transition in 2011, setting a new journey as a business woman, to build what is today the pride of the Mpumalanga tourism industry, Casambo Exclusive Guest Lodge. She regularly represents her province and the country at shows and exhibitions all around the world. She is well-known as one of the recent additions to the Rise FM team where she takes the listeners on a journey through Mpumalanga, showcasing raw music talent and she also hosts the weekend drive, where she passionately promotes tourism attractions around the region. In only 5 years she became one of the big personalities in the local tourism scene and we look forward to see an even brighter future for Carol."

The KLCBT / GIZ People and Planet Award



BUNDU COUNTRY LODGE

In the picture: Ms Sonja Berg from GIZ with Mr Wayne Blake from Bundu Country Lodge

"Although this is a surprise award, we looked at the data presented in the entry forms of all the finalists of the 2016 Annual Awards, and chose 3 finalists, based on their outstanding contribution to the community and environment, taking into account the size, means and ability of the businesses. What set Bundu Lodge apart, was the fact that they also participated in the KLCBT/GIZ programme with the PUM Dutch Community Social Responsibility Experts."

The KLCBT / KPMG Leadership Award



MR GLENN PHILLIPS

In the picture: Mr Phakama Maimela from KPMG with Mr Glenn Phillips

"Since Glenn Phillips took over the management of the Kruger National Park, we saw a notable improvement in the facilities and services. Phillips spent his entire career in the hospitality business in several senior positions at properties around Africa. He received the award for his commendable strength in fighting two terrible wars, one against poaching and the other against the relentless drought. He has to face tough decisions on a daily basis and keep his teams motivated under challenging circumstances."

The KLCBT / MMC President's Award



DIE LAEVELDER / THE LOWVELDER

In the picture: Mr Louis Nel and Ms Shirley Mnisi from MMC, Mr Oupa Pilane, KLCBT President, with Ms Mireille de Villiers, Mrs Linda Pieters and Mr De Wet Pretorius from Lowvelder

"For the second time ever the President of the KLCBT, at his sole discretion, gave recognition to somebody who's contribution to the community and the economic growth of our region goes above and beyond the criteria and requirements of any of the other awards. They are a well-known presence, deeply rooted into our society. Them not being in existence, is almost unimaginable. The Lowvelder has been with us for 130 years and certainly ticks all the boxes to receive this highly prestigious award."