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HRASA launched its annual awards programme, with three inaugural awards presented:

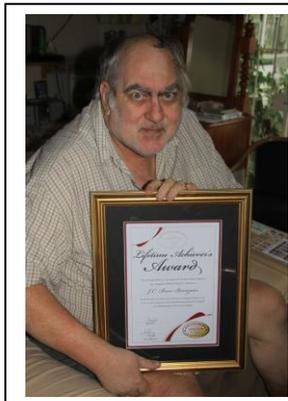
Lifetime Achiever's Award
Chairman's Award
HRASA Photographic Tour Award

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Lifetime Achiever's Award – presented to JC 'Boon' Boonzaier “for his devoted contribution and dedication to heritage rail and its value to our country through his tours and publications about this wonderful and challenging part of our historical legacy.”

Chairman's Award – this special recognition for contributing to the Vision and Mission Statement of the Heritage Railway Association of Southern Africa over the past year is presented to Dudley Smith for leading and bringing to fruition the *Sisonke Stimela* train and “whose dedication, commitment and steadfast belief in what many regarded as almost impossible has been an inspiration and a truly commendable example.”

HRASA Photographic Tour Award – for presentation to the Member Club who was judged by international visitors to this country to have offered the best all-round heritage rail experience. Jointly awarded to Sandstone Heritage Trust and Friends of the Rail for their contribution to the Geoff Cooke 2010 Tour.



Boon Boonzaier with the inaugural HRASA Lifetime Achiever's Award presented to him.



Ashley Peter accepts the inaugural HRASA Chairman's Award from Chris Janisch on behalf of Dudley Smith.



Chris Janisch and Nerina Skuy with the inaugural HRASA Photographic Tour Award – presented jointly to Geoff Cooke and Sandstone Heritage Trust.

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Only two awards were presented for the HRASA 2011 annual awards programme. The HRASA Photographic Tour Award was not presented. The awards presented were:

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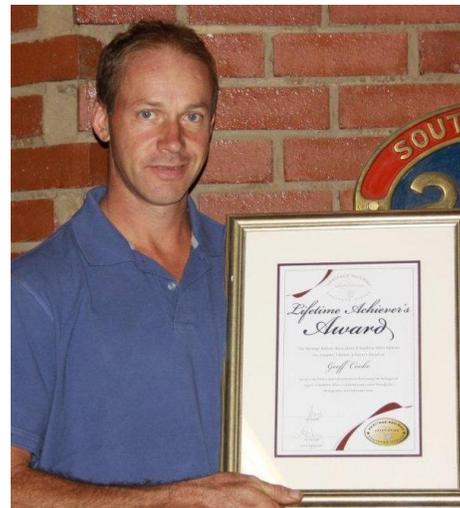
Lifetime Achiever's Award – bestowed on **Geoff Cooke** “for his contribution and commitment to showcasing the heritage rail legacy of Southern Africa to international visitors through his Photographic and Enthusiast tours”.

Chairman's Award – special recognition for contributing to the Vision and Mission Statement of the Heritage Railway Association of Southern Africa over the past year – was presented to **Ian Pretorius** “whose unwavering commitment and steadfast belief, against all odds, in steam rail for the Western Cape has resulted in the successful running of Atlantic Rail as a benchmark operation”.

The inclusion of a **HRASA Volunteer of the Year** award was proposed and approved unanimously, with the criteria to be circulated to the clubs and operators and will be presented at HRASA AGM 2012.



Ian Pretorius accepts the “HRASA Chairman's Award” from Chris Janisch.



Chris Janisch accepted the “Lifetime Achiever's Award” on behalf of Geoff Cooke. The award will be handed to Geoff during his 2012 visit to South Africa.