

CANSA Staff Plants Tree in Memory of Sue



Sue Janse van Rensburg 08 March 1955 to 13 March 2015

Tuesday, 24 March 2015 – CANSA Head Office: Several CANSA staff members gathered together in the CANSA Head Office gardens to plant a small tree in loving memory of Sue. Planting of the tree was the initiative of Prof Michael C Herbst and Ms Magdalene Seguin. The tree planting followed a Memorial Service for Sue which was held in the Seventh Day Adventist Church Philadelphia, Centurion, on Friday 20th March, 2015 at 11:00.

The tree was planted on behalf of staff by Elize Joubert, Acting Chief Executive Officer, who said: “We have lost a Warrior in the fight against cancer. Sue was passionate in her work and served CANSA as CEO over a period of 9 years. May this tree continue to remind us of the zest with which Sue fought the fight against cancer, the very disease that took her away from all who loved her”.

It was decided to plant a *Brunfelsia* – popularly known as ‘Yesterday, Today & Tomorrow’ – in line with Hebrews 13:8 which reads: “Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever” - a message which Sue firmly believed in.

The unusual popular name (Yesterday, Today & Tomorrow) of this medium-sized shrub becomes clear when one observes it over the course of two to three days. The fragrant flowers change from purple to lavender and then to white over about a three-day period. All three colours of flowers can be seen on the same plant simultaneously. The shrub flowers continuously from about September to early April every year. See the accompanying close up picture of *Brunfelsia* blooms.

