

MEMORIALISATION OF THE HARDEKRAALTJIE CEMETERY.

HWC REF NO. HWC24091815

An application is being made by Stellenbosch University (SU), in terms of Section 36 of the National Heritage Resources Act, (Act 25 of 1999), to: 1) Memorialise the Hardekraaltjie Cemetery (Erf 15349 & Erf 18228) and 2) Ground-truthing of 6 potential grave targets (Erf 24602) (Parow, City of Cape Town Municipality).

Proposal: SU owns the property on which the Hardekraaltjie Cemetery is located and has taken the responsibility of managing a restorative process to memorialise a space, in memory of those buried at the Hardekraaltjie Cemetery. After consultation, engagement and feedback from the community/ stakeholders it was decided to put forward an Option 4 that entails:

Part 1: Memorialisation of the Core Area (defined by the boundaries of Erven 15349 and 18228) through HWCs approval of the Landscaping Plan. This area will be the symbolic representation of the Hardekraaltjie Cemetery and Burials which will be memorialised upon approval from Heritage Western Cape (HWC). This will provide an ageing community with something tangible where they can pay their respects.

Part 2: As the playing of sports within the extended buffer area and over the possible presence of graves was considered a 'no-go' from the community, SU agreed to stop sports temporarily and conduct further research in this regard. Therefore, prior to implementing memorialisation aspects within the extended buffer zone (on Erf 24602), there is a need to confirm whether the potential grave targets identified during the Ground Penetrating Radar (GPR) scanning are indeed human burials or not. As a result, ground-truthing the potential high confidence grave targets within the extended buffer zone (SU Campus) will also be required. A permit is therefore required to undertake test excavations/ ground-truthing of the 6 identified potential grave targets. It is important to note that NO exhumation is to take place as part of this option. As requested, two community leaders will be present at the test excavations to be undertaken by an accredited Archaeologist. The outcome of the ground-truthing will determine the future of the extended buffer area.

In addition, it is recommended that a Hardekraaltjie Memorial Management Committee (HMMC) is established to be representative of all stakeholders and to assist with decisions going forward. In addition to this is the compilation of the Conservation Management Plan (CMP) for the Hardekraaltjie Memorial, in consultation with the HMMC, which will further be submitted to HWC for approval.

The purpose of this notification is two-fold:

A. Provide registered stakeholders with feedback and a copy/ link to the updated Heritage Statement/ Heritage application documentation to be submitted to HWC. Link:

<https://phsconsulting.co.za/the-memorialisation-of-the-hardekraaltjie-cemetery-and-burials-erf-15349-erf-18228-and-test-excavations-erf-24602-parow/>

B. Invite registered community representatives/ stakeholders to a meeting. The intention of the meeting is to provide further feedback/ clarity, obtain additional feedback on the aspect of ground-truthing & memorialisation as well as initiating the formation of the 'Hardekraaltjie Memorial Management Committee'.

Meeting Date: Monday the 10 November 2025 at 2pm

Venue: Conference room 1004, Biomedical Research Institute (BMRI), Stellenbosch University Tygerberg Campus, Francie Van Zijl Dr, Tygerberg: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/WWfvUNSck1B2fZ299>

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GEDENKWAARDIGHEIDSVERKLARING VAN DIE HARDEKRAALTJIE-BEGRAAFPLAAS.

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'n Aansoek word deur die Universiteit Stellenbosch (US) ingedien ingevolge artikel 36 van die Wet op Nasionale Erfenishulpbronne (Wet 25 van 1999), vir die volgende: 1) Gedenkwaardigheidsverklaring van die Hardekraaltjie-begraafplaas (erf 15349 en erf 18228) en 2) grondwaarheidsbevestiging van 6 potensiele grafteikens (erf 24602) (Parow, Stad Kaapstad Munisipaliteit).

Voorstel: Die US besit die eiendom waarop die Hardekraaltjie-begraafplaas geleë is en het die verantwoordelikheid geneem om 'n restourasieproses te bestuur om 'n ruimte te gedenk ter nagedagtenis aan diegene wat in die Hardekraaltjie-begraafplaas begrawe is. Ná konsultasie met, betrokkenheid van en terugvoer deur die gemeenskap/belanghebbendes is besluit om 'n opsie 4 voor te stel wat die volgende behels:

Deel 1: Gedenkwaardigheidsverklaring van die kerngebied (gedefinieer deur die grense van erf 15349 en 18228) deur die goedkeuring van die landskapplan deur die Erfenis Wes-Kaap (EWK). Hierdie area sal die simboliese voorstelling wees van die Hardekraaltjie-begraafplaas en -grafte wat gedenk sal word ná goedkeuring van EWK. Dit sal 'n verouderende gemeenskap iets tasbaars bied waar hulle hul respek kan betoon.

Deel 2: Aangesien die deelname aan sport binne die uitgebreide buffergebied en oor die moontlike teenwoordigheid van grafte deur die gemeenskap as verbode beskou is, het die US ingestem om sport tydelik te staak en verdere navorsing in hierdie verband te doen. Voordat gedenkwaardigheidsaspekte dus binne die uitgebreide buffersone (op erf 24602) geïmplementeer kan word, is daar 'n behoefte om te bevestig of die potensiele grafteikens wat tydens die grondpenetrenderende radar- (GPR-)skandering geïdentifiseer is, inderdaad mensegrafte is of nie. Gevolglik sal grondwaarheidsbevestiging van die potensiele hoëvertrouegrifteikens binne die uitgebreide buffersone (US-kampus) ook nodig wees. 'n Permit is dus nodig om toetsopgrawings/grondwaarheidsbevestiging van die 6 geïdentifiseerde potensiele grafteikens uit te voer. Dit is belangrik om daarop te let dat GEEN opgrawing as deel van hierdie opsie sal plaasvind nie. Soos versoek, sal twee gemeenskapsleiers teenwoordig wees by die toetsopgrawings wat deur 'n geakkrediteerde argeoloog uitgevoer sal word. Die uitkoms van die grondwaarheidsbevestiging sal die toekoms van die uitgebreide buffergebied bepaal.

Daarbenewens word aanbeveel dat 'n bestuurskomitee vir die Hardekraaltjie-gedenkwaardigheid (HGBK) gestig word om verteenwoordigend te wees van alle belanghebbendes en om te help met besluite vorentoe. Daarby kom die samestelling van die bewaringsbestuursplan (BBP) vir die Hardekraaltjie-gedenkwaardigheid, in oorleg met die HGBK, wat verder aan EWK vir goedkeuring voorgelê sal word.

Die doel van hierdie kennisgewing is tweeledig:

- A. Verskaf terugvoer aan geregistreerde belanghebbendes en 'n afskrif/skakel na die bygewerkte erfenisverklaring/erfenisaansoekdokumentasie wat by EWK ingedien moet word. Skakel: <https://phsconsulting.co.za/the-memorialisation-of-the-hardekraaltjie-cemetery-and-burials-erf-15349-erf-18228-and-test-excavations-erf-24602-parow/>
- B. Nooi geregistreerde gemeenskapsverteenwoordigers/belanghebbendes na 'n vergadering. Die doel van die vergadering is om verdere terugvoer/duidelikheid te verskaf, bykomende terugvoer te bekom oor die aspek van grondwaarheidsbevestiging en gedenkwaardigheidsverklaring, asook om die totstandkoming van die "bestuurskomitee vir die Hardekraaltjie-gedenkwaardigheid" te inisieer. Vergaderingsdatum: Maandag 10 November 2025 om 14:00

Lokaal: Konferensielokaal 1004, Biomediese Navorsingsinstituut (BMNI), Universiteit Stellenbosch Tygerbergkampus, Francie Van Zijl-rylaan, Tygerberg: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/WWfvUNScK1B2fZ299>

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HARDEKRAALTJIE PUBLIC MEETING NOTES - 10 NOVEMBER 2025
2pm | 10 NOVEMBER 2025
Conference room 1004 (BMRI) - SU Tygerberg Campus

Attendees were invited to visit the Hardekraaltjie Cemetery/ Memorial area after the meeting:



From left to right: Prince Cheslin de Villiers; Dr. Jayson Orton; Daniel Dietrich; Khoi Paramount Chief and Theo Diedricks.

Paul Slabbert presented as per the Presentation in Appendix G5C.

Dr. Jayson Orton (Archaeologist) provided feedback and clarity on the Methodology to be used for the ground-truthing.

Comments noted during the meeting:

Chefferino Fortuin – Tiervlei Erfenis Community/ Ravensmead Community:

Raised concerns with the Venue. Wanted the public meeting in the Ravensmead community Library.

Indicated that the meeting was considered short notice.

Against the sports day/ event.

Memorialisation should not be romanticised.

Raised the open grave symbol within the memorial area – as previously raised.

Queried the size and what the selection process would be for the HMMC.

Dr. Leslie van Rooi – SU:

Spoke about the SU public engagement with the Ravensmead Community which commenced in 2021.

Raised concerns around the crosses that the community erected on Heritage Day at the Cemetery which has racial inscriptions that had offended students.

Indicated that the Sports fields within the buffer area are no longer to be utilised for sport until ground truthing has been undertaken.

He noted that although the heritage process could feel "cold" it is a statutory process required in terms of the NHRA and therefore involved a wider community/ stakeholder basis and not just the Ravensmead community as was the previous focus of engagements.

Daniel Dietrich – Ravensmead Community:

He was concerned that he had not been notified directly.

Johannes Bastion – Ravensmead Community:

Apologies for email correspondence that was sent to HWC leading up to the meeting.

Spoke about the venue of the meeting and that transportation from the Ravensmead community could have been arranged to the venue which would have helped.

In general, he is happy with the way forward and offered co-operation.

Khoisan – Paramount Chief:

Whether it's a sport or other event is not the question, the importance is that the 'event' is on a spiritual level.

Khoisan ceremony/ ritual is important

Creating a sanctuary for young people to come to learn about their history/ heritage.

We can memorialise the past but it's important to consider the future.

Hardekraaltjie must be a sanctuary, historical place to pray and practice traditions.

Khoisan - Prince Cheslin de Villiers:

What would have happened if Daniel Dietrich did not notify SU of the Cemetery?

Depriving people of their human rights.

Cemetery was sold by the municipality to SU – what restitution is being considered?

Khoisan – Theo Dietrichs:

The Khoisan are here for our land.

We want to tell the children where they came from and what is their heritage.

Indigenous medicines, herbs and Khoi burial patterns.

Thanked the Archaeologist for what he does as otherwise we would not know where the burials are.

Indicated that we must speak to people with knowledge on such matters

The way forward is for us to come together and honour those who came before.

We must draw a line and put an end to the power struggles so that we can make decisions, progress with the memorialisation and provide justice for the graves.

Shaun Johnston – Sustainable Futures SA:

Requested a copy of the first Public Meeting Minutes.

Noted that if the PPP is flawed it can be challenged/ appealed.

Dr Therese Fish – SU:

Spoke about the complexity of the process and engagement on the SU Campus to date. Noted over 4000 students within the campus that also need to be considered.

Differentiated between the area we have certainty (Core Memorial area) and the area where uncertainty lies (buffer area).

She reiterated the sentiment of the Paramount Chief that the YOUTH is important to the process moving forward.

Thando – SU Student Representative:

Questioned what would happen if graves were found within the buffer area.

Dr. Orton responded to all questions regarding ground-truthing/ test excavations discussing how it works putting stakeholders concerns at ease.

PHS Responses provided during the meeting:

To Chefferino Fortuin Tiervlei Erfenis Community/ Ravensmead Community:

- The venue was selected to accommodate all I&AP's, which is a much wider audience than just Ravensmead/Tiervlei community, it has adequate parking and the facilities required. It is on the site of the cemetery, and it provides the ideal platform for those that have not been to the cemetery site to do a site visit before or after the meeting. This proved to be the case with the Khoi representatives and members of the Tiervlei and Ravensmead who walked to the cemetery. The Part 1 (core) and demarcated Part 2 (buffer) area were interpreted to all present.
- We informed all I&AP's two weeks in advance of the meeting which is regarded as sufficient notice. The previous public meeting entailed a 12 day notice period and no complaints were received then.
- The sports day/ event is an example of a typical event that will bring people and communities together. Event, ceremonies and rituals will be required to involve the youth as per I&AP requirements. A new committee will decide on what type of events is required, but it is important to have annual events to let the memorial remain an active part of the community.

- The Memorialisation landscape plan has simple indigenous and local elements drawn from consultation, it needs to be a place for all to access and use it is not romanticised but rather symbolised. A new representative committee will decide on the final detail.
- The open grave symbol was put forward by the Tiervlei Rvensmead community, however there were also suggestions from the Khoi. A new representative committee will decide on the final detail.
- The selection process for the new committee (HMMC) will relate to the following as per meeting presentation, the following as regarded as acceptable approach from the floor:

Steps:

1. Identify Groupings
 - that participated in the process to date and
 - new groups that want to register
2. Selecting representatives
 - in many cases leaders, heads, managers are known and can be co-opted
 - new nominations welcome
 - election and nomination should be done within groups own structures, and formally presented to consultant
 - to allow for a functional committee it's preferred that one representative per group is co-opted
3. Constitution
 - once committee is formed a constitution will be drafted
 - a chairman and secretary will be elected

To Dr. Leslie van Rooi – SU:

- This meeting invited registered I&AP's from a wider community/ stakeholder bases than just the Ravensmead community therefore the selected venue on the cemetery site, to allow and facilitate access to those interested in a site visit and on-site discussion.

To Daniel Dietrich – Ravensmead Community:

- We did notify Mr Dietrich via his registered telephone number, however he was also informed by other community members of the meeting therefore he attended. This is exactly the reason why we have a list of registered I&AP's who take ownership of a process and inform their associates/ fellow community members.

To Johannes Bastion – Ravensmead Community:

- Apologies accepted and we agree that we have come a long way, and we should look forward to implementing this memorial for the elderly and the youth to follow.

To Khoisan – Paramount Chief:

- Agreed the 'event' can be in any form or shape, there can also be more than one that reflect each groupings needs like in the Khoi case a spiritual, ceremony ritual one. The new committee will be overseeing the number and type of events to be held.
- The memorial will be sanctuary for young people to come to learn about their history/ heritage.

To Khoisan – Prince Cheslin de Villiers:

- If Mr Daniel Dietrich did not notify SU of the Cemetery we would not have been at this junction of memorialisation. The aim is to restore human rights via this restitution process.

To Khoisan – Theo Dietrichs:

- The memorial is aimed at providing access to the site via a Conservation Management Plan.
- It should be accessible to all, and the youth and programs and events must further bring people to the site.
- The Archaeologist will continue to be part of the process.
- Agree that the process was long and we are now at a point where the University are prepared to put a budget to the implementation of Part 1, Core Memorialisation. We agreed, power struggles are not required, a new committee will ensure that all groupings are presented to make decisions going forward in order to take "ownership" of the memorial.

To Shaun Johnston – Sustainable Futures SA:

- A copy of the first Public Meeting Notes will be included in the PPP bundle, the main items taken from this meeting will be included in the PPP bundle to be submitted to HWC and placed on our website.
- We understand that Shaun is a professional dealing in PPP, but PHS is also professionals in the field, we understand the legislation and the guidelines, and we have ensured our PPP process is thorough.
- Allegations of our PPP being flawed relate to the Tierveli/Ravensmead objection via Johannes in which they wanted the meeting in Ravensmead and that the notice period was too short. This doesn't constitute a flaw if one considers all the other I&AP's who also have the right to a central venue on the cemetery site. Furthermore, the notice of the 2nd public meeting was 14 days compared to the

1st public meeting that was 12 days, and no complaints were received, as a matter of fact we were complimented of the way the 1st round PPP took place.

- The pre-application consultation also needs to be considered.
- The protest is not against what is proposed but that some of the members of Ravensmead could not attend due to the location of the meeting, which was explained in detail.

To Dr Therese Fish – SU:

- All I&AP's have rights to be informed and today we have new faces who benefitted from the engagement

To Thando – SU Student Representative:

- The future of the buffer will be decided depending on if graves are found within the buffer area or not.
- Information flow to the students is paramount considering they study and live on the site, their representation is also required.
- Once the memorial is in place it will also be a space for students to visit and use as part of their current recreation pattern, they will be educated towards the history, cultures, events, ceremonies etc.

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8	Beneke	Aldrin			
9	Beneke	Nico			
10	Beneke	Shereen			
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23	Dullaart	Gerda	[REDACTED]		
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37	Keuwa	Selvan			
38	Knoop	Regina			
39	Kordom	Ester			
40	Kuschke	Ulrike			
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81	Noinyane	Thandolwethu	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
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84	Mosses	William	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
85	Prince Cheslin	De Villiers	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
86	Shedden	Shae	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
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