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## Purpose & Agenda of the Meeting

### Purpose:

- ◆ To provide feedback to all stakeholders regarding the process to date.
- ◆ To communicate the latest proposal and the way forward.
- ◆ To obtain feedback from stakeholders.

### Agenda:

- ◆ Background/ Recap
- ◆ Outcome of the Test Excavations / ground-truthing undertaken on Erf 24602.
- ◆ Revised way forward post ground-truthing and details of proposal.
- ◆ Summary of the (draft) Conservation Management Plan.
- ◆ Feedback to be obtained from the Community at each point above.
- ◆ Next Steps?

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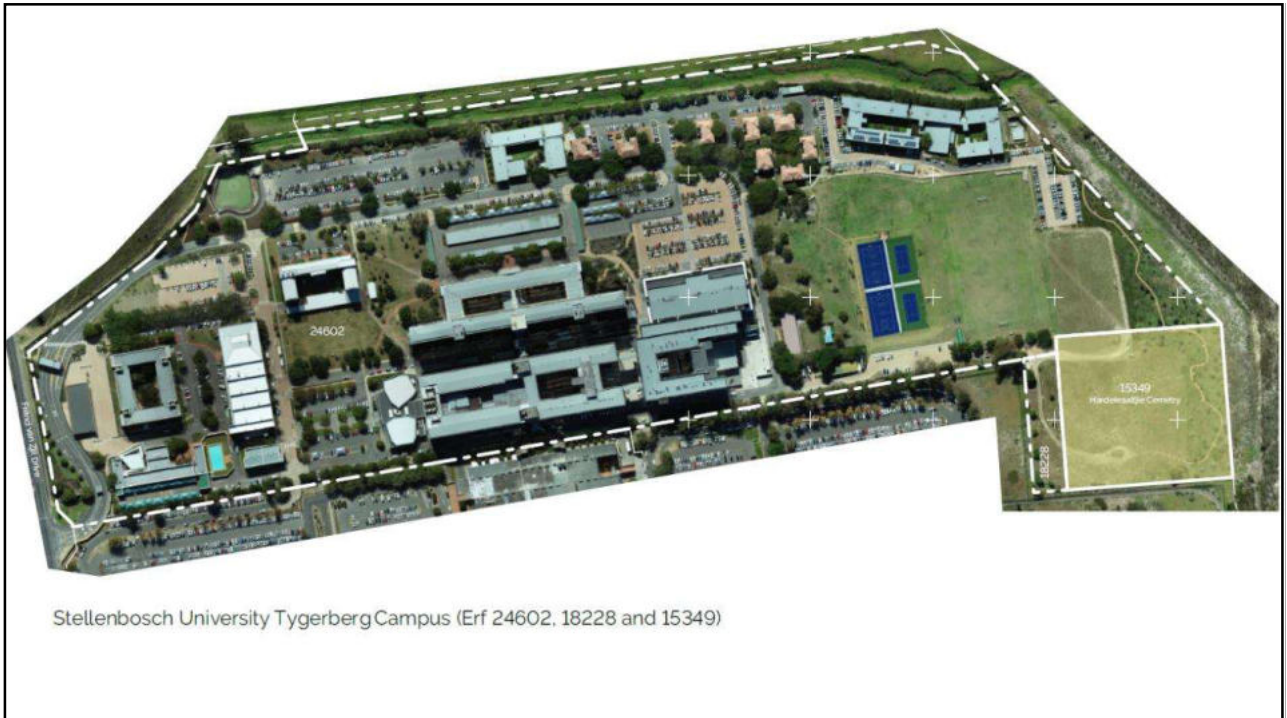
## Background/ Recap (1)

- ◆ Locality / Erf Numbers [see next slides: 5 & 6]
- ◆ This meeting is considered part of the formal engagement process, and all invited attendees are considered Interested & Affected Parties (I&APs).
- ◆ Memorialisation requires approval from HWC and without it there is no Memorialisation.
- ◆ The outcome of this meeting will be captured as part of a HWC submission to be tabled in April/May 2026.
- ◆ Considering the process began in 2014 (Mr. Daniel Dietrich informs the Dean of SU), obtaining HWC approval in terms of Section 36 will be a significant milestone.
- ◆ Research, stakeholder involvement, programmes and management of the site will be ongoing through the implementation of a Conservation Management Plan and the establishment of the HMMC.

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## Background/ Recap (2)

- ◆ An area of contention was the extent of the buffer zone on Erf 24602, but more importantly the fact that sports activities were continuing to be played within an area where potential graves were located.
- ◆ According to the Ground Penetrating Radar (GPR) scanning, 6 potential grave targets (high confidence) were identified within the extended buffer area, this required further investigation, considering that scanning is NOT necessarily accurate.
- ◆ Previously, you will recall, we considered a two-part Section 36 permit application:
  - Part 1: The memorialisation of Erf 15349 and Erf 18228; and
  - Part 2: The ground-truthing of 6 potential grave targets identified through GPR scanning within the 'extended buffer zone' on Erf 24602 (SU Campus).

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## Background/ Recap (3)

- ◆ A Permit Application was lodged with HWC for 'Part 1' (Memorialisation) and a response was reached at the IACOM Meeting (3 December 2025) - the Committee requested the following:
  1. *The proposed memorialisation is to be considered by IACom once the extent of the cemetery has been established as per the ground truthing permitted. The results of the aforementioned are to be submitted to IACom in a supplementary report.*
  2. *The supplementary report must undergo a 30-day consultation process with the identified I&APs prior to submission to HWC.*
- ◆ A Permit Application was also lodged with HWC for 'Part 2' (Ground truthing) - the Committee resolved to approve the proposed ground truthing as proposed by Dr Orton, subject to several conditions most importantly, "that the results of the survey be shared with interested and affected parties".

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## Outcome of the Test Excavations / Ground-truthing – [Erf 24602] (Part 2) (1)

- ◆ Dr. Jayson Orton undertook test excavations (Jan 2026) within the extended buffer zone on Erf 24602 [see image – next slide].
- ◆ The purpose of the test excavations was to determine whether the adjacent Hardekraaltjie Cemetery (Erf 15349) may once have extended onto Erf 24602 as indicated in the 2024 GPR scan which revealed a number of potential grave targets at varying depths [see image – next slide].
- ◆ The six that were earmarked in the study to have the greatest likelihood of being graves was selected for ground truthing.
- ◆ The locations of these six targets were surveyed and marked on site.
- ◆ Test trenches were then excavated diagonally immediately adjacent to each of these locations.
- ◆ No evidence for burials was located at any of them.
- ◆ During the excavations communication remained open between the archaeologist and community observers with the latter being encouraged to ask questions as and when needed. On conclusion of the six excavations the observers consulted and requested that a second trench be excavated at Target 15 on the other side of the surveyed marker to add extra confidence to the findings. This location was specifically chosen as it was the closest to the known historic cemetery and thus had the highest likelihood of revealing a grave. No grave was found.
- ◆ It was concluded that it is: *“highly unlikely that burials occurred outside of the known historical Hardekraaltjie Cemetery, and it is recommended that this portion of Erf 24602 should not be considered as potentially being part of the historic cemetery.”*

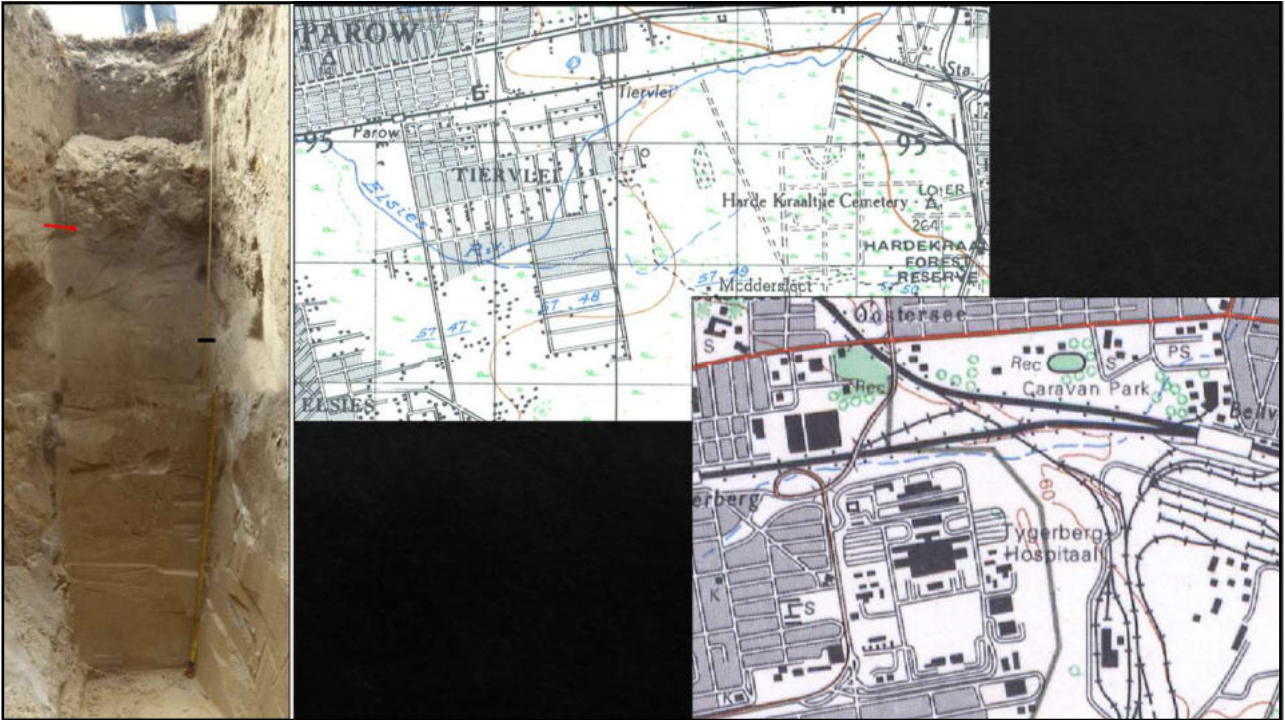
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**GPR Scanning:**  
T1, T2, T3, T4, T5 & T15  
– “most likely grave targets”  
falling within the extended  
buffer area.



**Ground-Truthing/ Test Excavations:**  
No evidence for burials was located at  
any of them.

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Feedback from Stakeholders?

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# The Memorialisation of Erf 15349 & Erf 18228 (Part 1) (1).

## REVISED WAY FORWARD POST GROUND-TRUTHING [Option 5]:

- ◆ Proposed Memorialisation of Erven 15349 & 18228 - symbolic representation of the Hardekraaltjie Cemetery and Burials.
- ◆ Erf 24602 does not form part of the memorial area.
- ◆ However, a 10m buffer zone is recommended to:
  - ◆ protect the interface around the Memorial area; and
  - ◆ facilitate access and pedestrian flow into the cemetery.

The Memorialisation will take place through the approval and implementation of the Landscaping Plan [interpreted alongside the “Do’s and Don’ts” and “Look and Feel”], the Conservation Management Plan & the HMMC.

*Details included in the slides below:*



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## “Do’s and Don’ts” (1) - All works to be monitored by archaeologist

### ◆ INFORMATION BOARDS

1. Name board: “Hardekraaltjie Cemetery”.
2. A minimum of Five (5) information/ interpretation boards -telling the story

### ◆ SOFT LANDSCAPING:

3. Local, indigenous vegetation is to be used in landscaping (Cape Flats Sandstone Fynbos).
4. Use of local medicinal plants and herbs used by the Khoisan and broader communities.
5. Shrubs or small ‘organic’ shaped trees (e.g. Wild Olive) can be used between packed stone walls to visually allude to boundaries.
6. Areas with large potential grave clusters to remain as is. These areas can be seeded using indigenous grass or vegetation mixes.
7. No Trees or plants requiring big holes to be dug are allowed anywhere else.

### ◆ HARD LANDSCAPING:

8. Packed stone can be used to define the edges as well as ‘entrances’ and ‘exits’ to symbolise the original 1910 Cemetery boundary. Some of these will be symbolic and others functional. Wrought iron/ wooden gates could be used symbolically.
9. Pathways can be bordered by gum poles with crushed stone aggregate ‘klippies’ used to fill the pathway.
10. Concrete benches can be strategically placed within the landscaped areas.
11. Scattered wooden crosses will be incorporated into the design.

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## “Do’s and Don’ts” (2) - All works to be monitored by archaeologist

### ◆ CENTRAL MEMORIAL:

12. Final design will be concluded by the proposed HMMC to ensure it captures the wishes of the entire community.
13. The central memorial circle will include a crushed stone aggregate path around the circle.
14. The central circle can be constructed using pieces of shells, old crockery and/or stones/bricks (items used to depict graves in old cemeteries) to create a mosaic type floor or base.
15. A memorial remembrance symbol will be placed in the centre of the base drawing the eye to the ground, i.e a stone slab or wall is recommended. This will include a list of names of those buried at Hardekraaltjie as well as the space for any future additional names to be identified.
16. A symbolic representation of the possibility of bones being displaced or removed, which cannot be accounted for, will be considered as being part of the central memorial space. The suggestion of an open grave has been made. The placement thereof would need to be carefully thought out as part of the HMMC final design input.
17. Concrete benches can be placed strategically around the Memorial Circle OR a low, stabilised packed stone wall can encircle the memorial ‘base’ which can duplicate as seating.
18. Wording is recommended on the memorial stone/wall: “Beneath this garden lies the Hardekraaltjie Cemetery” and “May their memory be blessed” with a Khoisan blessing e.g. Toa Tama !Tams khè.

### NOTE:

All the “Do’s and Don’ts” have been included in the Draft Conservation Management Plan.

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## Feedback from Stakeholders?

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### The Memorialisation of Erf 15349 & Erf 18228 (2a).

#### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE/ PROVINCIAL HERITAGE SITE (PHS) NOMINATION:

The Hardekraaltjie Cemetery is largely a testament to the lives and deaths of marginalised residents affected by colonial and apartheid spatial policies.

It is a focal point for heritage restitution, community memory and inclusive commemoration.

The Hardekraaltjie Cemetery is of high cultural, social, and historical significance due to:

- Its association with displaced communities as a result of forceful removals and apartheid planning;
- Its role as a site of memory, dignity, and ancestral heritage with strong spiritual beliefs surrounding burials/ a final resting place; and
- Its embodiment of apartheid-era injustice and spatial violence which has a deep meaning for descendant and displaced communities.

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## The Memorialisation of Erf 15349 & Erf 18228 (2b).

### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE/ PHS NOMINATION (continued...):

"Graves are deemed to have high cultural significance at the local level for their social value. They are allocated a grade of IIIA which is, therefore, the minimum grading that should be applied to the Hardekraaltjie Cemetery" (Orton, 2026).

The Hardekraaltjie Cemetery (Erf 15349) was found to be of High Significance - bestowed a Grade IIIA grading. Such a grading has previously been proposed for the site and endorsed by HWC. It is furthermore recommended that Erf 18228 also be considered for Grade IIIA grading considering that these two erven will be part of the Memorial Area.

A separate independent nomination (ito Section 27) has also been made that the site be graded as a Grade II Provincial Heritage Site [ongoing process]. The matter was tabled, discussed and an outcome was reached at the HWC IGIC Meeting (6 February 2026):

*"The Committee resolved to initiate the process to declare the Hardekraaltjie Cemetery as a Provincial Heritage Site in terms of S27 (8) (d). The boundaries of the proposed Provincial Heritage Site will be confirmed once the existing S36 process has been concluded."*

The site (Erf 15349 & Erf 18228) is therefore considered to be of High Local to Provincial Heritage Significance (Grade IIIA / potential Grade II).

No graves were found in the buffer zone on Erf 24602 and there is no archaeological evidence to suggest that graves might occur there. Erf 24602 thus does not have any particular heritage significance and, from an archaeological perspective, does not merit grading (Orton, 2026).

While the Section 27 process will be ongoing, a Grade II (PHS) grading for Erf 15349 and Erf 18228 is supported by SU.

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## The Memorialisation of Erf 15349 & Erf 18228 (3a).

### RECOMMENDATIONS:

Erven 15349 and 18228 - symbolic representation of the Hardekraaltjie Cemetery and Burials - formally recognised as a Memorial through:

1. The approval and implementation of the Landscaping Plan.

While Erf 24602 does not form part of the memorial area, it is recommended that a 10m buffer zone is maintained to protect the interface around the Memorial area.

2. The Draft Conservation Management Plan (CMP) be adopted by HWC which addresses the following:

- ✦ Establish a Hardekraaltjie Memorial Management Committee (HMMC) to include members from SU, the community, neighbours and other applicable stakeholders to oversee the implementation and finalise the details of the Landscaping Plan and the management aspects associated with the Memorialisation.
- ✦ An annual Heritage Day Event/ Ceremony aimed at the broader community and to those directly connected to the Hardekraaltjie Cemetery. A day of remembrance and an opportunity to educate the youth around the history of Hardekraaltjie.
- ✦ Furthermore, it is recommended that a bi-annual educational experience is available to students, staff, community members and schools within the vicinity. This could be known as the: "The Hardekraaltjie Heritage Walk" or a "A Storytelling Journey through Hardekraaltjies Past". This would ensure that the Hardekraaltjie story is known and lives on in the memories of future students, staff and community members visiting the site.
- ✦ Creation of a digital archive or "museum" for future generations by SU - accessible to all.

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## The Memorialisation of Erf 15349 and Erf 18228 (3b).

### RECOMMENDATIONS (continued...):

- ◇ It is recommended that the single Cranium be collected from its existing location at UCT and placed into the central memorial stone/ wall once the proposed Landscaping Plan for the Cemetery has been undertaken. Furthermore, the proposed CMP allows clear 'instructions' for any bones found in the future.
- ◇ All landscaping, foundation and irrigation works must be conducted in the presence of an archaeologist.
- ◇ A fencing proposal that is part of a separate Section 38 application for the entire campus needs to be implemented around the boundary of the SU Tygerberg Campus that includes Erven 18228 and 15349. A black Clearvue fence of 2.4m with a 600mm electrical fence running on the top is being proposed. While the wider fencing proposal needs to be cohesive and in line with the SU security division, it also needs to be undertaken with extreme sensitivity considering the heritage significance of the properties and particularly around the memorialisation area. The fencing alignment within the Memorial area needs to be undertaken along the same footprint/alignment to reduce any impacts on potential graves and must be in alignment with the proposed Landscaping Plan. Archaeological monitoring is proposed.

3. The Hardekraaltjie Cemetery (Erf 15349) was found to be of High Significance and therefore bestowed a Grade IIIA grading. Considering the location of Erf 18228 and its inclusion in the Memorial area it is also recommended that Erf 18228 be considered for Grade IIIA grading. In addition, a separate Section 27 nomination process is underway for the grading of the site as a Grade II Provincial Heritage Site (PHS). A PHS grading for Erf 15349 and Erf 18228 is supported by SU.

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Feedback from Stakeholders?

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## Draft Conservation Management Plan (CMP) (1)

### Purpose

The purpose of a management plan is to guide the activities affecting the heritage resource to retain its significance by conserving it for future generations.

A management plan is a living document in the sense that it can be updated as the situation changes and should therefore be reviewed regularly.

The CMP has been compiled to guide the long-term protection, memorialisation, management, and public engagement of the Hardekraaltjie Cemetery, in accordance with the National Heritage Resources Act (NHRA), Act 25 of 1999.

The CMP provides a framework for:

- Ethical memorialisation
- Conservation of burial heritage
- Stakeholder engagement and governance
- Sustainable management and use
- Compliance with heritage legislation

The plan is intended to inform decision-making by the landowner, custodians, heritage authorities, and associated stakeholders.

The establishing of the HMMC will be the first requirement of the CMP.

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## Draft Conservation Management Plan (CMP) (2)

### Scope

The CMP applies to:

- ◆ The known historical cemetery footprint (Erven 15349) and the area identified as the Memorialised Area, namely Erven 15349 and 18228, Parow.
- ◆ All memorial, interpretive, and landscaping interventions associated with the Memorialised Area; and
- ◆ The ongoing management and use of the site.

Erf 24602 (SU Campus) does not form part of the memorialised area. However, a 10m buffer is proposed (on Erf 24602) to preserve the interface of the Memorial Space. Only soft landscaping will be allowed within the buffer zone which will provide a respectful open visual interface between the proposed Memorialised area and the SU campus. The buffer zone will also be used to facilitate access and pedestrian flow into the cemetery

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## Draft Conservation Management Plan (CMP) (3)

### SITE MANAGEMENT POLICIES AND GUIDELINES:

- 8.1 Responsible Parties
- 8.2 Accessibility: arrangements for visiting
- 8.3 Landscaping and Maintenance
- 8.4 Interpretation and Information Boards
- 8.5 Central Memorial Design and 'Wall' of Names
- 8.6 Fencing
- 8.7 Cemetery Etiquette
- 8.8 Events and Commemorative Activities
- 8.9 Protocol for Accidental Discovery of Human Remains
- 8.10 Communication Strategy
- 8.11 Engagement and Role of the HMMC
- 8.12 Collaboration with Tygerberg Hospital / Transnet (neighbours)
- 8.13 Financial Management

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## Draft Conservation Management Plan (CMP) (3)

### ◆ IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

Phased implementation, based on the availability of funds.

HWC approvals prior to 'construction'.

Ongoing stakeholder engagement through the establishment of the HMMC within 60 days after the S36 Permit and CMP adoption.

### ◆ MONITORING AND REVIEW

For monitoring purposes record the site managers site inspections, threat assessments, and compliance with permit conditions.

The HMMC must produce an annual compliance report to be submitted to HWC.

This Heritage Conservation Management Plan should be reviewed every 5 years and revised as required, or as necessary when circumstances require it. Any revisions must be submitted to HWC for approval.

The CMP provides a comprehensive, policy-aligned framework for the protection, memorialisation, and sustainable management of the Hardekraaltjie Cemetery, ensuring compliance with the NHRA.

The CMP also provides the framework to ensure that the deceased are honoured, dignity is restored, and that the site serves as a place of remembrance, learning, and healing for present and future generations.

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## Feedback from Stakeholders?

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## Next Steps?

- ◆ Incorporation of the Comments Received.
- ◆ Submission to HWC for approval.
- ◆ Implementation of the Conservation Management Plan through the establishment of the HMMC.

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Closing remarks from Stakeholders?

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Thank you.

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