

# Overview 2023



**Intrepid Vernac members**

# FEB 2023 – Bokbaai Revisited / John Wilson-Harris





# MARCH – OUTING

Dal Josephat & Kleinbosch



**NON-PAREILLE**





Hugonote Gedenkskool

APRIL Talk & Outing – Mostert's Mill / *John Hammer & John Wilson-Harris*



MAY – Architects of Retribution & Rehabilitation /*Antonia Malan & Alex Hodge*  
The hidden history of old Orpen House & Porter Reformatory, Tokai



JUNE – Talk

Mc Gregor - A case study understanding the factors which influence  
a sense of place / *Gareth Nolan*





JUNE Outing –  
The City Hall Bells / *played by Alexios Vicatos, video John Kramer*



Longmarket Street

Mullers  
Optometrists  
& Museum /  
*André van Graan*



JULY – Talk / *Harriet Clift*

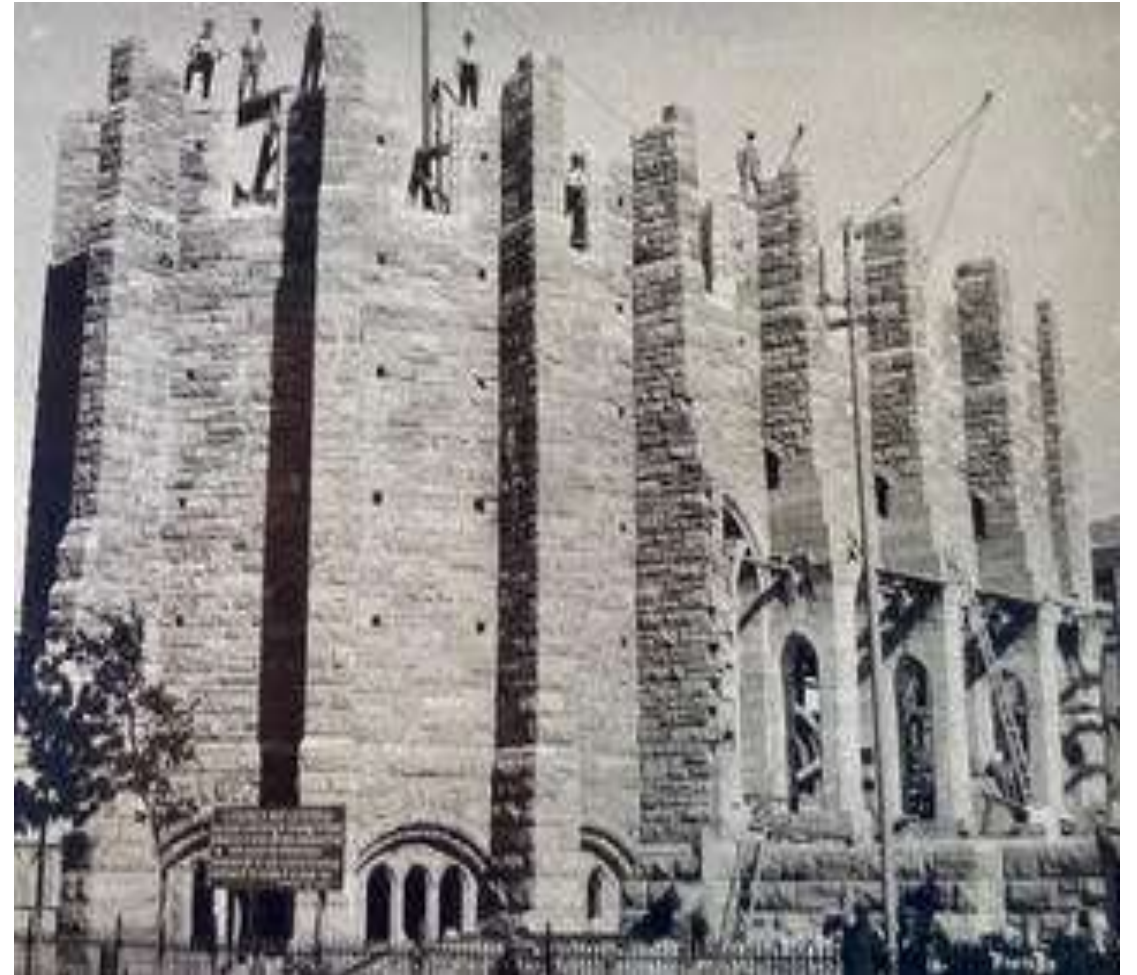
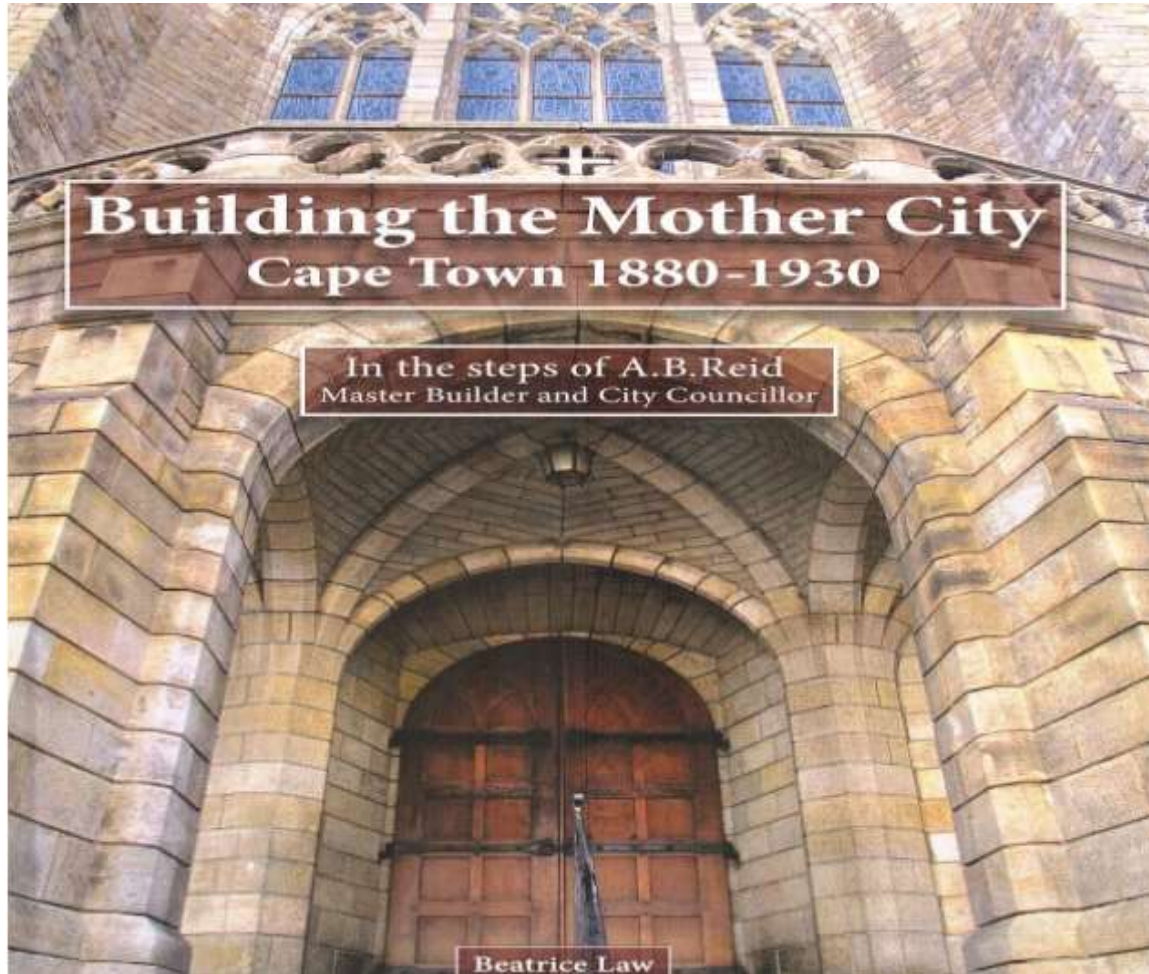
Unpacking & Understanding the National Heritage Resource's Act





**JULY Outing – Simon's Town**  
**The historic section of St George's Street,**  
**Palace Barracks & Seaforth Cemetery**

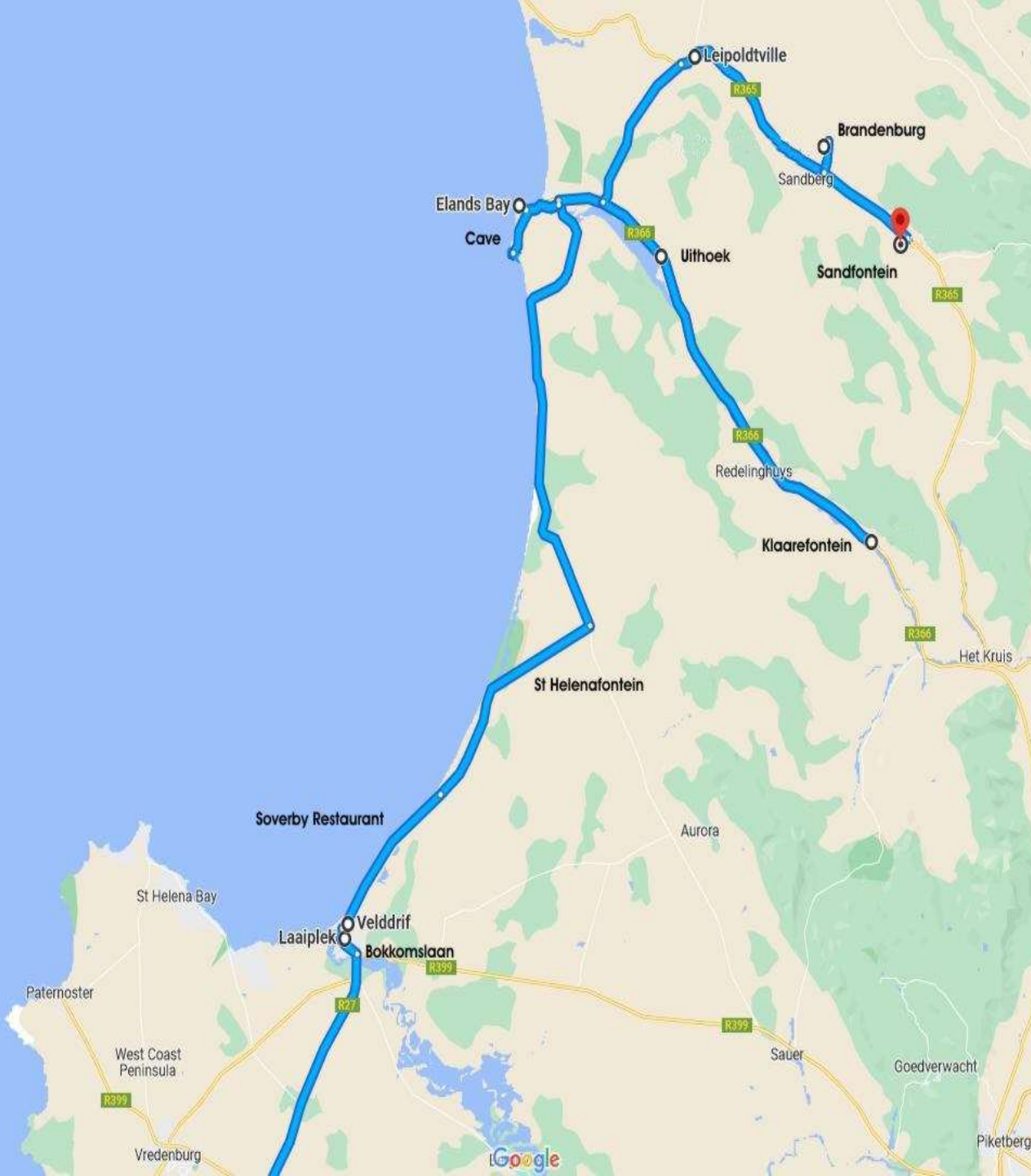
AUG Talk  
In the steps of A.B. Reid  
Building the Mother City Cape Town 1880 – 1930 / *Beatrice Louw*



# AUG Outing – Tea with Gwen, in the Fagan’s home ‘Die Es’ / The Hearth, Camps Bay



# SEPTEMBER WEEKEND AWAY



# BOKKOMSLAAN VELDDRIF

This is to certify that Erf 486 Bokkomsiaan has been declared a heritage site with local significance Grade III since January 2018. Please enjoy the rich history of the bokkom industry and assist us to preserve this beautiful property.



Stephen Dugmore, Karin Strom



SA Fisheries Museum





Aboard "Cracklin Rosie" on the Berg River  
with guide Ron Moller





Elands Bay  
Cave





Klaarfontein



Brandenburg



Uithoek – Elands Bay



Modderfontein





**Hennie Smit,  
Modderfontein's informative host**





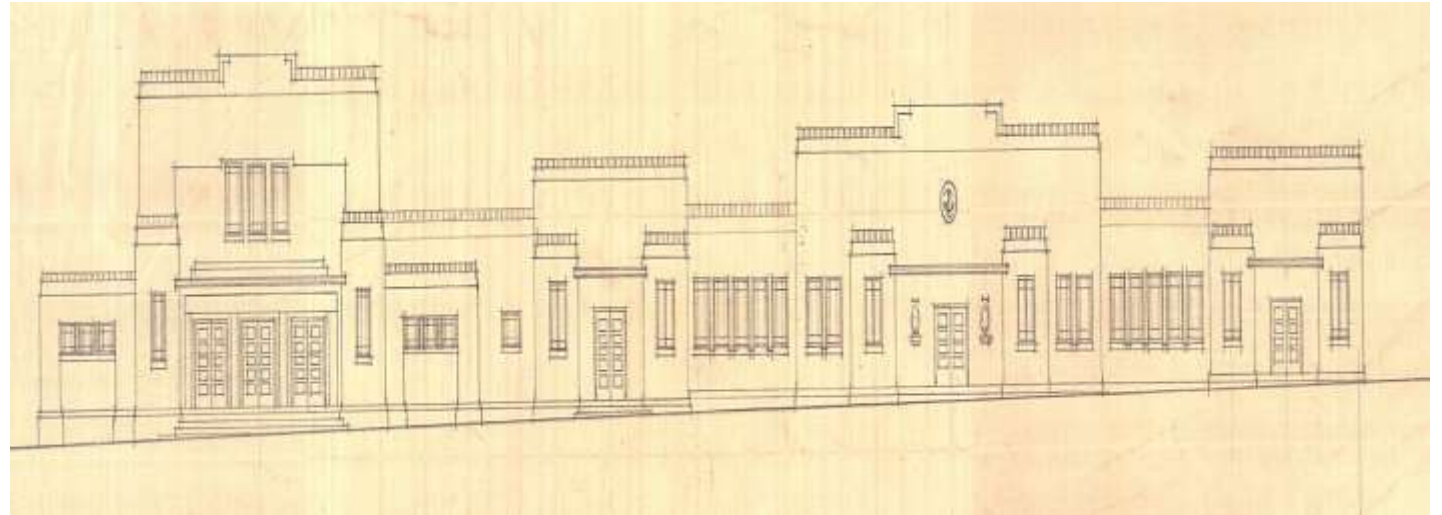


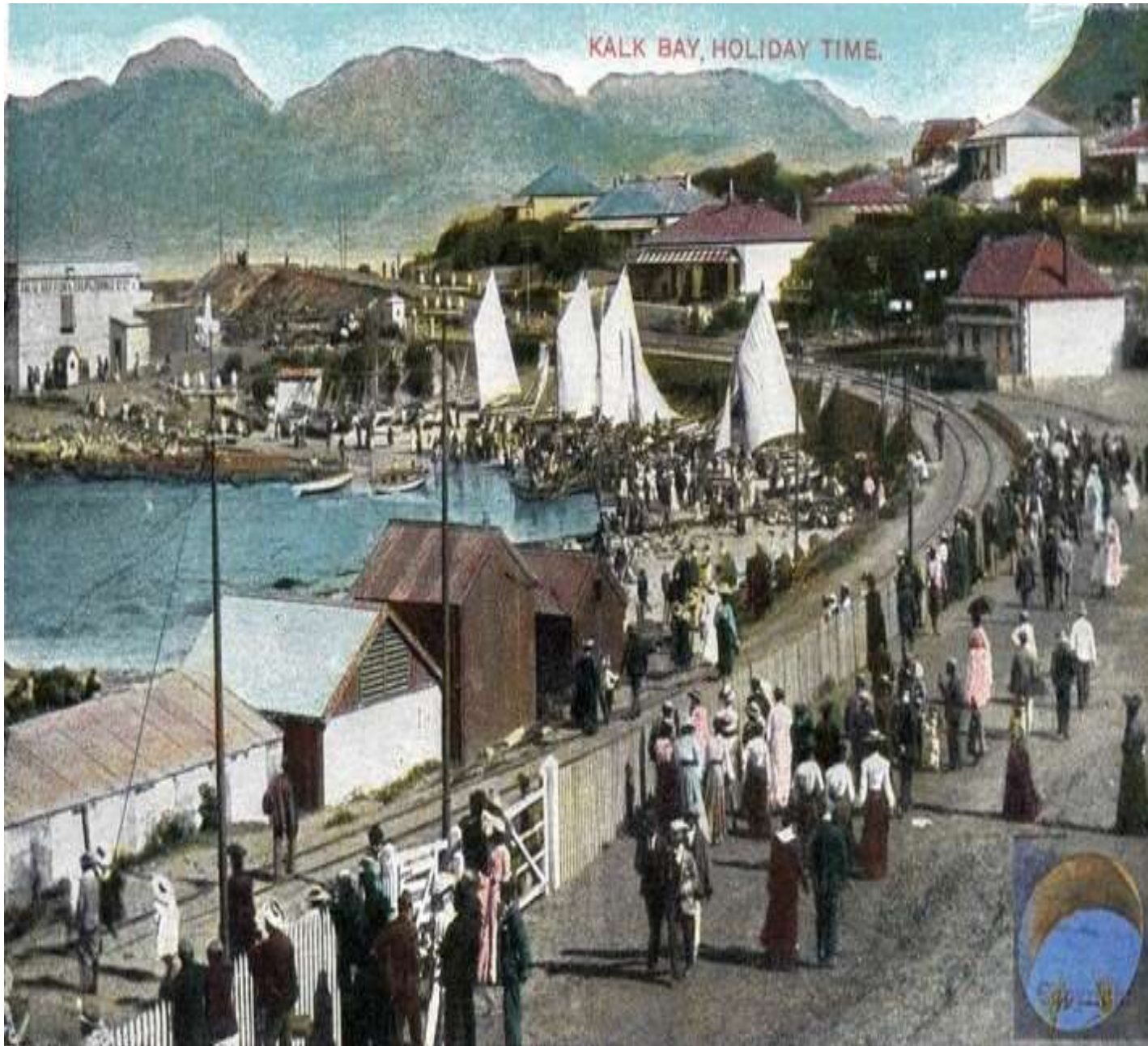




# OCTOBER Outing – Exploring Town Halls

Rondebosch, Mowbray, Woodstock, Milnerton / *Mike Scurr & Elize Mendelson*





NOV Talk  
Now and Then  
– Lakeside to Simon's Town  
with photographer TD Ravenscroft  
*/ Barrie Gasson*



# NOV Outing – Paarl / *Len Raymond*



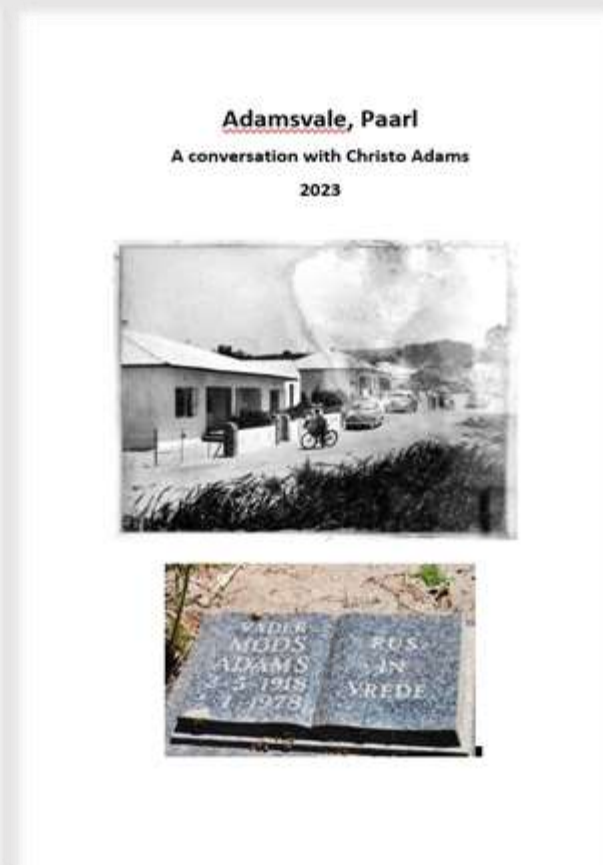
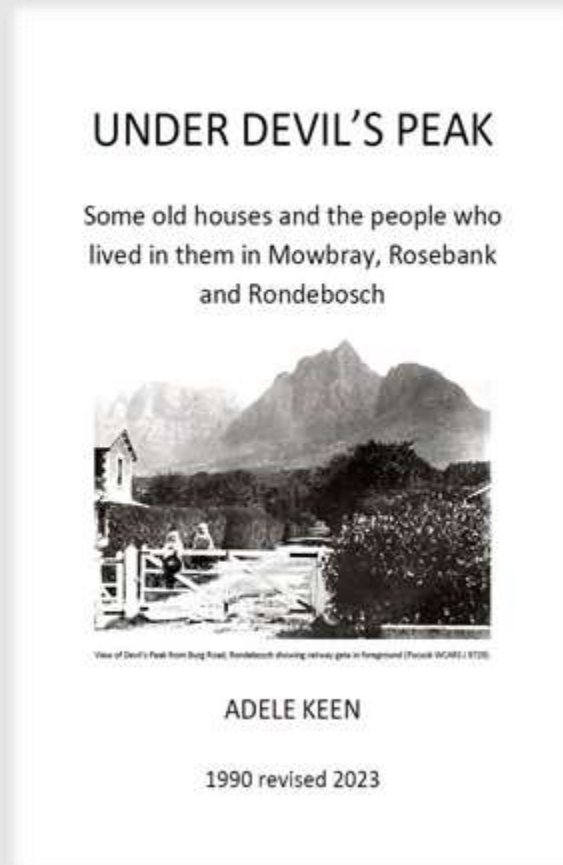
FEB 2024 Talk –  
Early Cape Farms / *Jenny Whittal*



# FEB Outing 2024 – 3 Farms, Paarl



# What Else We Did? – Publications, courtesy *Antonia Malan & Pat Kramer*



# January 2024 UCT's Summer School Talks

VASSA participated with three talks on The Significance of Vernacular Architecture ... because ...

The Vernacular Architecture Society of South Africa was inaugurated at the UCT Summer School in 1964. The series of lectures at that time drew attention to this valuable component of our architectural heritage which was threatened through neglect and lack of appreciation.

**Sixty years later**, we now look at the condition and significance of vernacular architecture in the twenty first century to see how it has adapted to change.

The concept of vernacular has expanded to consider cultural practice and traditions such as cooking and the importance of intangible heritage as reflected in oral histories collected from the people who live in a vernacular context.

- **1. Vernacular Architecture in the 21st century: Adapting to change through re-use – Dr André van Graan**  
The first talk looked at how the relevance of the vernacular relies on the adaptability of the building typology to changing conditions.
- **2. Kookskerm to Kombuis – Patricia Kramer**  
The second talk addressed the adaptation of the hearth of the vernacular corbelled buildings of the Great Karoo and what this tells us about changing lifestyles.

- **3. Voices of the Past – Dr Antonia Malan**  
The third talk considered the role of oral histories in understanding the vernacular landscape of the Cape.



## VASSA

Vernacular Architecture Society of South Africa  
Volksboukundige Vereniging van Suid-Afrika  
Umbutho wezakhiwo zemveli waseMzantsi Afrika



Keeping a beady eye on everyone.



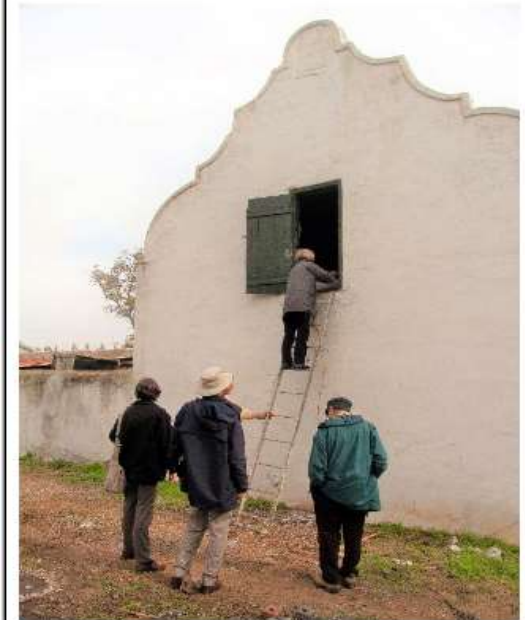
Peering in.



Doing her air hostess thing on the bus.



Admiring a bird in a tree.



Up a ladder.



Collage of doors and windows.



Dan Sleight



Annalize Mouton



Kathy Dumbrell

# People Remembered

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