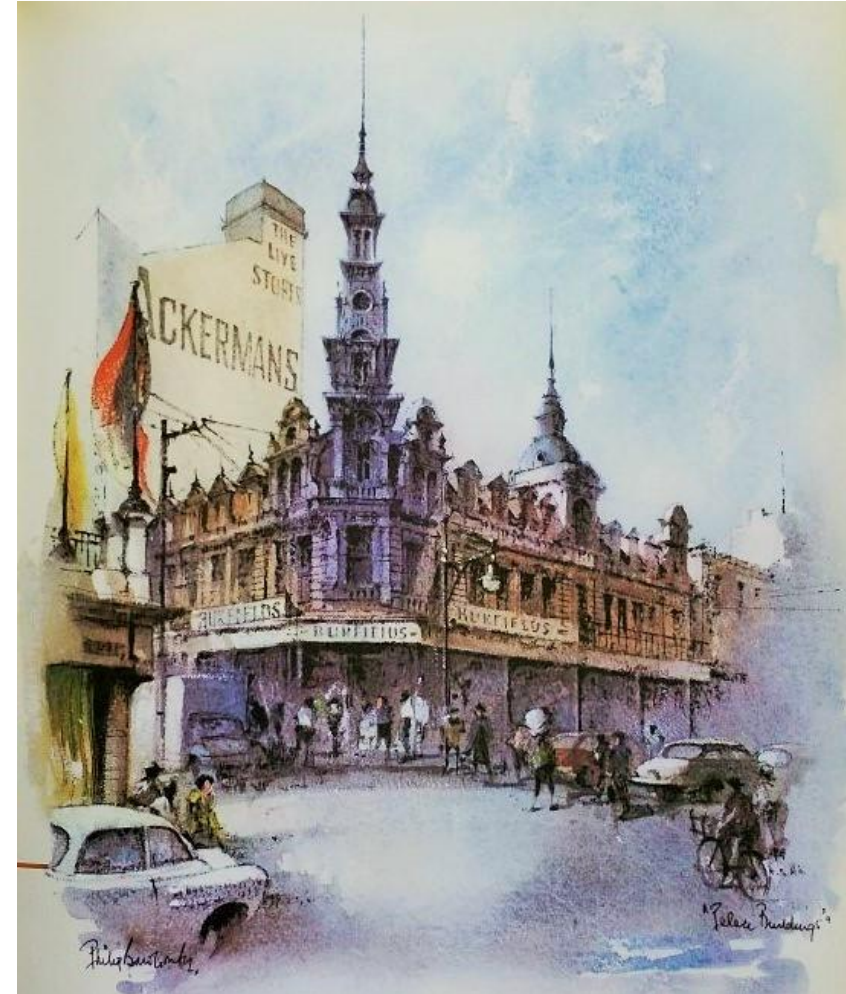




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The Story of The Heritage Portal

- The voice of South Africa's Heritage Community
- A place to share heritage related stories, news & notices (website, newsletter, social media)
- A platform to get people excited about history
- A tool to connect people & organisations
- A Blue Plaque database
- An archive of fascinating material

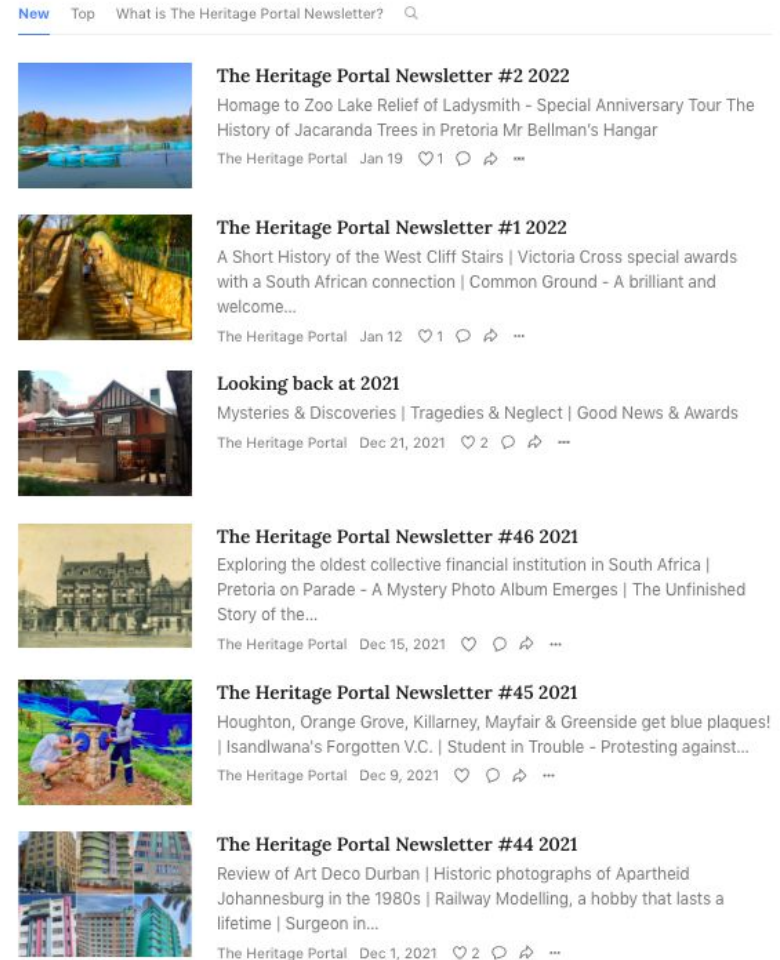


Palace Buildings by Philip Bawcombe. An early Joburg icon.

How does it work?

- Contributors from across the country send in their news, stories, events, plaques etc.
- I edit & post the details in the most appropriate place on the website
- I spread the word via the weekly newsletter and social media

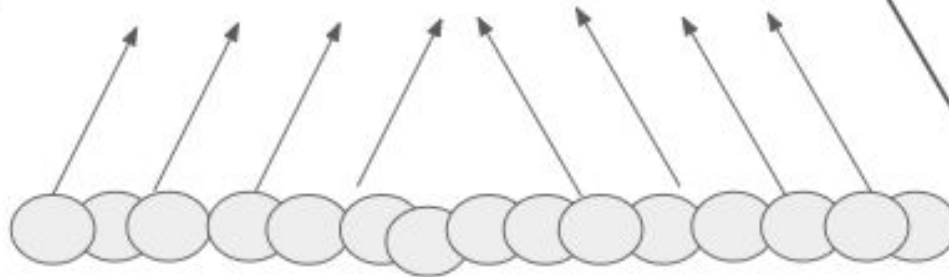
Facebook screenshot



Screenshot of the newsletter archive



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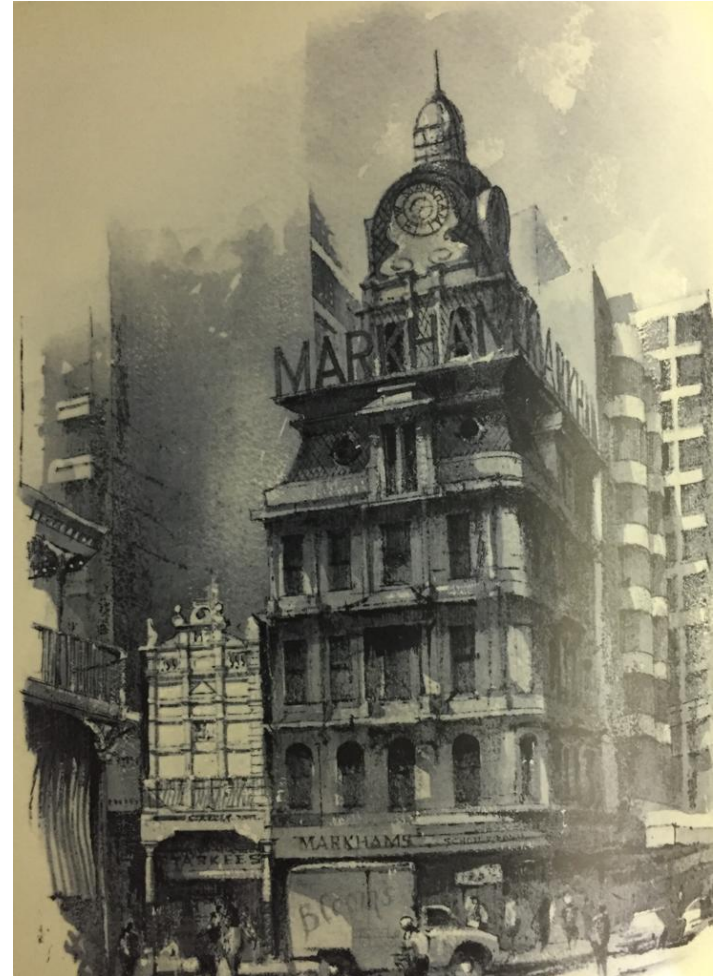
Readers



How & why did the Portal get started?



- Back to 'school'
- The real lesson of the Markhams Building (for me)
- Balancing the forces of preservation & development
- Developing the website
- Creating the content
- Connecting the community



Markhams Building, another drawing by Philip Bawcombe



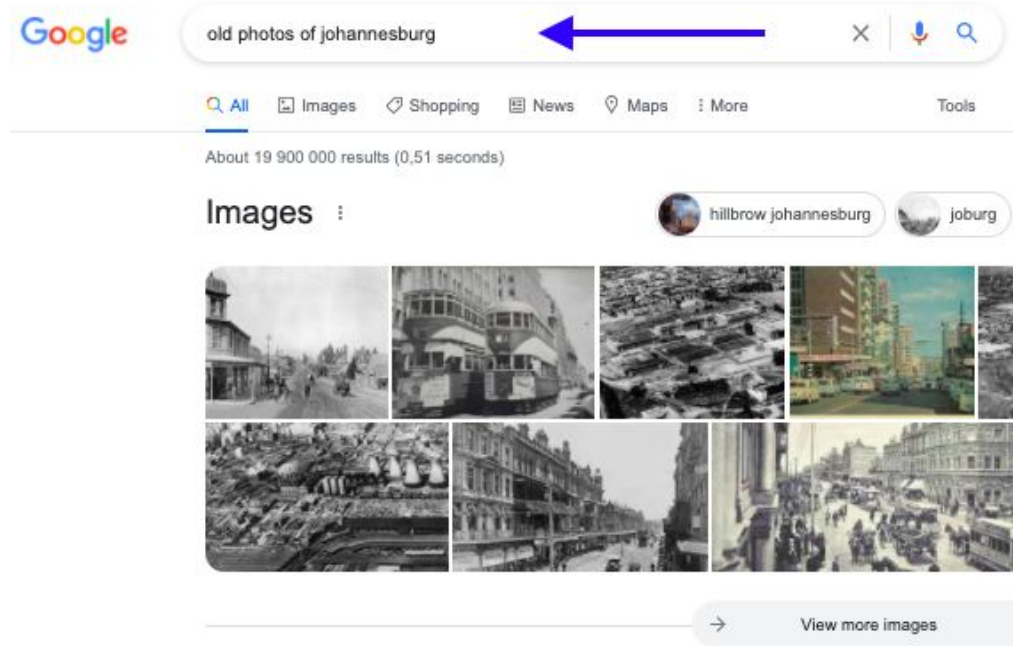
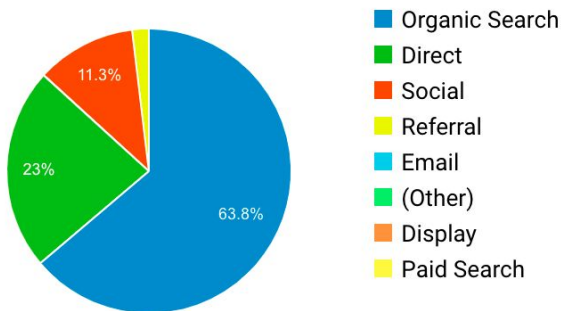
- Anyone interested in History & Heritage
- Researchers, Genealogists, Journalists
- Officials
- Professionals (Architects, Archaeologists, Heritage Consultants, Historians, Geologists etc.)
- Craftspeople & restoration contractors
- Property owners & developers



How do people find the Portal?

- Search engines
- Social media
- Newsletter
- Direct
- Referrals

Top Channels

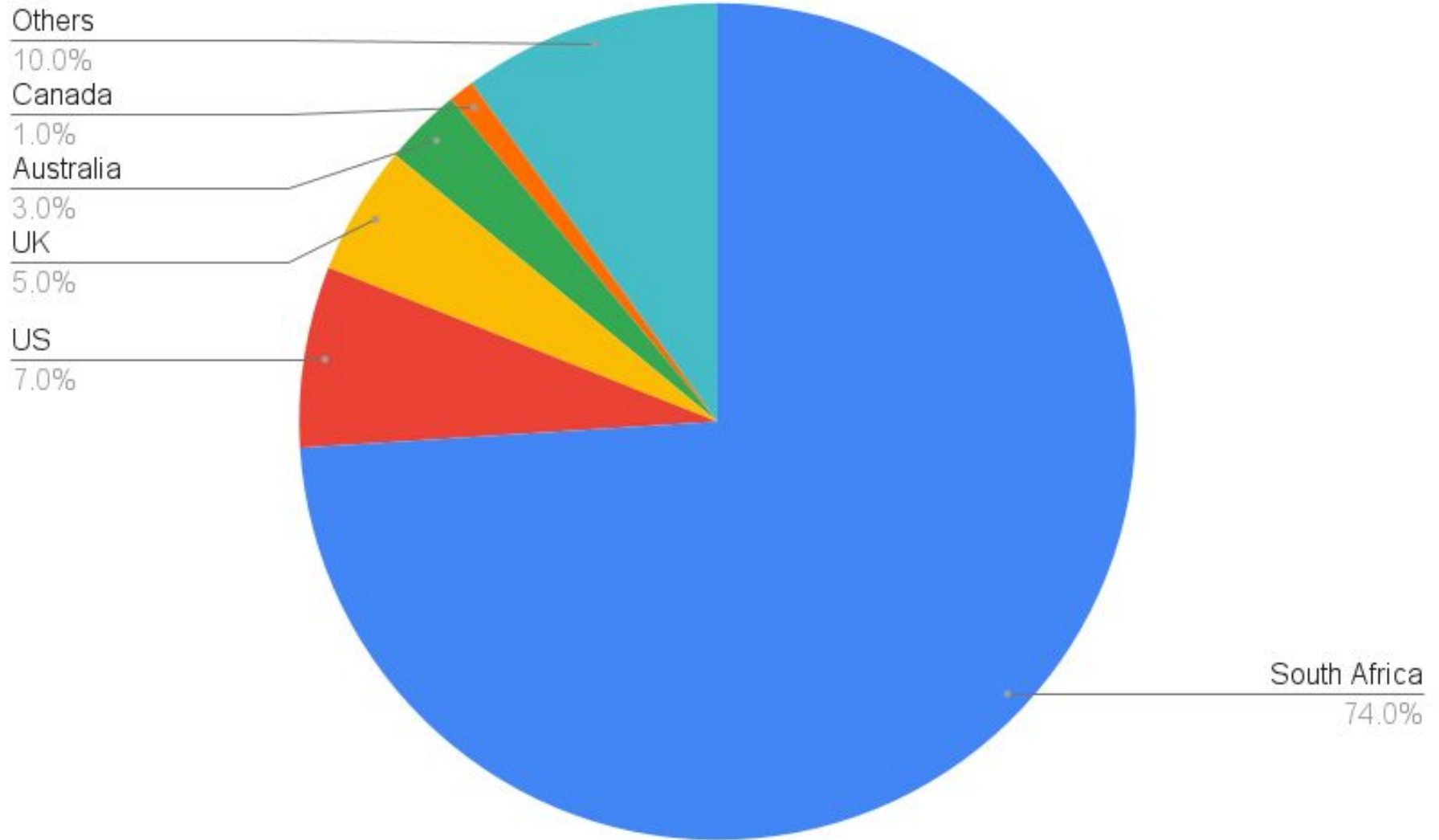


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Photographs of Johannesburg in the late 1950s and early 1960s
A few years ago we received a selection of magnificent late 1950s and early 1960s photographs of Johannesburg from Gordon Clarke (via 702).

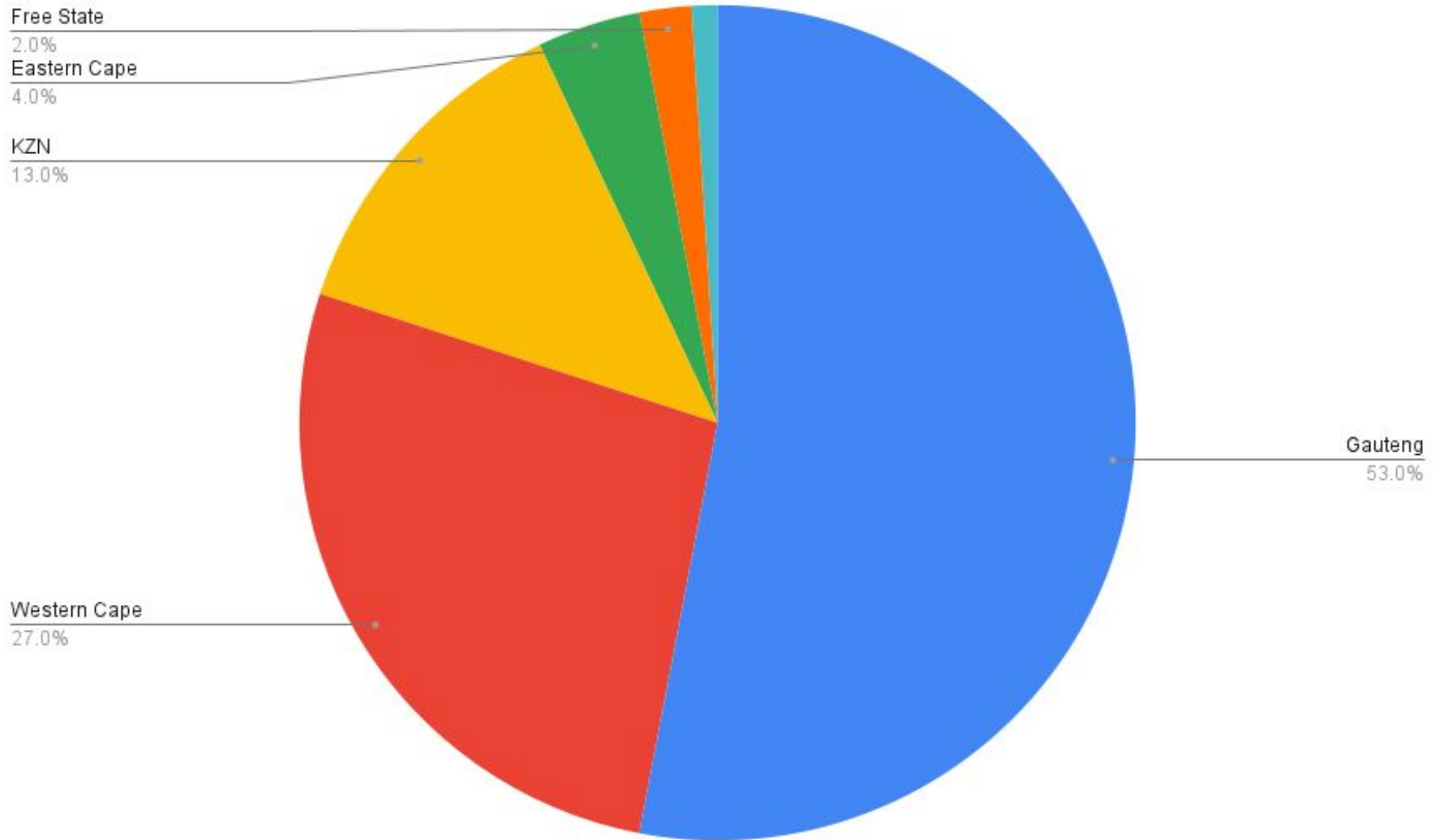
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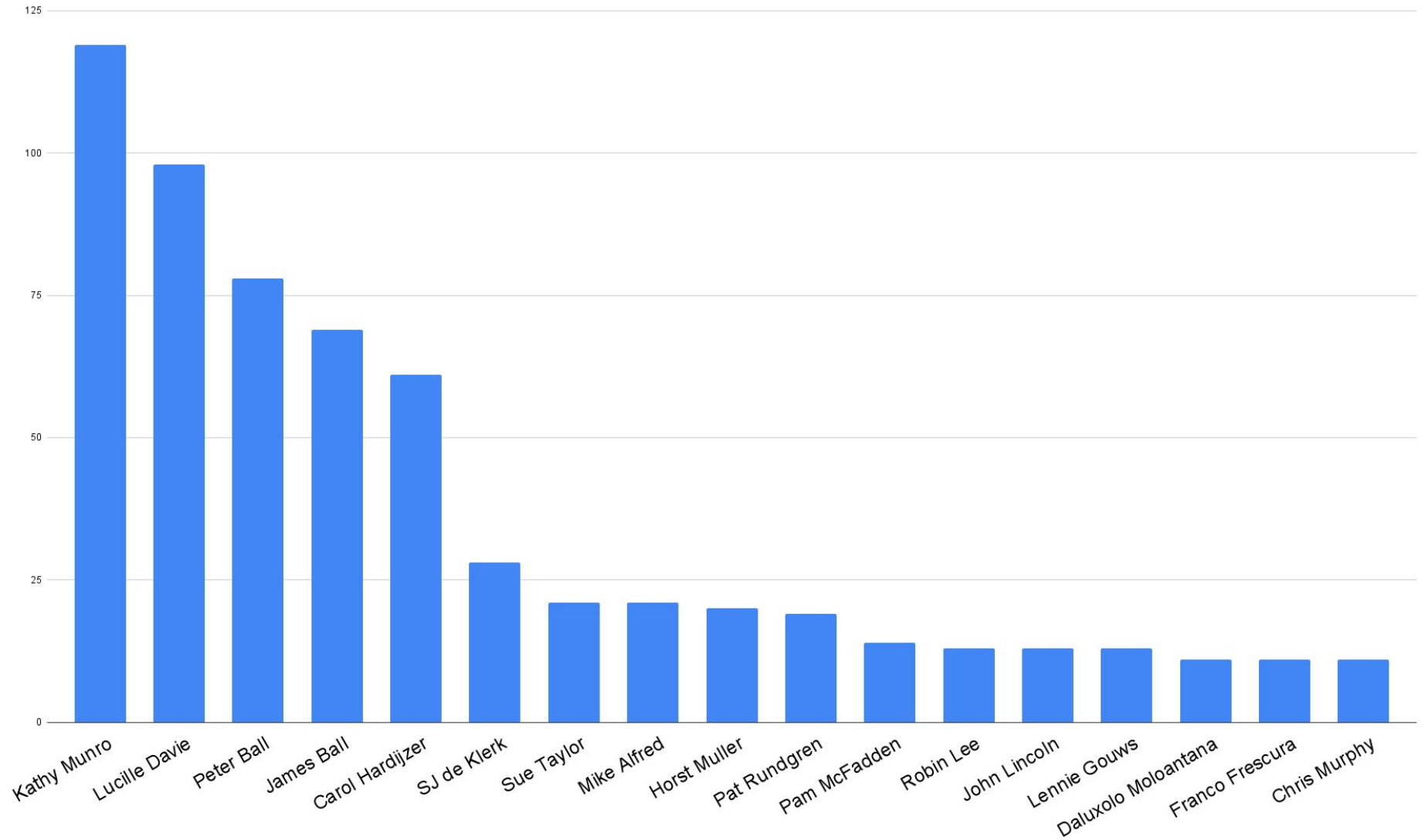
Where do readers come from?





- People reached (unique users): **2 044 000**
- Pages visited: **4 575 000**
- Biggest month: **Just under 50 000** (September 2021)
- Monthly readers: **+40 000**
- Number of contributors: **Just under 300**
- Number of articles: **1 087**
- Book Reviews: **167**
- Directory Entries: **344**
- Plaques: **337**
- Images: **12 600**

Top Contributors





1. Mining Headgears - Pure Functionality Ruling over Beauty | *Peter Ball*
2. Forbidden Images (1960s to 1980s) - Illegal photographs captured by young men conscripted into the South African Military | *Carol Hardijzer*
3. Rediscovering the 1947 Royal Visit to South Africa | *Kathy Munro*
4. Nongoloza: King of the Ninevites | *Lucille Davie*
5. The Last Remaining Natural Waterfall in Johannesburg | *William Gaul*
6. One of the most extraordinary archaeological and historical phenomena in Southern Africa | *Peter Delius, Tim Maggs, Alex Schoeman*
7. The remarkable life of Charlotte Maxeke | *Daluxolo Moloantoa*
8. A Brief History of Knysna | *Philip Caveney*
9. Water, water... everywhere - Johannesburg's streams and rivers | *Lucille Davie*
10. A Brief History of Roads in South Africa | *Peter Ball*



Spectacular old photographs of Joburg from above



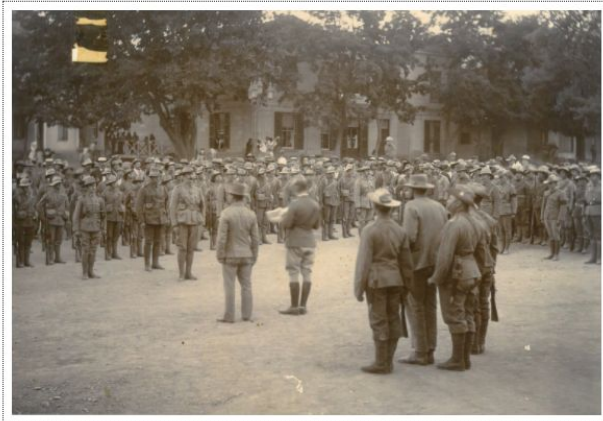
Remarkable Photographs Emerge from Joburg Family Archive



Photographs of the Kruger Park that haven't been seen for half a century



Unique Photographs from the Boer War



Billy Monk was a Loaded Gun - A Treasure Trove of Photographs of Cape Town in the 1960s



Where there was gold there were photographers - Barberton Goldrush





16 300 books... and counting



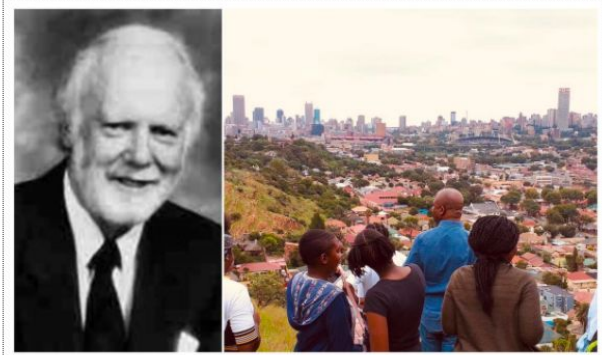
Marc Latilla is a Joburg enthusiast –
Then and Now



Clive Chipkin - 'No coherence!'



Neil Fraser - reclamation champion



Flo Bird - house by house, street by street



Brian McKechnie: heritage, passion and cars





A mysterious grave next to a railway line



Visiting the Historic Simon's Town Old Burying Ground



Visiting the oldest extant cemetery in South Africa



Visiting the historic Brook Street Cemetery, Durban



Nostalgia and remembrance in the Brixton Cemetery



Only this cemetery remains as a stark reminder of an uprooted community

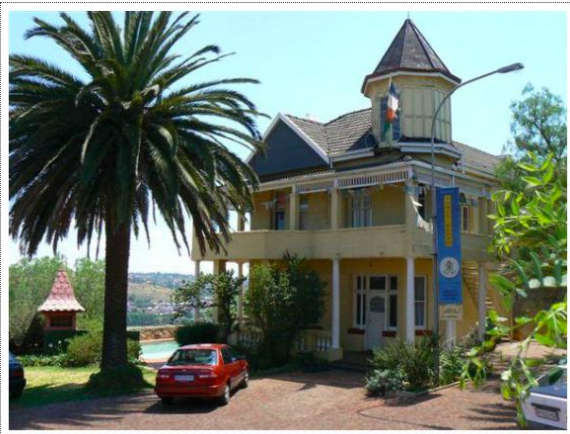




Discovery of a cannonball that was fired during the Battle of Muizenberg (1795)



A secret heritage home on the Kensington ridge



Heritage Heist - The mystery and intrigue behind Yukon's missing windows



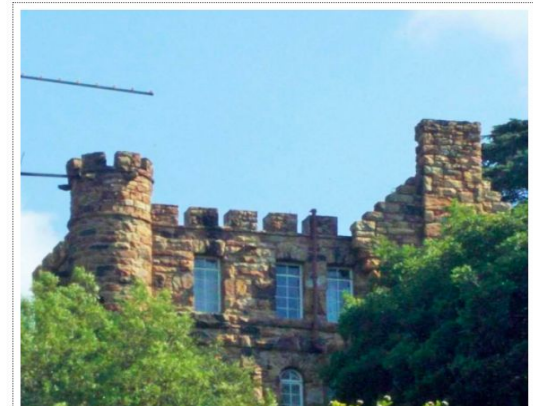
Parkhurst House had enough explosives to 'blow up Johannesburg'



Rediscovery of historical survey beacon on Oxford Road



Modern Day Mystery - What has happened to the owner of the Kensington Castle?





The Buildings of C. H. Thrupp and Company over the Decades



The Nedbank Historical Collective - Exploring the oldest collective financial institution in South Africa



Johannesburg Stock Exchange Buildings over the Decades

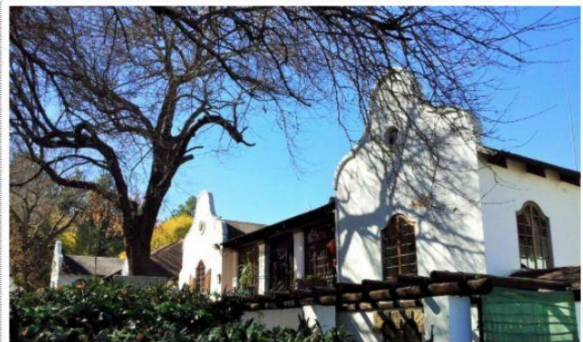




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Restoring one of Parktown's Greatest Mansions



Dolobran mansion sits snugly among Baker's Joburg icons



The Early History of Tara Sandton



Blue plaques and their inspiring possibilities



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Blue Plaque celebrates Jewish contribution to Muizenberg



Five Sneaky Blue Plaques



Blue Plaque Honours Helen Suzman



Houghton, Orange Grove, Killarney, Mayfair and Greenside get blue plaques!



How does the Portal sustain itself?



- Volunteer driven initiative
- All content submitted by generous contributors
- Some advertising on the website & in the newsletter
- Donations
- Heritage Directory



Farewell to one of South Africa's great architects

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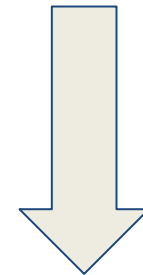
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