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SITE INSPECTION REPORT FOR: VOORTREKKER PULPIT

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HERITAGE PROTECTION UNIT

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Church of the Vow in Pietermaritzburg KwaZulu Natal

Introduction

Section 5 (1)(a) of the National Heritage Resources Act 25 of 1999 (NHRA) states that “Heritage resources have lasting value in their own right and provide evidence of the origins of the South African society and as they are valuable, finite, non-renewable and irreplaceable they must be carefully managed to ensure their survival”.

Background

The Voortrekker pulpit is located at the Church of the Covenant, Church Street in Pietermaritzburg. Also known as the Voortrekker church. The main objective for the site visit, was to obtain a condition assessment of the mentioned heritage object. The HPU went to inspect and ensure that the object is at the right site, under the correct custodians and supervision on the 26th of November 2018.

Significance of the object

The Voortrekker pulpit was manufactured from various local timbers between 1840 and 1841 by Nagel and Heine in the first year after the establishment of the church of VOW. In 1861, it was moved to the new Voortrekker church, but it was returned to the church of the VOW, now the Voortrekker museum. In 1955, this neo gothic octagonal pulpit which is 4m high, consists of three parts; The plinth, the lectern and the canopy. The heritage object is the only declared one at the site of the church and was declared in 1994.



Picture 1: Voortrekker Pulpit in Pietermaritzburg KwaZulu Natal

Assessment

The heritage object is in a good condition. But there are signs of wear and tear.



Pictures 2: of the Voortrekker pulpit with wear and tear

Conclusion

In conclusion, it is good to have object inspections, to ensure that they are not misused or broken or stolen.

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