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## REPORT ON A SURFACE SURVEY

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Boyes Drive and Camp Road,

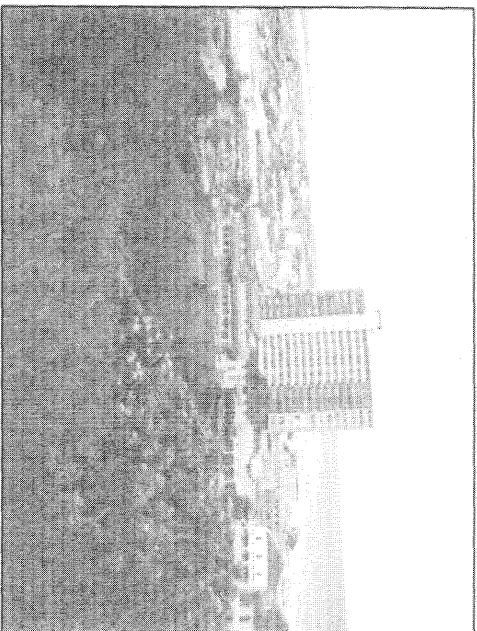
ERF 86923

(proposed trench for the laying of cables),

and

and a report on the artifacts collected during the excavation  
of the trench

Prepared for Megan Anderson Landscape Architects



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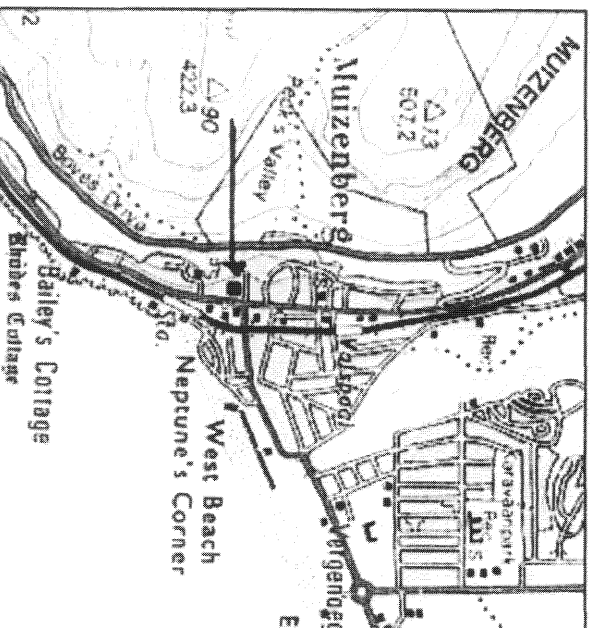
FOR NOTIFICATION

## 1. Introduction

At the request of Ms Mandy Noffke on behalf of Megan Anderson Landscape Architect, Dr Ute A Seemann surveyed an area in Muizenberg, erf 86923, situated west (upslope) of the Muizenberg Park and Bowling Greens, until it meets Boyes Drive, and bordered to the north by Camp Road, to the east by the Main Road / M4 (Fig. 1). The GPS location is 34°05'76"S, 18°30'00"E. Dr Seemann was asked to assess the proposed line for a 1.5m wide trench to be excavated for the laying of cables as to its archaeological sensitivity. The conclusion reached was that the area's archaeological potential was low to non-existent.

Two visits were conducted: the initial survey (before excavation of the trench by the contractor) on Tuesday 4 October 2005; and a second on 27 October 2005 on conclusion of the cable laying, before the trench was filled in. Artifacts collected by the laborers from the excavated soil of the trench, two 25kg maize bags full of glass-, ceramics- and metal fragments, were handed over. The artifacts were analysed, recorded and re-buried in a part of the trench on 6 December 2005, after consultation with the Muizenberg Historical Society's chairman Mr Alan Harvey and curator Mr Colyn Johnson. The Muizenberg Historical Society is in possession of a copy of this report, so is Heritage Western Cape.

Fig. 1 Location of the survey area, 2005, Muizenberg (Chief Directorate Surveys and Mapping, Mowbray, map 3418AB&AD, 1:50 000).



2. The area under consideration was part of the British War Department properties until 1844. The foundation of the barracks at Muizenberg are probably found under the Bowling Greens<sup>2</sup>.

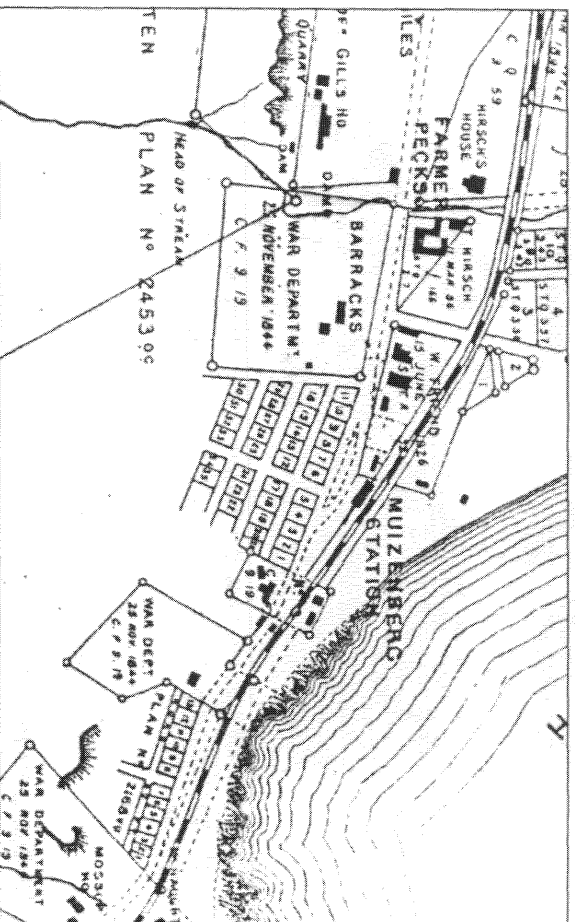


Fig. 4. Portion of a map of the area above the "Barracks", dated 1900, and designated War Department's [property]. Survey area highlighted; Farmer Peck's Inn, the quarry at what was later Boyes Drive, Atlantic Road and future housing erf's are noted. (Reference: Cape Archives, M2/57)

3. In about 1825 Farmer Peck's Inn was established opposite the barracks on the Main Road.
4. In 1844 the "barracks and everything at Muizenberg" was handed over to the Cape's Ordnance Department (Fig. 4). The Barracks fell into ruin.
5. Between 1829 and the 1880s the site was used as a temporary military camp (Fig. 5).

<sup>2</sup> Surveyor General, Cape Town, Dgm No 341/1844.

#### 4. The artifactual collection

The artifactual collection derives from that portion of the excavated trench immediately above the lawn of Muizenberg Park under the stone pines, across the lawn, and running between Camp Road and the spring down to Main Road (Fig. 7).

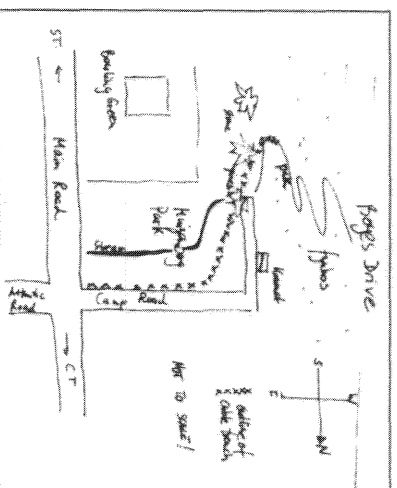


Fig. 7. Present location, 2005, Muizenberg Park and sketch of cable trenches.

#### 4.1 Ceramics

The artifacts were analysed and grouped into 'ceramic', 'glass' and 'metal'. The total weight was about 30kg. Of this, above 90% by weight and minimal numbers of individual vessels (MNI's)<sup>3</sup> could be dated to the second half of the 19<sup>th</sup> and first half of the 20<sup>th</sup> century (Fig. 8). Imported British tableware dominated: dinner- and side plates, cups and saucers. No Asian porcelain was present.



Fig. 8a. Staffordshire ware, mass produced refined earthenware: top, creamware, dated to late 18<sup>th</sup>/early 19<sup>th</sup> century, Middle row: blue white underglaze printed pearlware, mid- 19<sup>th</sup> century. Bottom: late 19<sup>th</sup> century banded ware



Fig. 8b. British, late 19<sup>th</sup> / early 20<sup>th</sup> century, refined earthenware (top) and thick, hard-wearing, vitrified china, 'hotelware' (bottom).

<sup>3</sup> The numbers given here are estimates, informed by my experience on excavations conducted in Muizenberg, Baden Powell Drive in 1999 and various Cape Peninsula historical sites during the past 15 years.

## 4.2 Glass



Fig. 9. A sample of the glass containers found in Muizenberg Park. Back row from left: cool drink bottle, condiment bottles, brown beer bottle, green wine bottle, brown medicine screw top bottle, clear medicine bottles, ornamental decanter. Middle row from left: opaque face cream jars, clear ink bottles, dark brown Marmite bottle, blue poison bottles. Front row from left: opaque ODOL mouthwash bottle fragment, scent bottles, cut glass from a bowl, drinking glass base, light green marble from a 'Codd bottle', square bottle base.

All containers are dated late 19<sup>th</sup> century to mid 20<sup>th</sup> century.

The glass containers are all clearly household ware. The majority of them are bottles, and contained spirits, beer, milk and 'cool drinks'. The second largest category are condiment- and medicine bottles. A few decorative items such as ornamental lamp shade fragments, vases, bowls, as well as ink bottles are also present. Plain drinking glasses dominate. The containers were manufactured from a three-piece mould (ca 1870-1950)<sup>6</sup>.

Face cream, the ODOL mouthwash- and scent bottles, the ink bottles are indicative of middle class households.

## 4.3 Metal

The metal fragments collected were rusted and unidentifiable, apart from modern metal bottle caps, fencing wire and tin cans. The fragments were discarded.

<sup>6</sup> Lastovica, *ibid.* page 16.

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re: supervision of a Council excavation for a cable trench, erf 86923, Muizenberg,  
on 4 and 27 October 2005.

Dear Chopie,  
I was retained by Ms Many Noffke of "Planning in Balance", Environmental  
Management on behalf of Megan Anderson Landscape Architects, PO Box 2607,  
Clareinch 2607, to monitor council trench excavations in Muizenberg. The area  
was found to be of low to non-existent archaeological potential.  
Two bags of artefacts were collected by the workers from the excavated soil.  
These were documented by me and reburied in a part of the trench on  
conclusion of the cable laying.  
The Muizenberg Historical Society has a copy of the report, as has my client. I  
hope to have fulfilled my professional obligations thus.

Please acknowledge the receipt of this report by e-mail to  
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Kind regards

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