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ARCHAEOLOGICAL SURVEY OF THE KENSINGTON GOLF COURSE,  
JOHANNESBURG

A Phase-1 Report Prepared for Environmental Design Partnership

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## INTRODUCTION

Environmental Design Partnership commissioned Archaeological Resources Management (ARM) to conduct a survey of the Kensington Golf Course as part of their environmental impact assessment. The course lies south of the East Gate shopping complex in the Kensington suburb of Johannesburg.

## METHOD

Two ARM staff examined the course on Friday, 6 March 1998. The area was traversed on foot, with staff paying special attention to bare soil patches, roads, trenches and flower beds. In addition, staff searched the Department's data files for sites on the 1:50 000 map sheet 2628 AA Johannesburg.

## RESULTS

Before the golf course was established, the area was largely a vlei. Rows of gum and oak trees mark street alignments that were never built. The course itself is heavily landscaped.

One historic midden full of burnt coal, cinder, brick and other debris forms a mound near the 15th tee (26.10.57S 28.06.53E). The midden appears to be in situ.

A large oak tree about 250 m south (26.11.02S 28.06.57E) bears a metal plaque in memory of Hector Mulholland Grey (1900-1993), son of the founder president of the golf club. Mr. Grey's ashes were scattered in the vicinity.



## RECOMMENDATIONS

The historic midden could be of value, and so archaeologists should be present when the mound is removed.

According to the club manager, there is no legal restriction surrounding the memorial tree. Nevertheless, the tree could be incorporated in an open space.