

**MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR ADAM KOK THE THIRD'S GRAVE AND THE  
ARCHAEOLOGICAL TERRAIN AT MOUNT CURRIE.**

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**1) Introduction:**

In December 2012, Mr. Gabriel Marais, leader of the Griqua people of Kokstad<sup>1</sup> contacted Ms. Roslyn Devereux of Amafa's Built Environment. Mr. Marais was concerned about the state of conservation of specifically Adam Kok III's and his wife's grave and monument in town as well as the condition of the archaeological site of Adam Kok III at Mount Currie and requested Amafa to visit the sites and to give some recommendations which would improve their conservation and presentation to the public. It was decided that the compiler of this document, Ms. Rossouw and Mrs. Pawandiwa would visit the mentioned sites for the following purposes:

- 1) To do a site survey and to identify heritage resources
- 2) To compile condition assessment reports
- 3) To compile a statement of the heritage significance of the sites
- 4) Grading of sites
- 5) To make recommendations to ensure the long term conservation of the sites
- 6) If these recommendations should include, direct interventions, for instance fencing of the grade ii, provincially declared monument and grave of Adam Kok III and his wife, the impact on the monument must be assessed and the process must be guided to allow for mitigation to safe guard the heritage values of the monument.
- 7) A management plan to be compiled for the monument of Adam Kok III and his wife as well as the archaeological site at Mount Currie.

Mr. Marais informed Ms. Rossouw and Mrs. Pawandiwa that the East Griqua traditional Council planned to fence the monument and that they also wanted Amafa to visit the archaeological site at Mount Currie to give insight into future management of the site.

**2) Legislation:**

a) Section 36 is applicable to the *archaeological terrain of Mount Currie* – including built settlement patterns, settlement floors, a monument, periphery walls and graves.

KwaZulu-Natal Heritage Act no: 4 of 2008:

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<sup>1</sup> Chairperson for the East Griqua traditional Council and a representative of the National Khoi-San Council for KwaZulu-Natal.

Section 36 (1): General protection: Battlefield sites, archaeological sites, rock art sites, palaeontological sites, historic fortifications, meteorite or meteorite impact sites – (1) No person may destroy, damage, excavate, alter, write or draw upon, or otherwise disturb any battlefield site, archaeological site, rock art site, palaeontological site, historic fortification, meteorite or meteorite impact site without prior written approval of the Council having been obtained on written application to the Council (of Amafa).

Section 36 (4): No person may exhume, from its original position or otherwise disturb, damage, destroy, own or collect any object or material associated with any battlefield site, archaeological site, rock art site, palaeontological site, historic fortification, meteorite or meteorite impact site without the prior written approval (permit) of the Council having been obtained on written application to the Council.

Section 36 (5): No person may bring any equipment which assists in the detection of metals and archaeological and palaeontological objects, or excavation equipment onto any battlefield site, archaeological site, rock art site, historic fortification, or meteorite impact site, or use similar detection or excavation equipment for the recovery of meteorites, without the prior written approval of the Council (permit) having been obtained on written application to the Council (permit application).

b) Section 41 of the KwaZulu-Natal Heritage Act no: 4 of 2008 apply specifically to the ***grade ii memorial and grave of Adam Kook III and his wife.***

Section 41: A battlefield site, public monument or memorial listed in the Schedule –

- (a) is regarded as a Heritage Landmark site referred to in section 38 or a Provincial Landmark site referred in section 39.
- (b) Is regarded as a Grade II Heritage Resource referred to in section 7 (1) (b) of the National Heritage Resources Act no: 25 of 1999.
- (c) Enjoys special protection afforded to such heritage sites; and
- (d) Must be listed in the Register of Heritage Sites referred to in Section 42 of the Heritage Act no: 4 of 2008.

***National Heritage Resource Act no: 25 of 1999***

c) ***A phase I survey was completed linked to both the mentioned heritage sites*** and section 38 (3.a & b) in the National Heritage Resource Act no: 25 of 1999.

Section 38.3): The responsible heritage resources authority must specify the information to be provided in a report required in terms of subsection 2.a): Provided that the following is included.

Section 38.3.a) The identification and mapping of all heritage resources in the area affected;

Section 38.3.b) an assessment of the significance of such resources in terms of the heritage assessment criteria set out in section 6(2) or prescribed under section 7.

***3) Stakeholders:***

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Jonathan K. Meth	Cell no: 079 832 7727 e-mail: <a href="mailto:stpatrick@telkomsa.net">stpatrick@telkomsa.net</a>	Owner of the café who wants to assist with the fencing of Adam Kok III and his wife's memorial and grave. (Developer)
Cyril Gangerdine	Cell no: 071 255 4880	GKM Ward Committee Land-claim Office
Lionel Fortuin	Cell no: 083 482 2055	Griqua Independent Church Secretary
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Paul Pienaar	Cell no: 084 312 6946	National Khoi-San Council
Jean Pienaar	Tel no: 039 747 4708	Wife of Mr. Pienaar
Nicholas Johannes William Jantjes	68 Murray Street, Kokstad	Owner of one of the oldest houses in Kokstad, erf still original (not sub-divided)

***4) Survey & Documentation of Adam Kok III and his wife's grave, a grade ii Provincial Landmark***Elevation: 4288ftGPS co-ordinates: 29Y -040794

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Accuracy: 20 feetMaterial: Dolerite plinth with concrete top-levels. Marble plaque containing lead lettering as well as a thin frame of lead surrounding the inscription.Plaque (content):

Deze is de Rustplaats

Van

Adam Kok III

Opperhoof der Griqua volk.

Gestorven 30ste December 1875.

Ouderdom 64.

En

Zyn echtgenoot Margaret.  
 This is the resting place  
 Of  
 Adam Kok II  
 Paramount Chief of the Griqua People  
 Died 30<sup>th</sup> of December 1875.  
 Aged 64  
 AND  
 His spouse Margaret



Condition: Bad

Three concrete pedestals are broken; the chains on the right of the memorial (facing the memorial from the street) are all dismantled, the reason being that people sit on the chains and break them.

The area is badly littered (even human excrement was visible behind the memorial) and the public trespass at the site, occupying the surrounding area, while they wait in a queue to certify their certificates at the Police Station to obtain work.

The first point of action would be for the interested and affected parties to consult with the police and request that they should firstly inform the people not to sit within the area containing the memorial and not to litter and vandalise the site.

Secondly the Police should supply their clients with an area where they can queue safely inside the office or somewhere else.



Recommendation: The Police should supply the public with a waiting area or room.

Development proposal: The neighbouring shop proposed the fencing of the right side of the memorial, to improve access control. Palisade fencing was proposed as well as the “paving” of the area surrounding the memorial. The roses bushes within the fenced-off area to the left of the monument (when facing the memorial from the street), will be removed and placed further to the left, outside of the fenced-off area to function as screening, taking into consideration that the developer wants to erect street-furniture in the form of tables and chairs as part of his tea-room behind the memorial.

This constitutes development and the owner was informed to employ a heritage architect who will submit an application to Amafa’s Built Environment Section.

The compiler of this report informed the developer that cement paving will not be supported by Amafa, since the guidelines of minimum intervention and reversibility apply. The garden-designed landscape surrounding the pavement also creates a “softer” edge to the street-scape which is more aesthetically pleasing and also ensures that the monument/memorial is accentuated.

