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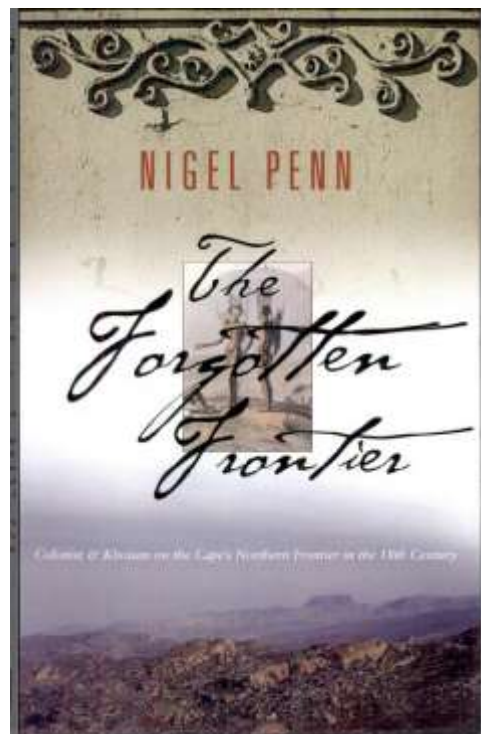
THE FORGOTTEN HIGHWAY HERITAGE ROUTE
A Developmental Summit
"Ancestral Journeys"
18-20 May 2023

After the successful Forgotten Highway Perdekar Expedition in October 2022, the Forgotten Highway hosts its next big event – **the Forgotten Highway Summit**.

This consists of a two-day conference at the historic Apollo Theatre in Victoria West, on **Friday 19 May and Saturday 20 May**.

The Conference will be opened by Prof Nigel Penn, the author of the important book called *The Forgotten Frontier*.

Prof Penn will also give a special lecture on *The Koorndlands Kloof Massacre*, which took place in the Roggeveld. This will show how case studies on specific historical events can provide fascinating detail about life on the frontier.



We will host 22 speakers from the local communities along the route, showcasing the heritage and tourism assets of their towns and districts.

The key themes include:

- The origin of the Route and the expanding frontier
- The prehistory of the route: Fossils and Ancient Civilisations
- Early Explorations and Encounters
- Our Towns and their Origins
- Building the Forgotten Highway Route
- Building Synergies and Collaboration amongst Route Stakeholders.

We will also show two movies, created by **Africa Meets Africa** (NGO): *Pathways to the Interior*, and *My Room at the Centre of the Universe*.



The Victoria West community will offer food and refreshments for sale to the Summit participants. We invite crafters from across the Forgotten Highway region to come and exhibit and sell their products!

The Summit costs R300 per person per day. Please visit www.karoorfoundation.co.za/summit for further information, and to book online.

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Friday 19 May: Ancestral Journeys, Day 1

Registration: 8.30-9.00 am

**Session 1: Keynote address
9.15-10.45 am**

Welcome: Prof Johann Kirsten: Chair, KDF

Introduction of Keynote speaker: Dr David Morris (KDF)

Keynote address: Prof Nigel Penn, UCT: "Encounters with the unknown, 1760-1860"

Doreen Atkinson: Ancestral journeys: Key sites along the route

10.45-11.15: Tea/coffee

**Session 2: The Prehistory of the Route: Fossils and Early Civilisations
11.15 – 12.30 pm**

Chair: Prof Zachy Matebesi (University of the Free State; KDF Trustee)

Speaker 1: Jaco Groenewald: The dinosaur legacy of the Roggeveld

Speaker 2: Marinda Oberholzer: Die dinosaurus-spore van Fraserburg

Speaker 3: David Morris: Wonderwerk Cave: Human record from the dawn of time

DISCUSSION

12.30 – 1.15: Lunch

**Session 3: Early Explorations and Encounters along the Route
1.30 - 3.0 pm**

Chair: Prof Lucius Botes (University of North-West; KDF Trustee)

Speaker 1: Claus Riding: The travels of William Burchell

Speaker 2: John Martiens: The magic of Witsand

Speaker 3: Denzil Kruger: Strominge in Griekwaland, 1800-1840: Koranna, Griekwas, Bergenaars, Hartenaars, en die Oranje-rivier bendes

Speaker 4: Mpho Molema: Celebrating the Tlhaping heritage in the Kuruman region

DISCUSSION

3.0 – 3.30 Snacks and juices

**Session 4: Our towns and their origins (1)
3.30 pm – 5.00 pm**

Chair: Moses Skisazana: Ons Karoo, and KDF Trustee

Speaker 1: Rosette Jordaan: Tulbagh en Ceres: Die beginpunt van die Roete

Speaker 2: Marné Marais: Sutherland en die NP van Wyk Louw projek

Speaker 3: Cora Steenkamp: Williston en die Grafsteen-roete

Speaker 4: Jan Julies: Fraserburg se erfenis en die eggo's van die gedwonge verskuiwing

Speaker 5: Philippolis celebrates 200 years!

DISCUSSION

SHOWTIME! 7.00pm at Apollo Theatre

Special guest lecture

Prof Nigel Penn: The Koorlands Kloof Massacre, 1801

Movies by Africa Meets Africa:

Introduction by Helene Smuts or David Morris

- *Pathways to the Interior*
- *My Room at the Centre of the Universe*

Saturday 20 May: Ancestral Journeys Day 2

Session 5: Our towns and their origins (2)

9 – 10.30 am

Chair: Mr Sindisile Madyo (Scatec Solar; KDF Trustee)
Speaker 1: Jan Engelbrecht en Heidi Fivaz: The built heritage of Danielskuil
Speaker 2: William Jarvis/Amanda Scott: Jenn-haven en die Khosis erfenis
Speaker 3: Gert Theart: Die 1914 rebellie en die tog deur Griekwaland-Wes
Speaker 4: Rev Johannes Stuurman: The Moffat Mission – Climax of the Route
DISCUSSION

Session 6: Building the Forgotten Highway Route

11 am – 12.30 pm

11 – 12. 30 pm Facilitated by Prof Doreen Atkinson
Speaker 1: Fanie Minnie: Why and how regional development works
Speaker 2: NC Department of Tourism: How a route can boost local tourism? (tbc)
Speaker 3: Simo Mdala: Linking Tourism to Local Economic Development
Speaker 4: Caroline Ungersbock: What is required for an effective tourism route?
Speaker 5: Thabiso Macheoane: Communities of the Route exploring their own Back Yard

Session 7: The Way Forward: Reflections on Route Synergies and Collaboration

12.30 – 1.30

Chair: Prof Doreen Atkinson (KDF Trustee)
Input: Ms Ingrid Schofmann (KDF Trustee)
CLOSURE: Prof Zachy Matebesi (KDF)

Closing lunch

Thanks, Closure and Farewell: 1 pm