

# The Forgotten Highway Route Summit Programme

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## THE FORGOTTEN HIGHWAY HERITAGE ROUTE A Developmental Summit *"Ancestral Journeys"* 19-20 May 2023



## Friday 19 May: Ancestral Journeys, Day 1 MELTONWOLD GUEST FARM



**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 Annette Seegers, UCT

Speaker 1: Prof Bruce Rubidge: The dinosaur legacy of the Karoo (via Zoom)

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

Speaker 3: David Morris: Wonderwerk Cave, Kathu Stone Tools and Wildebeest Cave:  
Human record from the dawn of human time (double slot)

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**

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

Chair: Prof Cheryl Walker, University of Stellenbosch

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 gedwonge verskuiwing

Speaker 5: Doreen Atkinson: The missionaries of Griquatown

DISCUSSION

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### Special guest lecture

7.00pm

Prof Nigel Penn: The Koorlands Kloof Massacre, 1801

Chair: Doreen Atkinson

### Movies by Africa Meets Africa:

Introduction by Helene Smuts or David Morris

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

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## 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: Doreen Atkinson: The South African War in Griqualand West

Speaker 3: Gert Theart: Die 1914 rebellie en die tog deur Griekwaland-Wes

Speaker 4: Dr James Liddell: Philippolis celebrates 200 years!

Speaker 5: 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 Chair: Herman de Vries, ex-SA Navy, now resident of Fraserburg

Speaker 1: Fanie Minnie: Why and how regional development works

Speaker 2: Simo Mdala: Linking Tourism to Local Economic Development

Speaker 3: Caroline Ungersbock: What is required for an effective tourism route?

Speaker 4: Thabiso Macheoane: Communities of the Route exploring their own Back Yard

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### 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



Moffat Mission, 1842  
(McGregor Museum, Kimberley)