

CTS HERITAGE Newsletter # 2

HERITAGE SCREENERS

162 SCREENERS COMPLETED

12 SCREENERS COMPLETED IN 2017 35 GREEN: NO FURTHER STUDIES

28 ORANGE: FURTHER STUDIES SPECIFIED

HERITAGE IMPACT ASSESSMENTS

We are now working with our network of heritage specialists to conduct the full HIA process and have thus far completed 8 HIAs around the country since July 2016

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Have you heard?

Since our last newsletter, CTS Heritage has continued to grow and expand its portfolio. In July 2016, Ms Jenna Lavin joined us from Heritage Western Cape in her role as Heritage Director. We also rebranded our heritage team as "CTS Heritage" and launched our website at http://www.ctsheritage.com. Katie Smuts joined us from SAHRA in February this year

CTS HERITAGE 2016-2017

We have continued to develop and add several services. We now have the capacity to take on the full HIA process, with our Heritage Screeners forming an integral part of the groundwork for these HIAs. We have also completed two Heritage Conservation Management Plans in the Western Cape. In addition, we offer Fieldwork Management for heritage researchers and event organizers, facilitating the rental of archaeological, geological and survey equipment on a new

website we are currently developing.

We have refined our Heritage Screening process to account for the additional input required for applications within the Western Cape. These Heritage Screeners now cost R6000, while Heritage Screeners in the rest of the country still cost R5000.

CTS Heritage is presenting three papers at the upcoming ASAPA 2017 conference in Pretoria in July this year, all focused on technology and heritage management. We are actively recruiting talented students and heritage practitioners to collaborate with us on future projects in the pipeline, particularly in our international projects. Finally, we are very pleased to announce that our Heritage Director, Jenna, will be taking maternity leave between October 2017 and March 2018. Katie and Kyla will be available to handle all queries during this period.

With the raising of the Clanwilliam Dam wall in the coming years, several cultural and historical sites will be flooded. Several months of archaeological mitigation work undertaken by PGS Heritage have taken place in order to fully record and conserve these sites, as they add invaluable insight into the rich Stone Age story of South Africa. See the project and how the team at PGS Heritage successfully excavated sites and removed rock art panels from rock shelter walls to save them: http://cdcp.co.za/

as a Heritage Specialist.



OUR LATEST PROJECTS

CSIR SKA Phase 1 SEA

This project involved a high level scoping assessment of heritage resources and sensitivities of the area proposed for the SKA Phase 1 project. In 2016, CTS Heritage partnered with Jayson Orton of ASHA Consulting for additional archaeological expertise and John Almond of NaturaViva for palaeontological expertise.

Greyton Heritage Inventory

The Theewaterskloof Municipality appointed CTS Heritage and Bridget O'Donoghue to carry out the Greyton Heritage Resources Survey (April-June 2016). The survey will be used to inform the Greyton Heritage Protection Overlay Zones which will be incorporated into the Town Planning Scheme.

Cape Winelands Heritage Survey

The Stellenbosch Municipality awarded a project entitled "Heritage Inventory of, and Management Plan for, the Tangible Heritage Resources in the Stellenbosch Municipality" to the Cape Winelands Professional Practices in Association. CTS Heritage has been commissioned to undertake all GIS and database development work for the project.

National Liberation Route & Khoisan Heritage Route

CTS Heritage is working for the Department of Arts & Culture in the development of an interactive online map that will depict the National Liberation Route and Khoi and San Heritage Route visually, and provide search platforms allowing presentation of digital maps and other features.

Robben Island PV Facility

CTS Heritage was contracted by Rennie Scurr Adendorff Architects to undertake the archaeological component of the Heritage Impact Assessment for the proposed Robben Island Photovoltaic Facility Project at this renowned World Heritage Site.

Bakoond Signage

CTS Heritage designed interpretive signage for the promotion and conservation of the archaeological site at Bakoond in Yzerfontein.

Website Design

We have completed and are in the process of developing several websites related to heritage: The Archaeological Society, Clanwilliam Living Landscapes and the Green Point Burial Grounds.





OpenHeritage news

We founded a non-profit called OpenHeritage in 2015. Its goal is to increase access to heritage through digital innovation using free and open-source software. Since 2015, we have undertaken several projects that work towards this aim.

- The Xhosa Vernacular Architecture Recording Project was completed in December 2016 and involved the online recording of indigenous African vernacular architecture after fieldwork carried out in the Eastern Cape Province. This was possible with funding from the National Heritage Council of South Africa.
- At the end of 2016, OpenHeritage developed a Content Management System that complies with requirements of the British Library for the Department of Tourism in Tristan da Cunha.
- OpenHeritage is currently working with the Africa Centre and the Wiki Africa Project to train young South Africans to edit and contribute to Wikipedia content. OpenHeritage has developed training material and is providing ongoing support to these young Wikipedians in an effort in improve the amount, quality and accuracy of South African content on Wikipedia.
- OpenHeritage is also currently working with Digital Divide Data to develop a national heritage inventory for the National Museums of Kenya, with funding from Amazon.

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