

Defending our Heritage



East Fort's 'new' Gun Pit with one of the eight 18 pounder c.1752 cannon now fitted with blocks and tackle so that it can be "run out" before firing. Hauling the 2.5 ton gun into position is a great challenge and thrill for our visitors, never to be forgotten. A wonderful heritage project which we hope our visitors will enjoy for generations to come.

The Hout Bay and Llandudno Heritage Trust is a non profit organisation dedicated to our community's proud heritage. We are fortunate to have on-board some of the community's most talented people who work unstintingly for the betterment of all to engender a spirit of community pride, the cornerstone of a proud nation.

If you are of a like mind and are prepared to help and support our projects we would be happy to accept you as a valued member.

We arrange outings and distribute regular newsletters to our supporters and you will find it exciting to be part of such a dynamic organisation which makes a real contribution to the preservation of one of the worlds most beautiful valleys

Some of our concerns:-

The preservation of the Hout Bay River.

The restoration of the wetlands.

The development of parks and recreational areas.

The optimal use of road reserves.

The development of new Walks and Trails.

The preservation of our historic buildings and sites.

The clearing of overgrown public open space to create walkways for residents and visitors safe from criminals and vagrants.

The ecouragement of sustainable and responsible ecotourism.

The curbing of irresponsible development.

The encouragement of enviro-friendly and responsible development.

The preservation of Chapmans Peak Drive and recreational facilities.

The creation of a National Park Gateway on Chapmans Peak.

The creation of an integrated Military History Trail.

The restoration of East Fort and the gun battery.

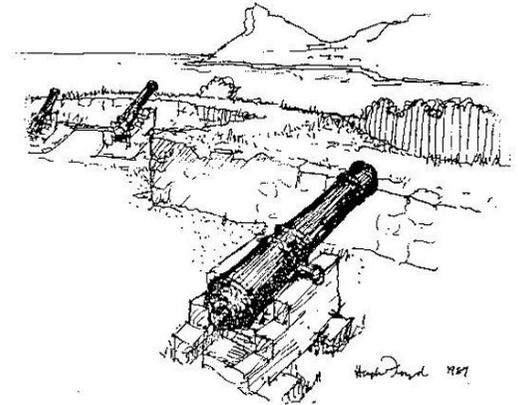
The preservation and restoration of the Apostle Battery.

- and the recognition of those in the community who strive to turn our concerns into solutions to make Hout Bay a better place for all.

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Our Mission:-

To promote and preserve our environmental, architectural and cultural heritage for present and future generations.

Hout Bay:-

The third oldest formal settlement in SA.

An enclave within a World Heritage Site.

Largest working fishing Harbour in the Western Cape.

An excellent community Museum.

The World of Birds Wildlife sanctuary.

Gateway to Chapman's Peak's walks and trails.

A brief history of Hout Bay & Llandudno

The first known inhabitants of the Hout Bay area date back to the late stone age, up to 2000 years ago, and there is evidence of human occupation between 100 and 500 AD. The Hottentots and Bushmen (collectively known as the Khoisan) were their descendants and were the first known fishermen of Hout Bay.

Shortly after van Riebeeck landed at the Cape in 1652 he visited Hout Bay and proclaimed the forest there as being the 'finest in the world'. It was he who gave it the name Houtbaaitjen (The Bay of wood). Subsequent developments and interesting aspects of Hout Bay and Llandudno are: The first written account of Hout Bay dates back to 1607 when John Chapman, Master's Mate of the English boat Consent was sent in to the bay to assess its potential as a harbour, and Chapman's Chaunce was the first name given to Hout Bay. His name is perpetuated as Chapman's Peak Drive, opened in 1922.

The Cape of Storms has been aptly named and has caused numerous shipwrecks around the Hout Bay and Llandudno coastline over the past many years. Two large anchors from the SS Maori, which was wrecked off Hout Bay in 1909 are mounted on the Main Road into Hout Bay, just below the Museum and form an appropriate landmark.

The residential development of Llandudno is on the site of a farm called Sands (later called Klein Kommetjiebaai) granted to van Helsdingen in 1824. The name Llandudno was later adopted at the suggestion of the then chairman's wife who had visited the Welsh seaside resort and was struck by the similarity in topography.

Hout Bay's River and Wetlands

The Disa River is the only remaining one rising from Table Mountain which has not been canalised in concrete. The Trust has embarked on a successful long term project to rehabilitate the entire river corridor ultimately to link Hout Bay with the new Cape Peninsula National Park.

Hout Bay's Military History

War broke out between the Netherlands and England in 1781 following the alliance between Holland and France. Realising the strategic potential of Hout Bay as a landing place for the enemy, the French built the East and West Forts, the Klein Gibraltar battery and a signal post at Constantia Nek to guard the entry to the Bay.

East and West Fort Project

The Trust is currently engaged in the further establishment of a Fynbos Garden of remembrance at East Fort and work will soon commence on the maintenance and restoration of some of the historic precincts. This exciting and ambitious project will mark the start of what could be a landmark step towards the realisation of Heritage Tourism for Hout Bay, hitherto untapped. Most of the eight East Fort cannons are already fully restored, which will eventually make East Fort the oldest working coastal battery of original guns in the world, a wonderful goal that our sites are set on.



Why you should join the Trust?

Increased membership will give us (and therefore you as a member) greater 'clout' in our dealings as a recognised and respected community based organisation with governmental and other authorities, in pursuit of our objectives. However, we also need the help of all persons who have knowledge or expertise in the following fields

- A. Urban Planning & traffic management.
- B. Historic Buildings and sites.
- C. Cape Military History
- D. Walks and hiking trails
- E. Environmental conservation and education.
- F. Bird-watching.
- G. Alien vegetation control.
- H. River and water conservation.
- I. Secretarial or Accounting skills.

Please assist us by completing the application form overleaf and by inviting others to join the Trust.

Application for (or renewal of) membership:-

Date _____

Name _____

Occupation _____

Address _____

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Phone (Ho) _____

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I am interested in helping in the following areas:-
(please ring the appropriate block - see prev page.)

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