



Stanford's Green Report

Milkwood Grove now a "Fairy Forest"

With a beautifully demarcated pathway, a sensitively placed bench and dustbin, with some mulch soon be put on the slippery areas, the wandelpad from the Queen Victoria Street dip towards the river is now Stanford's new showpiece.

The demarcation of the pathway became important because loiterers were taking a short-cut spoiling the serene ambience of the area. With Tony Coates managing the project, the municipality's support for the 'forest rehabilitation project' and some great ideas by Russell Metcalf, the green team cut a number of logs on Walshacres farm and work started. The result is really something one has to experience to believe. The gnarled tree trunks and leafy overhang give the area a real fairy-like appearance – just waiting for the fairies and gnomes to sneak up from behind the huge elephant ears in the river and cast their magic spell on you. Even the ghosts from the graveyard will join in the fun!

At the end of the grove, choose to continue up the embankment to JJ Swart crescent, or to the "wasklip" area at the river (used up to the 1940s as the area where the women gathered to do their daily washing), or across the Mill Stream bridge to continue the 'wandelpad' via the slipway area – albeit a bit muddy and slippery due to the present sewerage pipeline activities.

Please use the wandelpad, and tell all you friends and visitors. After all – it is one of Stanford's unique selling points and Stanford Conservation's pride.

Drop it in the green bin

You might have noticed the recent introduction of a number of green bins along the wandelpad. Thanks to an excellent working relationship with our local municipal office, there is now no need to find any litter along the river. We know it still happens, but now it is possible to pick it up and dump it in the green bins along the way.

We have also asked the municipality for more litter traps in the leiwater system. These are on order and we will hopefully soon have less paper and plastic floating down to the river.

Christo Diedericks of the municipality has been a great help in erecting the bins along the wandelpad and in the rest of town



DON'T MISS THE

Presentation on the
Queen Victoria Street
Rejuvenation Project

Tuesday 22 July 18:00

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Stanford Table

!!! Everyone welcome !!!

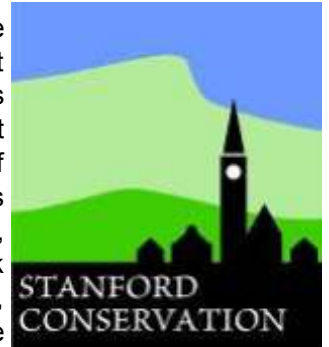


BLOWING OUR OWN TRUMPET

Despite regular articles in Stanford River Talk, many residents still have no idea of the sterling work done by Stanford Conservation. For this reason the committee has decided that at least twice a year it will give an update of the activities (this newsletter) and meet with the members. We hope you've diarised 22 July at 18:00 @ Stanford Table for the first session). We also have a regular column in the Stanford River Talk. Look out for stickers and other signs promoting the involvement of Stanford Conservation in various improvements and projects in town.

Also important to know is that Stanford Conservation relies 100% on fundraising, donations, elbow grease and enthusiasm to do all this work. We do not receive any remuneration from the municipality, but have to

admit that we would not have been able to do this without the 'green team'. This poverty alleviation project funded by the Department of Environmental Affairs is managed by the municipality, who in return for all the work Stanford Conservation does, has made the team available to the Wandelpad Committee for 2 days a week. Without this manpower many of our projects would not have been possible.



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Watch out for these (or similar) signs in town... and be proud to be a member

Stanford Heritage Road Signs



When Stanford won the award as CapelInfo's best village destination in 2012, wheels were set in motion to somehow encourage motorists passing by that this is a village they should visit and not just whizz past. It took quite some arm-twisting to get Overstrand municipality to agree.

After much deliberation the municipality said that Stanford's unique selling point within the Overstrand framework is its heritage village status. Hence three signs were recently erected (and paid for) by the municipality – two on municipal land next to the R43, and the other in the Daneel Street garden (which, by the way, is also maintained by Stanford Conservation!). *Thanks to Stanford Tourism for their input and support.*

Save our birds — be a responsible fisherman

Certain areas along the river (and at the Willem Appel Dams) are becoming favoured fishing spots. Stanford Conservation recently obtained two bins from WESSA which are specially made for fishing tackle, and these have been erected at King Street and the dam. More bins have been requested.

Please encourage all fishermen to use these bins and save our birds from being entangled in fishing line, rope etc.

Next in line are notices and containers for dog owners to scoop up those unwanted 'landmines' on the 'wandelpad' – watch this space!



YOUR COMMITTEE

Bea Whittaker (Chair)

Michael Paddick (Treasurer)

Elaine Teague (Secretary)

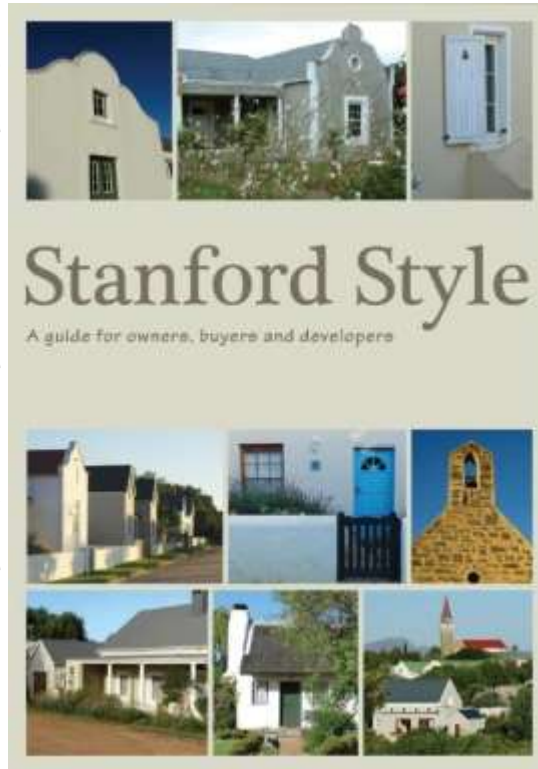
Martin Ranger and Liz Hochfelden (Heritage committee)

Tony Coates (Wandelpad)

Tracy Paton (Trees and general environment)

Architectural guidelines available free of charge

First published by Stanford Conservation in 2007, this valuable tool was recently re-worked by the Heritage Committee, and re-published in June. This committee is a sub-committee of Stanford Conservation, it has been endorsed by Heritage Western Cape (HWC) as the official advisory body for heritage buildings and trees in Stanford. No plans are passed by HWC without our Heritage Committee's comments being taken into account. It remains, however, an advisory committee, with the municipality and HWC being the final decision-making authorities. The booklet can be downloaded from our website: www.stanfordconservation.co.za.



Please tell all your family and friends wanting to buy and alter buildings in Stanford about this book. The Heritage Committee quite often finds itself in the difficult position where people bought a property without knowing all the restrictive conditions, or were promised that certain things are 'allowed' – only to find out that this is not the case! You can guess who then gets all the blame...

Please embrace the free advice from knowledgeable residents, experienced architects and landscape designers who are sympathetic to Stanford's architectural heritage and streetscape. When in doubt, please consult the committee.

STANFORD REJUVENATION PLANS

When the Heritage Committee asked Bernard Oberholzer to give a talk on various scenarios for the improvement of the area adjacent to the community hall in 2012, those present immediately realised that Stanford could benefit tremendously from more sympathetic and creative town planning ideas. Our most 'problematic' areas are Queen Victoria Street, the market square and surrounds, the river and the village's entrance. Stanford Conservation, Stanford Tourism and the Stanford Ratepayers Association jointly decided to commission Bernie to develop various precinct plans for these areas. The first of these precinct plans (Queen Victoria Street) has been completed and will be presented to the Stanford public on Tuesday 22 July 2014 at 18:00 at the Stanford Table.

Entrance is free. A cash bar is available, and there will be soup & bread, or curry & rice (or something similar) available at R40 – R50 for those who would like to stay a little longer.

PLEASE BRING YOUR FRIENDS — everyone is welcome

Embankment erosion control

The area adjacent to the 47 steps leading from the Shortmarket Street embankment to King Street. Was recently rehabilitated by Stanford Conservation. Rocks were packed and aloes planted to prevent further erosion of the area next to the steps.



After the debacle of the trees being cut down in Church Street, we have reached an agreement with the municipality that no trees on municipal property will be cut down unless Stanford Conservation has been consulted. This is handled by committee member Tracy Paton.

Hence it was agreed that the huge Cook Pine (family of

the Norfolk Pine) on the pavement at Erf 408 in JJ Swart Crescent could be cut down, but with the proviso that the municipality simultaneously removes the invasive Brazilian Pepper tree next to it. We are also consulted on cutting of one of the roots of the Erythrina Caffra on the corner of Adderley and Longmarket Streets to enable the municipality to open the door to the electricity box.