



## McGregor Museum Kimberley

### Archaeology Department: A Few Key Events

1907	24th September: McGregor Museum opened. Maria Wilman appointed first director, starts archaeological and rock art collections.
1933	Wilman's "Rock engravings of Griqualand West and British Bechuanaland" published at Cambridge.
1958	Dr Gerhard J. Fock appointed as Archaeologist. Key research includes the excavations at Rooidam and Doornlaagte.
1968	Anthony Humphreys succeeds G.J. Fock as Archaeologist. G.J. Fock and his wife Dora serve as Research Associates, commencing rock art survey work. This culminates in publication of the "Felsbilder in Sudafrika" series (1979–1989).
1978	Peter Beaumont succeeds A.J.B. Humphreys as Archaeologist.
1981	Sephai Mngqolo joins archaeology department staff as lab assistant.
1983	Anthony Humphreys and Anne Thackeray publish "Ghaap and Gariap: Later Stone Age studies in the Northern Cape".
1985	David Morris joins staff to manage rock art collection, becoming permanent staff member as an archaeologist in 1986.
1987	Elizabeth Voigt, an archaeologist, takes up post as Director of the McGregor Museum.
1989	Leon Jacobson, an archaeologist, joins the Museum as Assistant Director.

1990	McGregor Museum hosts Conference of the Southern African Association of Archaeologists.
1990	"Guide to archaeological sites in the Northern Cape" (Peter Beaumont and David Morris).
1993	McGregor Museum hosts Conference of the Southern African Society for Quaternary Research.
1993	Wonderwerk Cave opened as a public archaeological site with site museum, and as a new satellite of the McGregor Museum.
1994	The advent of democracy. Heritage Day (24 September) is instituted as a national holiday – by coincidence also the birthday (in 1907) of the McGregor Museum.
1995	Peter Beaumont elected President of Southern African Society for Quaternary Research, 1995–1997.
1998–1999	Building of new "Ancestors" gallery – human history of the Northern Cape spanning last 3 million years.
1999–2000	Building of Canteen Kopje and Barkly West Museum displays, with key archaeological component.
2000	Joint South African Museum – McGregor Museum publication of "Skeletons in the cupboard". ( <b>Physical Anthropology</b> ).
2000	Peter Beaumont retires, November, and is appointed as Research Associate (Elizabeth Voigt retired as Director in June, also a Research Associate in Archaeozoology).
2001	Sephai Mngqolo, a member of the department from 1981, is appointed to head a new department of Living History.
2001	Development of Wildebeest Kuil Rock Art Centre opened by Ms Cheryl Carolus and Premier Manne Dipico in December.
2001	Community Consultative Workshop on "Human remains in the museum's collection".

2002–2004	David Morris elected vice-president of the South African Archaeological Society, having served as editor of <i>The Digging Stick</i> , 1994–2000.
2003	Salvage of disturbed graves outside Gladstone Cemetery and recruitment of unemployed community members who become nucleus of trainee archaeology assistants.
2003–2004	Karen van Ryneveld, archaeologist, joins the staff; she returns in 2005–6.
2004	McGregor Museum organises and hosts the Conference of the Southern African Association of Archaeologists.
2004–2006	Excavations and research inter alia at Kathu Pan, Wonderwerk Cave, Rooidam, Wildebeest Kuil, Vlermuisgat and Gladstone, partly in collaboration with museum researchers, by, amongst others, Michael Chazan (Toronto), Liora Horwitz (Jerusalem), Folke Richardt (Lund), Lindsay Weiss (Columbia, New York), Isabelle Parsons (Cambridge), Sireen El Zaatari (Stony Brook), Lida van der Merwe (Pretoria), Ryan Gibbon (University of the Witwatersrand), Paula Villa (USA).
2006	McGregor Museum co-hosts the international South African Conference on Rock Art (SACRA).
2006	Mamoluoane Seliane, archaeologist, joins the staff.
2006–2007	The McGregor Museum prepares to mark its centenary on 24 September 2007.