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### **Press release: Passing of Beverley Crouts-Knipe**

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#### **Content**

It was with great sadness and regret that we learnt of the passing of **Mrs. Beverley Joy Crouts-Knipe** on the morning of 19 April 2011.

At the time of passing Beverley had worked her way up from selling crafts as a source of income, embracing architectural technology, being involved in architectural practice, successfully reading a Masters in Philosophy and current registration for a Masters in City and Regional Planning.

She had been part of SAHRA staff since 1999. Her subsequent advancement included becoming Provincial Manager of the SAHRA Western Cape Office. The function of the office, over time, became biased toward the built environment due to development pressures in the Western Cape- this did not exclude interfacing with many community initiatives in an advisory capacity.



Beverley has been a prolific champion for heritage in the Western Cape and, increasingly, nationally and internationally. At the time of her passing, she was in the process of developing national standards and systems for the effective management of the built environment. She has, over time, built a large reserve of public participation, goodwill and cooperation through an inclusive approach to public management. Her reserves of knowledge, both in terms of spatialised heritage and institutional actions, are unsurpassed. It is evident that SAHRA has lost a superb speaker, a renowned intelligence and a person of great resourcefulness. She has served on international heritage bodies such as ICOMOS and presented papers at various international conferences. She is irreplaceable and will be dearly missed.

Her consciousness, conscience and presence stretched well over the limits of time and space to reach international forums where the case of South African Heritage Resources Management was placed on the world stage with the help and assistance of friends and other local agencies. Her impact is thus far greater than can be measured or quantified in the space of a short writ about her life.

SAHRA wishes to extend our deepest sympathy and prayers to Beverly's family and friends. The funeral service will be held on the 28 April at St Timothy's Church, Vliegtuiglaan, Factreton – at 10:30am.

SAHRA is in the process of arranging a memorial service in honor of Beverley, and will communicate final details for early May, or contact our SAHRA offices on telephone 021 462 4502.

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Quote from Acting DDG or Arts & Culture: Mr. Vusi Ndima “..this is loss not just for WC or SAHRA but a loss to the South African heritage community.”

Quote from WC MEC of Arts, Culture & Sport, Minister of Cultural Affairs & Sport: “The tears, pain & loss is something nobody will ever understand – death is so final – so terribly tragic. To SAHRA & Bev's Family, our thoughts are with you at this time of mourning.

Quote from Sibongile van Damme -CEO, South African Heritage Resources Agency: “ ..we walked in the steps of a heroine, a giant, and her time with us was that of quality. We will learn from her wisdom..”

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### **South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA)**

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