

Heritage Survey: Stellenbosch Rural Areas

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Sub Area Name

Jonkershoek

Catalogue Number

02.25

Property Name

Die Eiland, Jonkershoek, Stellenbosch District

Alternative Names

Farm Number

334/3

Linkages

Heritage Resource Name

Die Eiland

Type of Resource

reservoir (Municipal)

Composites

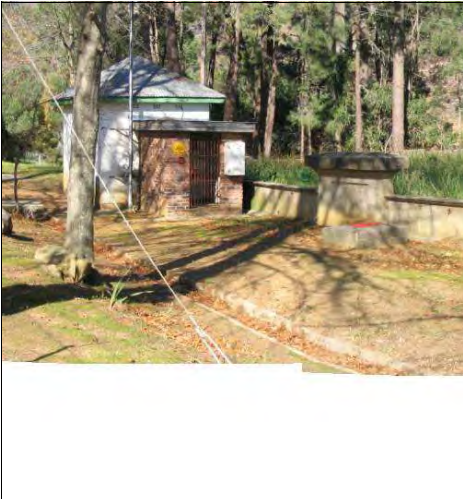


Photo Date ***Photographer***

05/05

Penny Pistorius

Photo Title

The reservoir (taken through the fence)



Photo Date ***Photographer***

1980

Chief Director: Surveys & Mapping

Photo Title

Orthophoto with added cadastrals

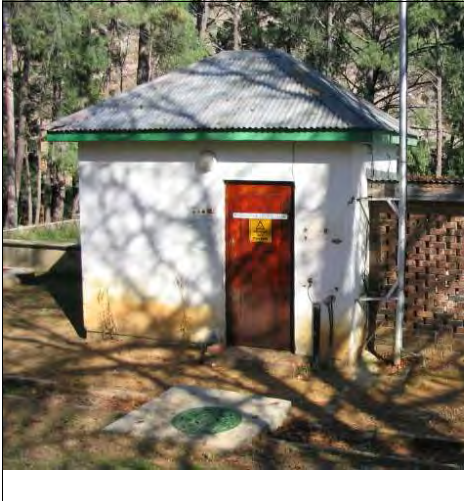


Photo Date ***Photographer***
05/05 Penny Pistorius

Photo Title
'Jonkershoek Chloor Stasie'



Photo Date ***Photographer***
05/05 Penny Pistorius

Photo Title
'Jonkershoek Kalksteen Reaktor' Nos 1 and 2



Photo Date ***Photographer***
05/05 Penny Pistorius

Photo Title
Flood metering station building



Photo Date **Photographer**

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Photo Title

1902 map: Red blocks 17th century grants, yellow lines early 19th c, pink dots roads. Grey/black rivers.



Photo Date **Photographer**

1938

Chief Director: Surveys & Mapping

Photo Title

1938 aerial photo with added (approximate, current) cadastrals

Description

Visual Description

The property is bounded north by Jonkershoek road, east by Glen Connor Waterworks (02.23), south by the Eerste River and Mount Happy (02.03) and east by Olien (02.28). Through the fence alongside the road can be seen a rectangular reservoir which on the north side projects only about 0.5m above ground, with plastered side walls and grassed cover with vents (photo 2). An associated small building with a hipped iron roof and an adjacent concrete-roofed facebrick pump cover (?) near the east end is labelled 'Jonkershoek Chloor Stasie' (photo 3). In the east corner of the property two round concrete tanks labelled "Jonkershoek Kalksteen Reaktor" Nos 1 and 2 project above the lawn, which is studded with manhole covers photo 4). Below them, down a steep bank, at the edge of the thick trees along the river is another small building with a tiled pyramid roof, with a sign on the door that it is a Flood Metering Station (photo 5).

Notes

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In 2002 the owner was Stellenbosch Municipality.

History

This property lies on land granted in the 19th century (it was excluded from land that could be granted in the 17th century though Louis of Bengal had the water meadows north and south -- see photo 6). The date of the reservoir is not known, but it is probably 1920s; it was in place by 1938 (photo 7). The reservoir and associated water treatment works are of historical importance as part of the essential and ongoing endeavours to supply drinking water to the town, and were initiated by forward-looking people. They are a good illustration of a technical process that finds expression in direct building forms. Further study of these and other aspects required.

Historical Notes

Deeds Office search not attempted.

Associated People

Not attempted; should be studied.

Associated Events

References

1902 Brink Map CA M2-409 shows location of grants
1938 aerial photograph.
1980s orthophotograph.

Assessment

Significance Statement

The early 20th C water storage and treatment works demonstrate a particular period in the ongoing civic efforts to supply clean water to the town, with associated social significance. It was probably initiated by notable individuals associated with local government. It is a typical example of technical achievement of the period. Information potential of further research. Part of the cultural landscape of the valley, which is associated with Stellenbosch water supply.

Significance Category

A, C, D, F, G, (H?)

A = course / pattern of history	F = creative / technical
B = rarity	G = social / cultural / spiritual
C = information potential	H = assoc. NB person / group
D = characteristic of type	I = slavery
E = aesthetic	

Proposed Grading

3 heritage register (s. 31)

Vulnerabilities

Recommendations

The history of this water storage and treatment works should be further researched. Interpretation such as information boards recommended -- it is visually accessible and has educational potential.

NHR Act Status	Date of Gazette	SAHRA File ref.	Official Grading
Structure older than 60 years (s. 34)			

Maps

Number of Ortho Photo	GPS X
Date of Ortho Photo	GPS Y
Aerial Photograph Date	GPS Model
Aerial Photo Number	GPS Setting

Composites (groups of clusters of heritage resources: sub-places and areas)

Property Name	Composite Name
Catalogue Number	Type of Resource

Objects