



STELLENBOSCH  
HERITAGE FOUNDATION

## **Newsletter, First Quarter 2014**

### **International think tank on planning in Stellenbosch**

Workshops on planning for the Stellenbosch town centre, Jonkershoek and Khayamandi form part of an international conference to be held in Stellenbosch during the current month. Local and international planners, urban designers and architects will be combining thoughts on design solutions for problems in each of these environments. Click [here](#) for more information.

### **Urban renewal, spatial planning and conservation at annual general meeting**

Urban renewal, spatial planning and conservation are themes that will be highlighted at the Heritage Foundation's annual general meeting on 12 May at 17:30 for 18:00 in the Stellenbosch University Museum in Ryneveld Street. Click [here](#) for full details.

### **Pritzker architecture prize goes to Shigeru Ban**

The Japanese architect Shigeru Ban is the 2014 winner of the Pritzker prize, architecture's Nobel prize. Ban is well known for museums and other architectural icons across the world, but is also well-known for making temporary housing out of materials like paper tubes and plastic beer crates. [Read more.](#)

### **Books**

Those who have an interest in urban design, styles of design and conservation should take note of a number of interesting books that have been published during the preceding months. New schools of thought in design; ideas around happy cities; ways of viewing your town with a fresh outlook; and Old Cape furniture provide the subjects for stimulating discussion in these publications. Click [here](#) to read more.

## **Remgro's green is clever and innovative**

The Green Building Council (GBC) has just awarded Millennia Park, the offices of Remgro management services, a 5-Star Green Star SA Office v1 As-Built rating. This is quite a mouthful – but also an indication of the award's value.

Remgro's office is the first building to be awarded this rating in the Western Cape. The refurbishment of the building had been awarded a similar rating earlier, but to have the completed product classified as such signifies the application of environment friendly initiatives in the final product. It is proof that the initiatives survived the design phase and were applied during the construction of the building. Click [here](#) for more information.

## **Parking problems solved**

A clever application on your cell phone can enable you to see where you may find a parking place in the Stellenbosch town centre at a specific moment. Click [here](#) to read more and to download the link to the application.

## **Everybody's parking site?**

Parking sites, as well as the shortage and the cost thereof, have created a site for any opinion. Click [here](#) for more information.

## **Safe Swedish traffic**

Swedish roads and Swedish cities are the safest in the world for pedestrians, cyclists and motorists. In spite of the number of cars and kilometres driven in Sweden having doubled since 1970, road deaths have been reduced by more than 80%. New York and other cities are now attempting to follow the Swedish example. According to the head of the national transport agency in Sweden, the major part of their success is due to planning. Click [here](#) to see how the Swedish reduced their road accidents.

## **Siebert Wiid and Jochem Mars**

Two well-appreciated Stellenbosch architects, Siebert Wiid and Jochem Mars, have recently passed away. The Heritage Foundation is assembling a database of their work as part of a database of well-known and influential architects who have worked in Stellenbosch.

Anyone who can make a contribution – you may be living or working in one of their buildings – is welcome to make contact with us. The database will contain a CV and a list of buildings (with the emphasis being on and around Stellenbosch), but personal writing and anecdotes will be included, where applicable.