

THE EARLY DAYS OF WATERKLOOF.....

FROM *Lochhead's Guide, Handbook* and the *Directory of Pretoria* we take the following description of the new suburb Waterkloof which was then (in **1912**) in the process of being established by the Pretoria Townships, Limited:

"The Township of Waterkloof, adjoining Pretoria, is the highest and most picturesque of the suburbs of the Capital of the Union, and is beautifully situated amongst the hills to the South-East: For the resident whose business hours are spent in the buildings of the City, as for the man of leisure, this Township will undoubtedly appeal in a very marked degree as the place in which to reside.

The proprietors, the Pretoria Townships, Limited, supply at Municipal rates, the purest water from the depth of 600 feet, brought to the surface by means of a syphon, and upon which daylight falls for the first time as it leaves the consumer's tap. From an up-to-date Power Station is generated the electric current which provides light for the Township, also at Municipal rates, while the sanitary service is taken in hand by the Suburban Health Committee.

Reference must be made to the approach to Waterkloof by means of a perfectly constructed avenue. This avenue is well lit by electric lamps at night, and forms a most picturesque feature in the connecting of the Township with the centre of Pretoria, to and from which a frequent and convenient service of motor omnibuses has been installed, with fares about half the rate of the Tram Service, special concession being made in regard to monthly tickets for residents and scholars.

Waterkloof attains perfection in the matter of its salubrious climate which while mild in Winter, is cool in Summer, and the clearness of its atmosphere enables an extensive, and never-to-be-forgotten view to be obtained from the summits of 'its beautifully wooded hills over 8,000 square miles of surrounding country which includes the mountain ranges of Heidelberg, beyond Johannesburg, the Magaliesberg, and the Middelburg Hills; while in the foreground looking across Sunnyside and Arcadia may be seen the Union Buildings and Government House.

For those seeking pleasure and sport, too much cannot be said of the Country Club, situated on the South-Eastern portion of the Township, with its Club House, at the floor of which is the lake and beautiful stream of water, golf links, tennis courts, and all that can be desired for those in search of recreation, or a picturesque beauty spot in which to enjoy peace and quietness.

PROPOSED NEW HOUSE AT WATERKLOOF FOR - B. MALHERBE ESQ.

SIXTEENTH/CALE SKETCH PLAN.

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unworthy or unsightly buildings being erected in the vicinity of their property as it is a condition that the houses must be substantially built, and no wood and iron residences are permitted, the plans of all buildings must first have the approval of the Board of Management... Already twenty houses have been built in the Township, while many more are about to be erected of the most attractive design and of the best finish....."

WHA APPLIES TO REGISTER AS AN INTERESTED AND AFFECTED PARTY

The Waterkloof Homeowners Association (WHA), a duly constituted body that represents the residents and ratepayers of the historic suburb of Waterkloof, hereby apply to be formally recognised and duly registered as an Interested and Affected Party in all matters that relate to Waterkloof or directly impact on the quality of life, the sense of place, historic character and cultural value, or the social or environmental quality of the area.

As concerned members of the Waterkloof community, we wish to inform you that one of the WHA's aims is to be instrumental in ensuring that the heritage value of the entire area demarcated as "Waterkloof" by the City Council of Tshwane is preserved as a Heritage belt.