

CURRICULUM VITAE

ANTON JOHANNES ROODT

Anton Roodt was born in 1955. He studies and practices architecture and urban planning and is interested in various other fields such as music, art and writing.

He is married to Zarine (née Smit), an ex-public relations consultant, who is a Gestalt play therapist, and also writes. They have a son, Leon-Pierre aged 22.

EXPERIENCE IN THE FIELD OF BUILT HERITAGE

Anton Roodt has been involved in heritage matters relating to the built environment since 1974. As a student at the Department of Architecture at the University of the Free State, as well as a senior lecturer at the same Department, he was *inter alia* involved with the following projects:

- Restoration of the Old Presidency.
- Survey of the historical buildings in Heilbron, Frankfort and Oranjeville. This study formed part of a larger province-wide study with the same focus. This study remains one of the comprehensive province-wide studies that have been undertaken up to now.
- A study with students of the conservation of the buildings in Jagersfontein and Itumeleng.

As a practicing architect he has undertaken the following:

- A study of a possible conservation area in Batho, Bloemfontein with the house of Thomas Mapikela as the focus, the restoration of the Old Presidency, the Fourth Raadzaal, the Afrikaans and Sotho Literary Museums, the High Court building, the sandstone bridges over Bloemspruit, the garden at the Old Presidency, and more recently, the buildings at the Glen Agricultural College as well as the Methodist Missionary Church at Thaba'Nchu. Recent projects include the restoration of the Wesleyan School in Waaihoek, Bloemfontein, the founding venue of the ANC (1912), and the new branch office of the South African Reserve Bank adjacent to the Old Presidency in Bloemfontein. The proposed building is situated in the President Brand Street Conservation Area.
- Heritage advice has been given on numerous occasions relating to individual houses, farms and larger urban areas such as Westdene, including amongst others a report on kgotla at Thaba'Nchu, the house

of Dr. Moroka at Thaba’Nchu and the buildings at Florisbad (Trading Station).

- Anton Roodt has, in his post-graduate studies in architecture, town planning and environmental management, undertaken specialized studies in the field of heritage and heritage assessments. He has completed a Masters Degree in Environmental Management that proposes assessment principles for the built environment.
- Anton Roodt is also serving his third term as a member of the Free State Heritage Council.

MEMBERSHIP

South African Institute of Architects (No: 4198)
South African Council of Architects (No: 3061)
South African Council for Planners (No: A/1279/2003)
South African Planning Institute
Council member Heritage Free State

QUALIFICATIONS

Magister in Architecture (M.Arch.) (Cum laude) 1991 (UFS)
Magister in Town and Regional Planning (M.TRP.) (Cum laude) 1995 (UFS)
Magister in Environmental Management (M.E.M.) (Cum laude) 2009 (UFS)

CAREER 2006 – 2013 (Selected projects)

The writer has *inter alia* recently been involved in the following projects:

2013 The rehabilitation of the house of Abraham Fischer (Hillandale, Woodland Hills Estate);
National Women’s Memorial, Bloemfontein (Repairs to sandstone);
War Museum of the Anglo Boer War – Addition of Sol Plaatje exhibition hall;
Development of the historical site of the National Women’s Memorial;
Garden of Remembrance at National Women’s Memorial, commemorating the death of women, children and the elderly, both black and white, in the Concentration Camps.

- 2012** The restoration of the house of Thomas Mapikela and exhibition centre;
The restoration of the Wesleyan School and exhibition centre, Waaihoek, Bloemfontein;
Waaihoek heritage precinct with social housing, conference facilities and museum;
Campus planning consultant University of the Free State (Main Campus and Qwa-Qwa Campus – ongoing since 2003).
- 2011** Restoration of the Fourth Raadzaal, Bloemfontein (SAIA Merit Award);
Heritage reports on the suitability of the farms Valleydora and Glen Thorne for solar energy projects (with Cobus Dreyer).
- 2010** New Student Academic Support Centre, CUT;
Florisbad Trading Station.
- 2009** Extensive renovations of the 4th Raadzaal, Bloemfontein;
New Teachers' Education Complex, CUT;
BHP Billiton Building, CUT (extensions);
House Barnard;
Restoration of St Paul's Methodist Church, Thaba'Nchu.
- 2008** Soetdoring Resort: New chalets, etc.;
OFM Studio Potchefstroom;
House de Leeuw/Friis;
Seisa Ramabodu Stadium;
Botshabelo Stadium (proposed upgrading);
Restoration Kgotta Chief Moroka;
House Grobbelaar;
Caramello's Mimosa Mall.
- 2007** Extensive rehabilitation at Glen Agricultural College;
Extensions and Renovations to *Volksblad* building complex;
South African Reserve Bank new branch office, Bloemfontein (in consortium);
Rosepark Hospital renovations;
Extension to Aljo's Shopping Centre N8.
- 2006** Upgrade: Free State Stadium 2010 (in consortium);
Urban Hotel, Bloemfontein;
Media Centre, UFS;
Mortuary, Bloemfontein (in consortium);
Children's Village, Batho;
Township layout at Brandkop;
Campus Planning, CUT, Bloemfontein.

AWARDS AND COMPETITIONS

- 2009 Award of Merit (FSIA) Urban Hotel
- 2006 Award of Merit (SAIA) Thakaneng Bridge, UFS
- 2005 Award of Merit (FSIA) Thakaneng Bridge, UFS
Award of Merit (FSIA) House Morné Pienaar
- 2003 Award of Merit (South African Institute of Architects) for
Apartheid Museum (in consortium)

Runner up in The Cube, national interior design competition:
Pasteur Optometrists

RESEARCH / ARTICLES

- 2014 "Green Building: Value Evaluated. *Lecture presented at the Annual Congress of the South African institute of Valuers.* Bloemfontein.

"Frank Lloyd Wright: Vier huise as 'n refleksie van self". March. *Lecture*
- 2012 "Free State Legislature, Bloemfontein". South African Architecture Journal. Jun/Jul 2012, 12-15.
- 2008 Lourierpark Community Centre, published in *Phaidon Atlas of 21st Century World Architecture.*

Thesis topic for Masters in Environmental Management: "Conservation of the built environment in the Free State: Principles for heritage assessment."
- 2005 "Student Centre, University of the Free State, Bloemfontein." *World Architecture*, New Architecture in South Africa. Feb 2005, 108-109.
- 2004 "Student Centre, University of the Free State, Bloemfontein" *Digest of South African Architecture*. 2004, 84-87.

Article on House Morné Pienaar "Stability" in *VISI*. Herfs 2004. Autumn 2004, 86-95.

Apartheid Museum, published in *Phaidon Atlas of Contemporary World Architecture.*

2002 "The democratisation of campus architecture, New Student Centre, University of the Free State" published in *Leading Architecture & Design*. Sept/Oct 2002, 43-45
"Transforming Lolita – the (de)generation of an image", published in *Journal for Community Communication and Information Impact*. 2002, 7: 31–34.

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