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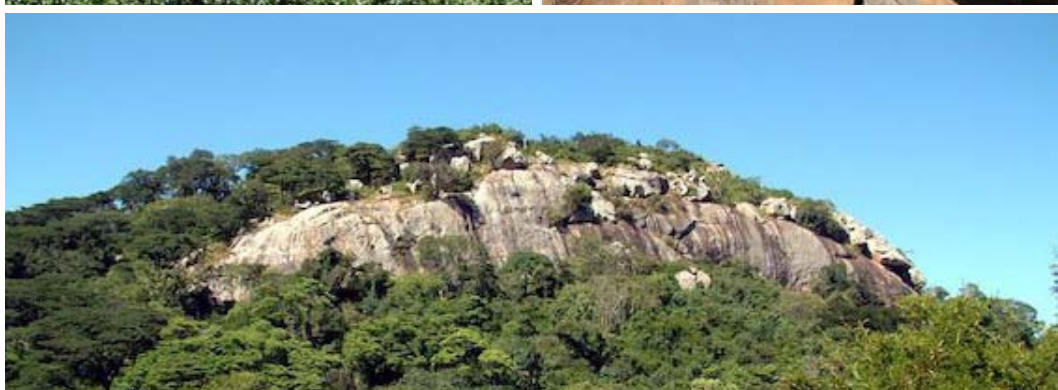
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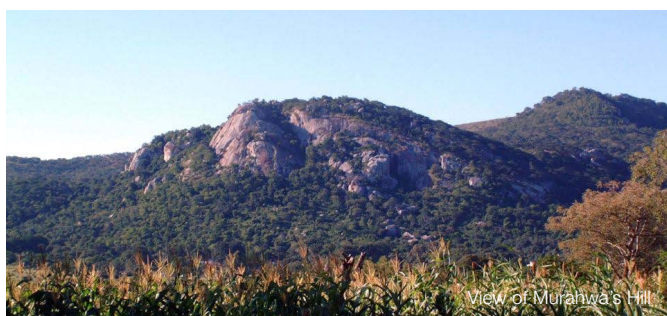
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Rhodes Nyanga Historical Exhibition



View of Murahwa's Hill



Entrance Gates of Mabukuwene

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Left and top middle: La Rochelle Country House and Spa

Top right: View from World's View

Bottom right: view of Murahwa's Hill



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View from the top of World's View



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About the National Trust of Zimbabwe

The National Trust was originally founded in the United Kingdom in 1895 by three Victorian philanthropists - Miss Octavia Hill, Sir Robert Hunter and Canon Hardwicke Rawnsley. Concerned about the impact of uncontrolled development and industrialisation, they set up the National Trust to act as a guardian for the nation in the acquisition and protection of threatened coastline, countryside and buildings. More than a century later the National Trust remains very much alive and a similar sister organization, The NTZ was established in 1960 by the National Trust Act with the same aim of protecting and managing properties for future generations to enjoy.

Some of our properties are held in perpetuity so that their future protection is secure. The others are open to visitors and we are constantly looking at ways in which we can improve our services.

The NTZ Governing Body

The National Trust act is assigned to the Minister of Environment, Water and Climate Change. It is administered and controlled by a voluntary Council consisting of a President and not less than 10 or more than 20 members of whom not more than 18 are elected at an annual general meeting of members and three are appointed by The Ministry.

Mission Statement

'To be the custodians of those properties and sites of cultural heritage and natural beauty which we hold in trust and to maintain and manage them for the benefit and enjoyment of the people of Zimbabwe and our friends now, and as a legacy for future generations.'

Overall Aims and Objectives of the Trust

The aims and objectives of the NTZ are as follows:

- (a) to accept and hold property in trust for any public purposes and to act in trust for or as Trustee of any property devoted to public purposes in accordance with the conditions of such trust;
- (b) to promote for the benefit of the people of Zimbabwe the permanent preservation and protection of :
 - i). lands and buildings of national, archaeological, historical or aesthetic interest; natural resources, animal or bird life and trees or flora;
 - ii) objects or collections of objects of any description having national, archaeological, historical or aesthetic interest, including furniture, works of art, stamps and literature;
- (c) to provide the public with access to and enjoyment of the lands, buildings, resources and objects mentioned in (b) above;
- (d) to maintain or manage or assist in maintaining or managing lands and buildings for the purpose of public recreation, entertainment, resort or instruction.

Office Bearers

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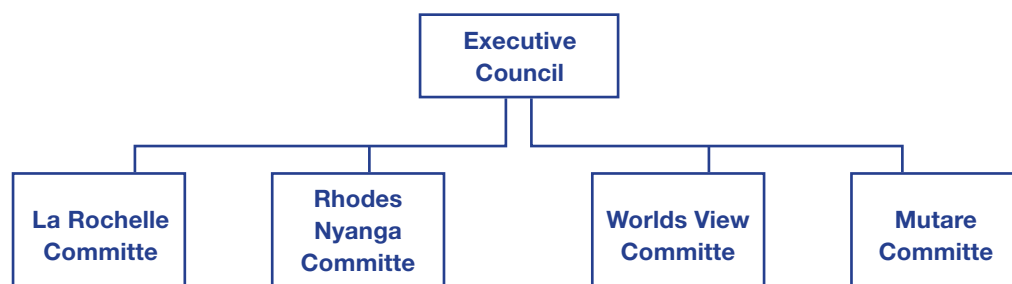


The Structure of the National Trust of Zimbabwe (NTZ)

The NTZ operates using a two level structure as follows:

The Executive Council acts as the overall governing body

Four Regional Committees manage their portfolio of properties, ie membership, sales, marketing, finance, media and so on.



A part-time honorary secretary and a part-time bookkeeper manage the NTZ's headquarters in Harare.

An external auditor is appointed with the approval of the Minister of Environment, Water and Climate Change and audited accounts are submitted to the Ministry on an annual basis.



INTO Membership

The NTZ is part of the International National Trusts Organisation (INTO) which is a non-governmental group founded in 2007. INTO was established to promote the conservation and enhancement of the natural and cultural heritage of all nations for the benefit of the people of the world. INTO has close links with organizations such as: UNESCO, UNEP, ICOMOS, IUCN and Europa Nostra.

Currently, INTO represents about 55 million individual members and countless millions of visitors to sites and properties across more than 25 countries.

INTO are actively involved in various initiatives including conserving and enhancing existing built resources, most notably by the viable re-use of historic and older buildings, greening of existing building stock, and reinvestment in older and historic communities and managing land in a sustainable way.

Africa Regional Forum

In 2015 INTO established the Africa Regional Forum and NTZ is a full time member. The new INTO Africa group brings together a vibrant network of African Heritage Organisations that will share ideas and resources, develop a continent-wide voice, promote and influence on African cultural heritage matters.



Funding

Sources of funding for the NTZ include rents, annual subscriptions, donations and bequests, admission charges to properties, hire charges for the use of halls and grounds, and the proceeds of sales of nursery plants and cut flowers.

Staffing

A part-time honorary secretary and a part-time bookkeeper manage the NTZ's headquarters in Harare. An external auditor is appointed with the approval of the Minister of Environment, Water and Climate.

Membership Benefits

Being a member of the NTZ has benefits both inside the country as well as around the world:

Zimbabwe

The Trust has a growing membership. Members enjoy the following benefits:

- Free entrance to NTZ properties in Zimbabwe
- Quarterly E-newsletter
- Discounted tickets for selected productions at Reps Theatres
- Free entry to National Gallery Zimbabwe;
- 10% off a Scottyphotography session;
- 10% selected rugs/throws Hayhill Weavers
- 10% off accommodation at La Rochelle Country Hotel
- Reciprocal membership with Bird Life Zimbabwe, Tree Society & History Society

United Kingdom

The NTZ has reciprocity with the National Trust of England, Wales and Northern Ireland and the National Trust of Scotland. In terms of arrangements with these Trusts, members are entitled to free admission to all of the many outstanding National Trust properties throughout England, Wales, Northern Ireland and Scotland upon production of a valid National Trust of Zimbabwe membership card. This represents a considerable benefit to members of the Trust who visit the United Kingdom.

Worldwide

Through reciprocal arrangements with the National Trusts in Guernsey, Jersey, Barbados, Ireland, Malaysia, Bahamas, Bermuda and New Zealand and with the Australian Council of National Trust's, and the Stichting het Vrienden der Geldersche Kasteelen and Stichting het Geldersch Landscape in the Netherlands Trust members enjoy free admission to the numerous properties of the National Trusts in those countries.



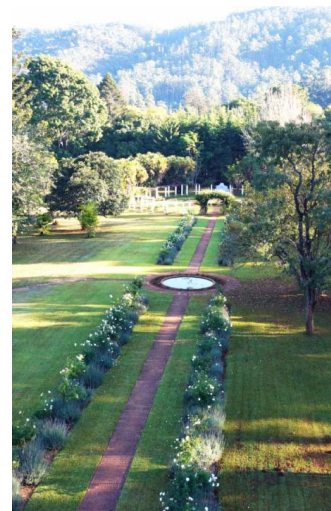
Murawah's Hill



National Trust of Zimbabwe Properties

The Trust manages and controls the following seven properties with the help of its Executive Council and Regional Committees who are all voluntary workers.

La Rochelle Estate



La Rochelle estate, comprising of 108 ha, is one of the best known of the Trust's properties. It is situated in the Imbeza Valley, Penhalonga in the mountainous eastern border area, some 280 km from Harare and 20 km from Mutare. The house was built by Sir Stephen and Lady Virginia Courtauld in 1951 as a retirement home, and was donated to the National Trust in 1970.

A leading Professor of Architecture described it as follows:

"La Rochelle is a rare example in Africa of a major early Modern Movement (in architectural terms) private house, and almost unique in Zimbabwe, given the quality of its architectural detailing and of its interior decoration, especially in the Fantasia room and the Peacock cottage."

During the time that they lived here, La Rochelle was a Mecca for important local and overseas people from all walks of life, and included artists and film stars, as well as influential politicians, in addition to family members. Most of these distinguished visitors were asked to engrave their signatures with a diamond-tipped stylus on the two large end windows which are of great historical importance.

The Courtauld's were patrons of the arts and they funded the building of the Courtauld Theatre, the Queen's Hall, and the Rhodes Club in Mutare, the Kukwanisa Agricultural School at Watsomba, and the National Gallery and the College of Music in Harare.

The La Rochelle estate has a large unique botanical garden covering 20 acres of land, established with the professional help of the UK Horticulturist John Henry Mitchell, with exotic plants and trees gathered from all over the world. The indigenous wild bushlands were carefully preserved. There are numerous walking paths around the gardens.





An orchid house was built and filled with exotic and indigenous orchids and contains the Peter Horrocks collection of rare Phalanopsis.

There are interesting exotic trees in the arboretum as well as palms, cycads, azaleas and other flowering shrubs. This diversity provides ideal habitats for a large variety of bird species.

In June 2014 the National Trust with Acumen Africa, a host of consultants and multitude of contributors began the restoration of the property to its former glory, through the renovation of the buildings and rejuvenation and redesign of the gardens.

In 2015 The La Rochelle Country House opened. Accommodation consists of seven beautifully appointed and individually designed suites in the historic Courtauld House, one free standing West Wing comprising of 5 rooms and a honeymoon suite situated a small distance from the Country House overlooking the dam. All rooms reflect the elegance of the Art Deco and 1920's era. There are also more secluded single and family cottages available.

In addition to accomodation there is the La Rochelle Restaurant, Main Lounge, Coffee Shop, Snuggery Bar and Day Lounge and excellent small conference and function facilities including weddings.

The water furrow that feeds the arboretum, many of the ponds and artificial streams as well as the famous orchid house which is surrounded by streams and waterfalls was also renovated, as was the orchid house.



A new Snooker Room, that saw the reconditioning of a 100 year old British championship table, was opened. The new children's "petting farm" was partially completed which – along with fishing, boating, hiking, birdwatching, cycling, horse-riding, snooker, swimming and spa treatments facilities improve the visitor experience.

The Old Craft Hall was restored to its former glory. The project achieved Lady Virginia's request in her Will to use La Rochelle as "a venue for conferences either of a public, national, international or educational character".



Rhodes Nyanga Historical Exhibition



The Exhibition is located in the Rhodes Nyanga National Park. The building is known as Rhodes Stables, built in 1897 by R Marks a stonemason, for Cecil John Rhodes. It was used by Rhodes for the stabling of horses and mules during the several visits which he made to Nyanga during 1897 and 1900.

On his death in 1902, his Nyanga Estate was bequeathed in trust for the people of Zimbabwe. In May, 1974 the National Trust Zimbabwe acquired, from the Government, the right to occupy the building for the public display of manuscripts, photographs and other exhibits of interest relating to Nyanga and persons and events connected with its history and development.

The exhibition was officially opened by the Hon MHH Partridge on the 8th of November 1975. At that time the President of the National Trust Zimbabwe was Sir Athol Evans K.B.E, BA, LLB.

The displays include early Manyika Africa culture, early European contacts and the first years of colonial rule, fallen heroes and tribal chiefs, Chief Tangwena and the struggle for Zimbabwe and the development of the Nyanga tourism and agricultural industries.

The building also contains a collection of Rhodes' equipment and household furniture.

In 2013/2014 the display area in the museum was extended up into the loft and the Colonel Don Grainger Reading Room was also established. An external staircase was fitted for access to the second floor loft and sky lights were fitted into the roof.

The extension was officially opened on 26th April, 2014 and has transformed the former animal fodder storeroom into a much-needed additional extension to the Museum. The loft has been named "The Petheram Room" in memory of Dick Petheram, author of the publication, "The History of Rhodes Nyanga Estate", who was responsible for procuring the original Rhodes' memorabilia and establishing the Museum in the 1970's for the National Trust of the then Rhodesia.

The Don Grainger Reading and Research Room (formerly the harness room) houses a rich collection of professionally catalogued reference books donated by the Zimbabwe community.

The National Federation of Women's Institutes of Zimbabwe donated a small collection of valuable badges plus funds with which to construct a secure glass cabinet to display the articles, and to make a display board for the history of the WI, with particular reference to the Nyanga Institutes.



The Museum enjoys visitors all year round and school groups throughout the school term times.

In 2014/15 further display boards were included and a display of photographs, grains and lists of "Traditional Foods" was added to "Traditional Tools and Implements" and "Traditional Musical Instruments".

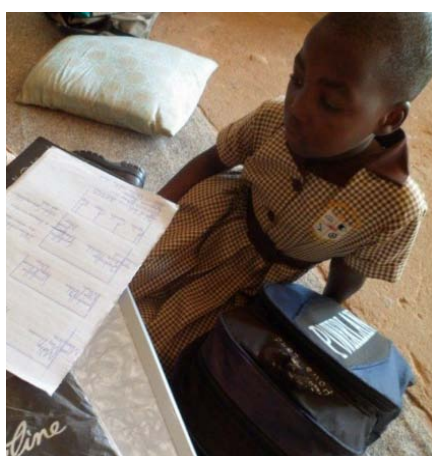
A Children's Reading Area was also established in the Younger Visitors' space.

In early 2015, with funding from the International National Trusts Organisation, a Cultural Heritage Education project commenced. The project focused on heritage management and was a community-led cultural program.

The project saw the development and dissemination of educational materials and information to pupils of three Nyanga schools and the implementation of a youth heritage programme that also provided an area where small groups participated in 'Cross Cultural' programme. A display of the pupils' work raised public consciousness of the value of Zimbabwe's cultural heritage.

The project was inclusive of indigenous heritage and it is hoped that the schools/youth outreach program will be implemented/extended around Zimbabwe.

2015 was the 40th Anniversary of the Opening of the RNHE (or Rhodes Museum as it was then called).



World's View



The property is set high on a hill that affords stunning views of the surrounding landscape. From an altitude of 2000m the escarpment drops 600m to the plain below. On top of the hill there is the large circular Astra Toposcope with numerous plaques of black granite around the perimeter with radiating lines indicating the direction and direct distance to thirty cities, towns and places of interest.

The construction of the Toposcope for the National Trust Zimbabwe was made possible through generous and public spirited contributions from the following companies: Astra Holdings Limited, Construction Associates (Pvt Ltd) and Carrara Marble (Pvt Ltd).

The area is particularly interesting for botanists and ornithologists, comprising of vegetation types associated with either the basal granite or the dolerite cap.

The mist belt area, of some 70 hectares, is located on the western edge of the Nyanga Downs plateau.

Although not always clear there are traces of early stone walling in the grasslands and adjacent kopjes. The earliest stage of the Nyanga Tradition is represented by a number of large, stonewalled settlements that crown some of the major peaks in the northern Nyanga highlands between World's View and Chirimanyimo Hill.

They are also found on some of the higher peaks of the Nyanga Downs. They date from the 14th to 15th centuries and lie between 2,000-2,400m above sea level in exposed locations unsuited to traditional occupation.

The sites are characterised by small, walled hollows scattered amongst the boulders and linked by low-walled enclosures. They are large sites suggesting nucleated villages. The most extensive site on Chirimanyimo Hill may represent the residence of the local chief.

The enclosures were built as a double line of vertical stones, earth-filled in between. These may once have supported a hedge. The larger walled hollows probably protected livestock from the elements and are the prototype for later pit-structures. They had cobbled stone floors and in one of those excavated a grave was found dug through this floor. The smaller walled hollows were probably houses, the walls supporting a low roof.

These villages were built at a time of a cooler, drier climate. They would have been very cold in winter, although



it is possible that the cloud base was not as low as it is today so there was probably less, persistent mist. In 2012 a small extension added to the office, now known as 'The Gallery' where 26 framed pictures of the flowers of Nyanga by Mary Clark, a local artist, are displayed together with a large framed montage showing the construction of the Connemara Lakes and the surrounding road.

In 2013 the NTZ established a relationship with Kirstenbosch, the world famous botanical gardens in South Africa. Seeds from 18 different protea species were generously donated by Kirstenbosch and planted in the new "Protea and Wild Flower Conservancy".



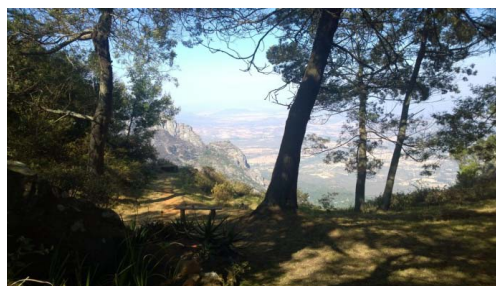
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Sunrise on the escarpment facing west.



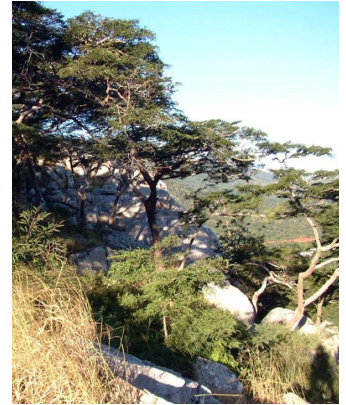
In 2015 a new gazebo was built for the Sculpture Garden at the base of Nyamatoro. The gazebo provides a space for sculptors and hand-made carpets.



'Picnic site at Worlds View.



Murahwa's Hill



Murahwa's Hill has a unique combination of cultural heritage and indigenous flora and fauna given its location visa-vis the prevailing moisture-bearing winds. Over the years an extraordinary number list of trees and birds has been recorded. There are traces of early hunter-gathers and on the south-western part of the hill there is an early Iron Age settlement of the Ziwa Period (200-400 AD) with a ruined stone-walled settlement higher up that may be associated with the Rozvi Dynasty in its upper levels (late 17th century).

The hill is named after a Manyika village-head who was the last local occupant of the site. There are more recent villages of Headman Murahwa who lived here before relocating further south in the Save Valley.

The hill lies at the base of Christmas Pass on the western edge of Mutare. Traditionally it was protected in the past as a place of spirits, while latterly the ravages of seasonal fires have been prevented hence the maturity of the many indigenous trees and the unusual variety of microenvironments present.

Over the years an extraordinary list of trees and birds has been recorded. More than 132 species of trees have been recorded on the property: an exceptionally rich assemblage for such a small area. These comprise Eastern Highlands and Middleveld species, as well as broad range of vines, fungi, mosses and ferns.

The diverse microhabitats include closed canopy evergreen forest on the wetter eastern slopes to drier deciduous woodland on slopes facing Christmas Pass. The rocky exposed slopes, ravines, watercourses and granite outcrops all contribute to the diversity of habitats. It is estimated that the larger forest trees are at least 150 years old.

Bird species include the Silvery-cheeked Hornbill, Trumpeter Hornbill, Livingstone's and Purple-crested Louries (Turaco's), Tambourine Dove, Golden-rumped Tinker-barbet, Yellow-fronted Tinker-barbet, Whyte's Barbet, Gorgeous Bush-shrike, Red-capped (Natal) Robin-chat, and Jameson's Firefinch.

Over 200 of Zimbabwe's 500 species of butterfly are known from Murahwa's Hill. In addition there are many moths, beetles and dragonflies and much observation and research remains to be done.

An Educational and Interpretative Museum Centre is being planned for the site. The design of the centre is based on a traditional African meeting place, with open sides, thatched roof, timber poles and an open amphitheatre.

In 2016 the National Trust signed an agreement with the National Museums and Monuments of Zimbabwe (NMMZ), whereby the NMMZ is ready to proclaim Murahwa's Hill.

The display themes will include: Early history - Stone Age, The Stone Ruins, flora and fauna and the geology of the area.



Fort Gomo Kadzamu



Situated in the Penhalonga district close to the La Rochelle Estate this attractive area of Miombo woodland and broken granite terrain is some two hectares in extent.

A small stone fort is located at the top of a hill on the property and is typical of the many fortifications in the eastern half of Zimbabwe. Part of the Nyanga Cultural Tradition these lowland forts were associated with the Shona Dynasties that postdate the Great Zimbabwe Culture.

The settlement probably dates to the 17th to the 19th centuries A.D.

The first sight is the small wall enclosing the summit with a door with a stone lintel.

The north and east sides of the summit have steep slopes with evidence of a few small areas of built walls. The 360 degree views from the summit, in all directions, that are very pleasant.

There is an abundance of Old Man's Beard Lichen (*Usnea*) hanging from the branches of the Msasa trees (*Brachystegia spiciformis*) in the pristine Miombo woodland.

The summit has tree cover and would be pleasant for a picnic spot.

Mabukuwene



Mabukuwene means 'the look-out' or 'high point'. The view point is built upon a rocky outcrop 1 422 m above sea level.

The property is situated a few kilometres south of Bulawayo City centre and consists of 12 hectares of indigenous trees and plants set in an unspoilt area of kopjes whose distinctive pink hue distinguishes it from other rocky environments in and around Bulawayo. 360° View point of Bulawayo from the open-sided thatched rondavel.

There are some 80 different species of indigenous trees including some particularly fine specimens of Ficus and Euphorbia with many aloes and other succulents. When in flower they attract a wide variety of birds, nearly 100 species of which have been recorded.

The property was donated to the National Trust of Zimbabwe by the Thomas Meikle Trust in 1979 and partly restored in 1980 by the Aloe Society and the National Trust of Zimbabwe.

The grave area is enclosed in a small section of the property. Thomas Meikle and his three daughters are buried there. There are a number of walks through the treed areas.

A small, picturesque thatched hall (above) is available for weddings, lectures and other functions.

Various braai stands have been built around the area.

In 2016 the National Museums and Monuments Zimbabwe visited the site in order to look at an Ndebele site that was freshly unearthed by Mr Rob Burrett, a local archaeologist and historian.

Sebakwe Poort



This 262 hectare property is situated near Kwekwe. It is essentially an area of natural and unspoiled woodland comprising a large number of species of indigenous trees, including many fine specimens of several different Acacia species.

The Sebakwe River flows through the property and the poort (gorge), is an impressive sight.

Services Offered by the National Trust of Zimbabwe

Services that are offered by the NTZ, at various sites, include the following:

- **Environmental** – Birding, Indigenous trees/fauna/flora, Aloes/Orchids, different species of butterflies, beetles, moths and dragonflies, woodland/mountain walks
- **Tourism** - Accommodation, Event hosting (small conferences, weddings or company retreats), camping and caravanning, existence of the only Braille trail in Zimbabwe, for the enjoyment of partially blind people to experience nature.
- **Education - Historical** - Exhibitions of Manyika African culture, early European contacts, fallen heroes and tribal chiefs and Viewing historical sites i.e. the Ziwa Iron Age settlement.



CHAIRMAN'S REPORT TO THE 43rd ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING ON 27th AUGUST 2016

Welcome and introductory remarks

Good Morning and welcome all of you to the 43rd Annual General Meeting of The National Trust of Zimbabwe (which I shall now refer to as "NTZ" in this paper). Thank you for attending and supporting NTZ today and over the past year and hopefully continuing to support its efforts and activities into the future.

This is my 3rd AGM as President of The NTZ and Chairman of the Council and we have continued to make progress in growing NTZ and widening its activities and to develop its sites.

I would like to thank the NTZ Council, all of whom are honorary volunteers, that has worked tirelessly again this year. NTZ operations continue to be professionally handled in a businesslike manner. There are still many matters to attend to for NTZ, as is normal with such an organisation in an ongoing development phase.

I will now report briefly on the various areas of NTZ and the work that has been done and some areas that are planned for the immediate future.

Financial and Membership Matters

You will see from the NTZ audited financial statements that are being presented to you at this AGM that the cash position of NTZ has remained marginal. A surplus was earned during the year ended 31 March 2016 with the most successful operation being World's View which generated a very healthy surplus. The NTZ Council is continually looking at ways of improving revenue streams for NTZ to then allow NTZ's further development into the future.

At this point I would like to thank the Hyslop family for their significant efforts on NTZ's affairs in treasury management, secretarial matters and helping drive numerous NTZ projects forward throughout the year.

The NTZ Council continues to try to attract more members. An additional effort needs to be made to attract corporate members. We continue to look for additional membership benefits in an effort to make membership more attractive. We appeal to all NTZ's members to help us recruit new members. We have continued to issue newsletters and circulars on a regular basis in an effort to build closer relationships with our members and we have generally had very positive responses.

We receive rentals approximating \$2 000 per month from the La Rochelle property to meet interest and related estate expenses. However we need to undertake fund raising activities to start to repay the refurbishment loan incurred in rehabilitating that property. We are planning a major fund raising event at Eltham Palace (the home of the Courtaulds before they arrived in this country and developed La Rochelle). Our aim would be to raise \$20-30 000 at that event towards further developments at La Rochelle that would be set off against our loan. The new La Rochelle hotel has been operating for over 18 months and we have received very good reports from independent visitors to that property. NTZ (as well as being the landlord), also holds 10% of the tenant company and therefore it is beholden upon NTZ to promote La Rochelle (as well as our other properties). The operations are being very professionally managed and the aim is to increase revenues at the property very significantly over the next 18 months.

Education

We believe that an important activity that NTZ can provide from its properties/activities is in the Heritage, Culture and Arts and Environmental Education arena. NTZ wishes to highlight the importance of Zimbabwe's heritage, arts and culture to its people and visitors. This aim is reflected in the NTZ payoff line – "Heritage is important, treasure it".

Publicity and Marketing

We have continued to actively raise the profile of NTZ. I would like to thank Sharon Waterworth personally for her tireless efforts and guidance in the numerous and wide ranging marketing and public relations matters.

We undertook a very prestigious event at the residence of the British Ambassador to raise the profile of NTZ and its properties with the local Diplomatic and Business Community. We are planning further fund raising activities locally over the next 12 months.



INTO Africa Group

We are leading a pan African initiative to create an INTO Africa Group to help co-ordinate heritage and cultural activities in territories across Africa and to work towards creating a group that can represent African interests at INTO and globally, generally. I was recently asked to Chair this pan African initiative and we are in the final process of setting terms of reference and then seeking to attract participants to this Group. The Group holds regular webinar discussions facilitated very kindly by INTO IT expert Mr Bill Turner for which we are very grateful.

NTZ Properties – Reports on status and activities

I will now report briefly on each of properties and the areas of activities that NTZ's Council has been attending to since the last AGM:

La Rochelle

The tenant has undertaken the renovation of the Jacaranda Cottage (which was originally Lady Virginia's handcrafts workshop). This structure has been converted into a very nice conference venue (that can also be used for other events) and conferences are already being held there.

The next development project entails the investment of approximately \$0.75million by external investors into La Rochelle Centre in developing an agricultural training facility aimed initially at training farmers in growing organic herbs. That project's financial planning and agreements with the new investors were delayed by unforeseen challenges, but should progress again soon with the view to complete the new agricultural training facility.

Murahwa's Hill

The property's situation has not progressed, again. A lot of the property has been degraded by unauthorised access and theft of wood etc. NMMC are in the process of declaring the property a "national monument" which should help towards better protecting the property. NTZ can then progress the development of a small education centre there for the use of the schools of Mutare and its district.

Rhodes Nyanga Historical Exhibition

The RNHE ongoing museum expansion has continued. I would like to thank Edone-Ann Logan and her very active passionate Committee for all their hard work they have undertaken in continuing to expand the RNHE facility. During this last year Edone-Ann and Rob Burrett compiled a new guidebook for Nyanga entitled "Nyanga's Rich Heritage". The book has been issued under the banner of NTZ and book sales are progressing well. Congratulations should be given to Edone-Ann and Rob for their dedication and extremely hard work and the excellent guidebook they have produced.

World's View

Again, I am pleased to report that the World's View Committee, very actively driven by Gill Honeyman and her team, have made further significant improvements over the last year consisting of further clearing and planting of the site, the construction of an art gallery (to be named "The Gill Honeyman Gallery") and a new ablution block. Since the road up to World's View was graded the site is now very accessible and the numbers of visitors has increased dramatically. This site still has a large area that is undeveloped. Plans are to be looked at for the long term future further development of this important site.

Sebakwe Poort

Unfortunately, due to its remoteness and with no current NTZ members in that area and the general lack of funding, no progress has been made on this site. A new Committee must be formed to drive this project forward and to assess the future and long term sustainability of this property. Contact has been made with local residents to try to take this matter forward.

Mabukawene

This property has also suffered from a lack of attention over the years, due to a minimal number of NTZ members in Bulawayo and the lack of funding. However, thanks to Rob Burrett, with a small team, he commenced the extensive cleanup of this site that had become a wild jungle of Lantana and other invasive plants. Rob also prepared a concept paper for the site outlining a vision to develop a small cultural and heritage education facility (along the lines of that envisaged for Murahwa's Hill). We are now converting that concept paper into a development and management plan for the site.



We are liaising with The Thomas Meikle Trust on the future possibilities at this property. The initial phase (for the rest of 2016) is to simply clean up the site. Then a sustainable development could be formulated.

Funding will be needed for this development and operational funding until it is self sustaining. If necessary, as a second option, a back portion of the property could be sold to raise funds to invest back into the property. A membership drive is needed in Bulawayo and a new Committee (probably consisting mainly of this property's neighbours) is to be formed in the near future to drive this project forward. I'd like to thank Rob Burrett sincerely for his hard work on behalf of NTZ at this site.

Fort Gomo

I visited this site recently and a brief report was circulated to members. Unfortunately, due to its remoteness, the difficulty of envisioning a sustainable solution for this property and the general lack of funding at this time, no further progress has been made on this site. Contact has been made with local residents to take this matter forward. It is envisaged that the management of visitors to this property could be handled through the La Rochelle hotel. A development and management plan need to be formulated to drive this property forward.

Heritage Sites

Unfortunately, only a little progress has been made on this project. Discussions have been held recently to consider formulating a plan to identify and label National Heritage Sites (not necessarily only buildings) that should be labelled as "protected important heritage sites". At the Cambridge conference I made contact with a Dutch organisation who expressed an interest in possibly helping fund this project. We are pursuing this possibility now through the Netherlands Embassy in Harare. A new Committee has to be formed to drive this project forward.

My apologies for the length and detail in this report but it is very important to bring NTZ members up to date on all aspects of NTZ at this time and provide feedback on the busy year NTZ has had.

I know that I and the NTZ Council look forward to hearing back from NTZ members and all other interested parties on any matters, concerns, if any, and constructive suggestions related to the activities and the future development of NTZ.

Thank you again to the NTZ Council, the Regional Property Committees and working parties and all of those other independent persons and organisations who have actively contributed to the activities of NTZ over the last year. We look forward positively to the future ongoing development of The National Trust of Zimbabwe and to fulfilling our payoff line "Heritage is precious: Treasure it"!!

Thank you.

DJ Scott

Chairman of the Council of The National Trust of Zimbabwe

25 August 2016



World's View Annual Report



The year began well with the number of visitors to the property continuing to rise, especially over long weekends and school holidays.

The new toilet facilities, although not completely finished, were opened to the public on Easter Friday, just in time for one of our busiest weekends and very favourable comments were received, one of the most heard comments being 'it's good to see where our money (entrance fee) is going.

We reopened the building site in early February and began work on Phase II: the new gallery extension and finishing the toilet block which still needed plumbing, painting and fitting of the vanity unit. The official opening took place on 22nd April when Mrs Scott (the wife of our Chairman) 'cut the ribbon' to the new gallery where a fine collection of work by some of our very talented local artists was on display. This was followed by a luncheon hosted by Gill Honeyman at her residence close to the View. Our thanks to June Weeks who has been working hard and made a large free standing board which allows a lot more space for display. In his speech, the Chairman, Mr David Scott, announced that the Council had agreed that the gallery would be called the 'Gill Honeyman Gallery' and that a teak plaque would be made to commemorate the event. The toilet block has since been finished and a paved ramp at the entrance installed, giving easy access for our disabled visitors.

The landscaping project is now nearly complete but it has not been an easy task. Large rocks had to be excavated to ensure that plant material would have sufficient space for root growth and drainage. The circular path is now complete and planting out of the Kirstenbosch protea seedlings is ongoing.

We have had some success with protea cuttings taken from June Weeks and Cherrie Stead's gardens, these



Luke and Matirina clearing the kopje for planting.

are being planted in the rough area above the kopje. Some indigenous 'cabbage trees' have been planted on the top of the kopje and more aloes, azalea and hydrangeas in other parts of the gardens. The circular drive has been slightly reconfigured and a number of small pathways below the toposcope and picnic tables have been cleared. The vast amount of lawn that we have been trying to establish finally reached completion earlier in the year with a bit of filling and levelling still to be done. The Mountain Acacias in the parking area are struggling and not doing as well as hoped, however, they are still alive and we are hopeful that one day they will provide a magnificent shaded area for the car park.



April was a particularly windy time on the mountain with gale force winds hitting us hard causing damage to signs and the wooden picnic tables and benches. We have purchased another park bench to match the one donated by June Falcone and placed it at the top of the kopje where visitors can sit and appreciate not only the view but also the surrounding planted area.

Matirina has discovered yet another ruins site, albeit not on the same scale as the others. This one is very conveniently situated a short way up the scenic walk (to the rear of the Sculptor's Gazebo). We hope to clear this of plant material and once cleared and enclosed/protected it will form another attraction for visitors who don't want to make the 'big climb' to the top of Nyamutoro where there are other and more extensive ruins. This will not only provide an added attraction for visitors but also reflect Zimbabwe's cultural heritage.

The summer months saw the site looking amazing and we were asked if we would be willing to 'rent' the area as a wedding venue and also an approach by an 'organiser' to hold a weekend long rock concert. Unfortunately the latter would not be at all feasible or in keeping with the area but perhaps an afternoon classical recital would be more fitting.

It is encouraging to see that visitors are still making World's View one of the top spots to visit in the Nyanga area. August saw another record month of over 800 but September/October saw a decrease possibly due to financial constraints and tourism in the area as a whole was affected.

We completed work on the construction of the first of our replacement picnic tables in November on an area above the existing picnic site. This has a magnificent view facing south-west over the escarpment and down to the valley floor below.

The additional seating is much needed as a lot of our visitors now bring picnic lunches and all want a table. A lovely stone bench has been built on the far side of the protea kopje beneath a massive granite rock which makes a great wind break – this will probably be the most popular seating area on site. Picnic table number 4 is near completion and Nos 2 and 3 were completed and commissioned in December. All have been constructed from local stone and fit in well with the natural surroundings.

Winter, once again, took its toll on the gardens but thanks to some early rain in November the lawns recovered, replacement planting, pruning and further clearing brought WV back to life. We continue to receive excellent comments about the neatness of the site, the new art gallery and the improved facilities. Spontaneous donations have been made in appreciation. One comment forwarded to us from a local website is too precious to leave out of this report and is as follows:

'Have just returned from Nyanga and some of the tourist sites are getting a face lift. So impressed with the loos at World's View that I took a photo. Spotlessly clean, totally refurbished, small cacti growing in novelty red clay containers and even a small indoor garden! Bushman painting mural on a red clay background. Wow, I have never seen loos like this at any tourist site except in Germany which is famous for its facilities. Staff were very helpful and accommodating. Such a pleasure to see in our beautiful land'.

The visitors book continues to be a joy to read, many compliments about the staff and their friendly and welcoming reception, the well maintained grounds and of course our magnificent scenery. A visitor from Scotland wrote:

'Thanks to the people who donated this land, developed this land and now lovingly maintain it. Without you this place would not exist. A real gem on planet earth. The people of Zimbabwe should be proud of you all. Well done the National Trust of Zimbabwe'

The rains were extremely heavy in December with torrential downpours and due to the volume of traffic coming onto site the parking area was turned into a quagmire. We dug a 2m wide contour ridge at the base of Nyamutoro which diverted most of the run-off from the mountain and hopefully this will solve the problem for years to come. There were problems at the entrance gate as the culvert was removed by Nyanga Rural Council when they graded the road in 2015 and there is just nowhere for the run-off from the road to go. We battled daily to remove the red soil/mud collecting at the gate and have opened new mitre drains to divert the water down into the lakes. More work will be undertaken in the new year.



Builder and assistant working in the mist on one of the new stone picnic tables



The Hydrangeas have been magnificent this year and we have had a lot of enquiries from visitors as to where they could purchase these plants. An approach was made to Valhalla Nursery in the valley who specialise in hydrangea and azalea and a mutually beneficial agreement was reached and we now have a 'Plant Sales' area. We have since decided to stock other seasonal plants that grow on site and we are sure that our 'Plant Sale' section will continue to do well.

We have purchased some more lovely books for our small library and they have been very well received and read by visitors, mainly those taking shelter in the gallery when it rains. A lawnmower has also been purchased so we no longer have to borrow. Our 'sign writer' has been busy and painted a number of new metal signs: 'NO FIRES', 'PLEASE TAKE FOOD WASTE HOME – BEWARE BABOONS!', and others that will help visitors find their way around more easily.



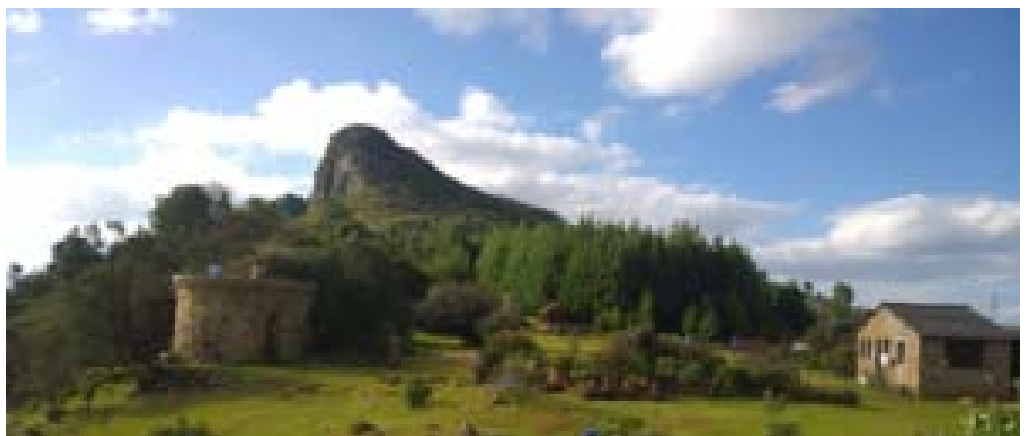
We are grateful to the Stead Family from Connemara who organised a 'Carols by Sunset' on Christmas Eve, the grandchildren playing flute, trumpet and sax. 'Hark the Herald Angels Sing' will never be the same again! The rain held off and although our numbers were small it was an extremely enjoyable evening.

The art gallery is attracting much interest and most visitors are surprised and impressed to find an art gallery on the top of a mountain! We even received an approach from an artist from Harare who enquired if he could hold an exhibition of his own work in the gallery. Our very grateful thanks go to Val Cameron of Juliasdale for her donation of a large pastel of a scene in the Fox Rock area and a smaller one of wild flowers. Val is a professional and very accomplished artist and we are extremely proud to have her work in our collection. Our thanks also to Cherrie Stead for two beautiful water colours that she has donated, they have been framed and now grace the gallery walls as part of our permanent collection. We are still encouraging local Nyanga artists to bring us their work for display/sale.

Matirina Andras, our treasurer, continues to be one of our biggest assets, not only keeping a meticulous record of accounting and ticket sales but also assisting in management of the staff, gardens and, of course, the Protea Project. Due to the increase in visitors, some who like to chat and have a guided tour of the gardens and the ever increasing garden maintenance etc., we decided to recruit another caretaker, Arthur. He is doing well: interacting with our visitors, learning about the flora and the history of the area. Therefore plans have been drawn for the extension and refurbishment of the staff accommodation block. It is our intention to build on another room to accommodate the second caretaker and to completely refurbish the toilet and shower room. A covered courtyard will also be incorporated and a wood burning stove purchased to upgrade the kitchen facilities. Some roof repairs to the existing building are required and repairs and repainting to existing walls - inside and out. A long overdue refurbishment which Luke and Arthur (our caretakers) well deserve.

We are pleased and amazed to report that we had an all-time, record breaking month in December with over 1500 visitors, mostly over the festive season - 300 visitors on Christmas Day, 200 on Boxing Day and 250 over New Year!

Gill Honeyman
World's View Committee





RNHE Annual Report

Looking back over the past eventful year, we are happy to realise that progress has been achieved in a number of areas.

- We now have a wheelchair ramp! Organised by Area Manager, Onias Bepe and built by the Parks carpenters and builders, the wooden ramp leads from below the Grainger Reading Room to the side door of the main display area. A concrete path runs from the car park to the ramp. The wooden railings protecting the wagon shed have been replaced, which has enhanced the appearance of the area. We are indeed grateful to Parks for these improvements.
- National Parks provided the Museum with its own ablution block! This was desperately needed as visitors have had to use the Hotel facilities in the past. Our gratitude to Rhodes Hotel for accommodating our visitors for so many years. Thanks too, to the committee members involved in erecting an attractive wooden screen, and azalea plants to give some privacy.
- Mr. Dhlandhlara and Mr. Funk of the SOLON Foundation donated a new COMPUTER to RNHE. We need not enlarge on the difference this will make to the efficient administration of the Museum. Our deep gratitude goes to SOLON. This has enabled Curator Marshall Nyanhanda to digitilise our records and keep an accurate and up to date acquisition register.
- The Zim community continues to donate articles of historic interest for displays. A collection of 'grandma's soft toys', handmade bed-jacket, curlers and stationery wallet; ancient bottles made of thick glass; plaited leading reins and well-known old cookery books are among the articles donated. We added a genuine paraffin-box dressing table to the early child's bedroom. Two beautiful display cabinets have been donated. Many more valuable Rhodesiana books have been received, some of which are in need of repair, and all were in need of cataloguing. Mrs. Adele Hamilton-Ritchie took time off from her work in a Harare to spend a week in Nyanga entering 1100 books into the computer. We are extremely grateful to Adele for undertaking this onerous task. Adele also printed out the Dewey System of cataloguing, for our future use.
- The Shop, under Annie Wilkes' supervision, is selling historic booklets and maps, traditional pots, locally woven mats and sculptures, curios and preserves. Although the proceeds do not amount to a great deal for the Museum, the shop attracts visitors and adds a little to the income account.
- Work was completed on the Outline History of the National Federation of Women's Institutes of Zimbabwe and African Women's Clubs. We are grateful to Jane Fearn, daughter of Peggy Fearn, the WI member who established the first Homecraft Clubs in Mutare, for spending time in Juliasdale helping to sort through boxes of documents, letters, photos, etc. for the display.
- Mr. Edgar Nyagwaya has now completed two excellent documents which we are intending to copy and sell in the Shop:
 1. SHONA CUSTOMS AND CULTURE
 2. RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN COUNCILLORS AND TRADITIONAL LEADERS.

These we feel, will be invaluable for those who are interested in understanding and learning about Shona Traditions and Culture.

News on recent displays:

A concise History of the National Federation of Women's Institutes of Zimbabwe and the Development of Homecraft and Associated Women's Clubs, with special reference to Manicaland, is now complete. Due to the incredible amount achieved over the past 90 years by women in this country, the task of choosing what could be displayed in a limited space was extremely difficult, but we hope that the display will serve as a lasting reminder of the dedication of thousands of women to the improvement of Home and Country.

We have received some complimentary notes in the Donation/Suggestion box which encourage us to continue working to provide a centre for the display of historic information, artefacts and articles of interest



to all sections of the community. The increase in the number of bus-loads of school children visiting Nyanga from all parts of the country is most encouraging.

Cultural Heritage Project:

Following the Cultural Heritage Project organized by the Rhodes Nyanga Historical Exhibition in 2015, funded in part by the INTO Small Grants Fund, we set up a display of some of the work achieved by the 130 children involved in the project. Most school Principals had not yet visited the RNHE to view the display as it is in the National Park, a little way out of Nyanga. Mr. Dhlandhlara, Area Director of SOLON Foundation, is deeply involved with the advancement of education in the region. He assisted with the organization of the 2015 Project, and helped with transport costs, certificates, etc. After discussing the possibility of the school Heads holding their monthly meeting in the National Park, Mr. Dhlandhlara organized this with the Chairman of the Group, Mr. Sithole. He again assisted with the cost of transport of personnel to the Park, and an excellent lunch after the meeting.

The meeting was held on Friday, December 2nd 2016 and Mr Dhlandhlara and I were given the opportunity of speaking to the group of Principals, 117 in all, on 'The Importance of Heritage Education', emphasizing the rich bounty of heritage resources in the Nyanga area. Following the recently introduced syllabus for Zimbabwe Schools on Family and Heritage Studies, we emphasised the importance of introducing the subject in the Early Childhood Development classes where the children are encouraged to ask questions about their family. The programme progresses to the study of their school, customs and traditions in their community, places of interest and traditional importance, their country and national heritage and later, international heritage issues. The involvement of elders or groups of elders should be included. With the new schools curriculum coming into being there is increased interest by the schools in culture and heritage education, and we are keen to be of assistance in this respect. Awareness of the importance of Heritage Education is becoming more and more prevalent world-wide, and we have been commended by INTO for encouraging heritage education in the area. After the traditional lunch, the Heads visited the RNHE, primarily to see the Heritage Project display, but also to tour the entire museum. We hope their visit will encourage more Nyanga schools to plan visits to RNHE.

"Nyanga's Rich Heritage" was published during the year by Khami Press. The object of the booklet is not only to promote the beauty of Nyanga but to give information on the ancient and modern history of the area in order to engender a deeper knowledge and understanding of the local resources. I was fortunate to have the opportunity of working with archaeologist Robert Burrett on the publication of this booklet. A number of Heads purchased a copy at the meeting and those who already had copies told us that, although they were born or had been in the district for many years, they were amazed at the information gleaned from the book. We are hoping that this publication will be used by the schools for reference purposes.

Edone Ann Logan
Chairperson
Rhodes Nyanga Historical Exhibition.



La Rochelle Annual Report

The property continues to attract many visitors and the comments are very encouraging to all who have been involved. The Nursery and Orchid Centre was refurbished and the restoration of The Aloe and Cycad Garden and Dell area was undertaken. The work was made possible by a very generous donor that the NTZ is enormously appreciative of.



Koi fish were bought for one of the ponds and goldfish for another. The toilet block at the Nursery was finished complete with wheel chair access and drinking water for garden visitors. The orchids have done well this year since the houses have been restored. The greatest impact is seen on the Phalaenopsis and Cattleya that are in the glass and heated houses.

"Many of our guests that have come to the garden, have commented on its transformation over the last couple of years. I find that it is once again the main attraction for guests who come to La Rochelle. The beauty of being involved in a project such as this, is seeing what was accomplished last year blossom into something people can enjoy today."

Mr Kevin Martin, Estate Manager

Right: Hillcrest School grade 5

Far Right: Riverside School grade 1 and 2



Schools and orphanages were invited to visit the gardens and children were taught basic knowledge on plants and trees.

Work was completed around the dam area and a bridge to the island built providing a hideaway spot for birders on the internal lake which now has a rowing boat for fishing. A bench was made and placed by the water providing a lovely quiet place to go sit and watch the birds.



Most of the paving throughout the garden was repaired. 18 new metal dustbins were made and placed in the gardens and the existing benches were refurbished and new ones were made bringing the total to 26. Logs, from trees that were removed from the garden were used to make natural benches. The gazebo at the top of the garden was rebuilt and two of the four lines of underground piping and garden taps on this side of the garden were restored. People in Mutare very kindly opened up their gardens for us to collect planting material from which was propagated in the nursery. Improvements were made to the arboretum and gardens with endless walks and three new hiking trails were established through the Miomba Woodland for bird watching, mountain biking and hiking.



A number of events were hosted at the estate including bird courses, a vintage car rally, an art retreat, a jazz evening, food and wine pairing, educational workshops and three weddings;





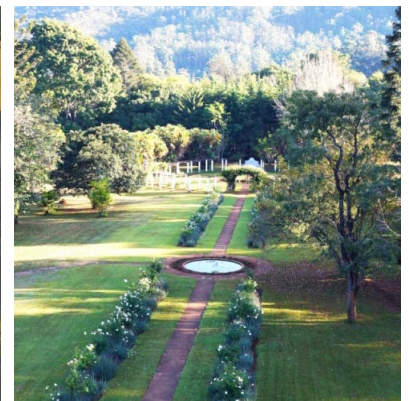
The much awaited for blooming of the Lady Courtauld VANDA orchid at La Rochelle took place! The orchid was found by Sir Stephen Courtauld on one of the eastern Java Islands during his travels there sometime before the start of the second world war. It is thought to be a natural hybrid as there have been no others like it found. Sir Stephen named the orchid, *Vanda lombakensis* Virginia Courtauld and took it to England where it was kept in a glass house at Eltham Palace. It flowered once, then during the second world war the glass house it was in, was bombed. A small piece of the plant was recovered and re potted. It was then brought to Southern Rhodesia when Sir Stephen and Lady Virginia moved to La Rochelle. It has only flowered on two occasions before whilst it has been at La Rochelle, with the last being in 1973. The stunning specimen and this year's spectacular blooming can only auger well for La Rochelle!

Work on dephiring and recording the historical signature on the lounge windows continued with plans to publish a small leaflet for guest and visitors to read about their connection that they had with La Rochelle and the Courtauld's. Ten successful conferences were hosted with top Zimbabwean corporates such as Old Mutual, TelOne, ZIMPLATS, Pearl Properties, IDBZ and more. The hotel occupancy improved with an average rate of 40%.

Work on the organic herb trials began and there are plans to expand the project on a commercial basis for export to Germany. This project forms part of the vision and mission:

To develop the La Rochelle property and estate into a creative 'nexus' of educational, cultural and environmental excellence in Southern Africa – upholding the vision that Sir Stephen and Lady Virginia Courtauld had for the estate.

Our mission is to inspire creativity through multidisciplinary programming. The La Rochelle Centre will provide leaders, farmers, horticulturalists, teachers, artists and professionals with the 'space' and support they need to think and to create, to develop and to make positive things 'happen' in a complex environment.





Mabukwene Annual Report

Below is an overview of the problems at the property and the adjacent property owned by the Meikles Trust, progress made and plans for the future for the sustainable management of Mabukwene.

Problems:

- Rubbish is being dumped at the site and in addition to this there is uncontrolled litter;
- There are large areas of invasive plants including Lantana camara and Prickly Pear;
- The old internal stone and clay walls built by Tom Meikle require some repairs. One section collapsed earlier in the year after a 25mm rainstorm;
- The main entrance wall (stone and cement) is seriously leaning (on the Meikles section) and other stone walls are leaning over (NTZ section). The stone walls need to be underpinned on either side of the main entrance, especially the northern side. This is tilting at a serious angle and the makeshift use of gum poles will not be a lasting solution.



Far left and left top: Collapsed earth and stone walls

Left: Leaning front wall

Above: The lime-green bushes are Lantana smothering the indigenous vegetation

Work carried out:

- The colonising of the gate and increased work on the site greatly improved the property and community relations no end. Many thanks to Mrs Hugill of Meikles Trust for arranging this;
- Much of the litter in the Meikles section was been picked up and the dump next to path has been covered. Thanks to Mr Mason of Meikles for taking this up with their employees.
- Work on clearing the Lantana was undertaken and it opened a sizeable area but left masses of cut vegetation.
- Burning of the cut vegetation was stopped when it was so hot as there was the problem of run-away fires. This decision was agreed by the Bulawayo Fire Department. The areas that were burnt look good. Some trees a little scorched but a great improvement and they will recover.
- The good news is that the cochineal bug is taking out the prickly pear through natural destruction.

Other work required:

In addition to the general clearing of the site, going forward, it will also be necessary to:

- Restore the bird baths and the stone benches that are scattered around the Property;
- Restore the property map;
- Display the plant and tree lists that was once near the entrance;
- Identify and map out any sites of archaeological and historical importance.



Far left: The former entrance sign in 2004

Left: The entrance sign in 2011, the metal board is now missing



The Way Forward:

This year the focus has largely been on the clearing and restoration of the natural conditions of Mabukuwene but the future of the property has to be addressed. As the NTZ does not have an income from this particular property and no accumulated funds there was a need to design a joint management plan and project proposal. Here are some excerpts from the proposal that was very kindly compiled by Mr Rob Burrett about developing a heritage centre at Mabukuwene for Bulawayo schools.

A concept paper was compiled entitled 'Mabukuwene Cultural Village'. Here is the executive summary:

Executive Summary

Mabukuwene lies in southern Bulawayo bounded by the suburbs of Hillside and Burnside. It is an area of great natural beauty as well as important historical associations. Owned by the NTZ since 1979 when it was donated to the Trust by the Thomas Meikle Trust it has sadly been neglected over the last 15 years and has become a place of crime and unacceptable behaviour by members of the public. There has also been a very serious invasion by Lantana camara which has developed into a veritable forest to the exclusion of the natural species and limiting access to large parts of the property or any possibility of considering any further development and maintenance of the property.

Ministry of Education Culture Directives

The Zimbabwe Ministry of Education requires that all pupils are exposed to their traditional heritage and a directive requires all schools to construct an authentic "culture house" on the school property. We understand that this requirement is generally not met by most schools. While the concept and its operations have not been fully clarified, we believe that this education requirement creates an ideal opportunity for the NTZ to develop a general small "Cultural Village" facility on Mabukuwene to allow schools to comply to Ministry requirements. By having a single centre, the life-ways of several different indigenous communities of Matabeleland can be presented. In this way we are achieving possibly more than the Ministry may have intended. It is also a cost effective means of a large number of local schools being able to comply with the Ministry requirements. The centre will be built not only with a focus on schools, but to appeal also to general visitors and tourists.

The concept note suggests a way forward that will allow the NTZ to reclaim this property as a place of natural and cultural interest, as well as steps to re-engage other stakeholders such as the Meikles family as well as local residents and the general public. The project requires an initial input of funds then once the future operations are operational they will ensure financial independence and sustainability of this NTZ property.

The Cultural Village

The "cultural village" will consist of five enclosures, each of which will create a typical homestead of the indigenous people of Matabeleland:

1. the San people;
2. the Kalanga (a section of the Shona community);
3. the traditional Ndebele homestead consisting of thatched beehive structures combined with the modern Ndebele homestead of clay and thatch;
4. the Nambya;
5. the Tonga.

Each of these units will include typical houses, kitchen area and auxiliary structures such as grain bins/baskets. It is also proposed that simple furnace structure be built to show the technology used. Construction will use authentic materials - grass, clay and poles with cement added to the dhaka mixture to extend the lifespan of the structures. Some modern material will be used such as nails and twine.



Typical Ndebele homestead building in its original form from koBulawayo.

Going forward, we truly hope that we will have the resources and secured the funds to translate the concept paper into a reality.

Fort Gomo Annual Report



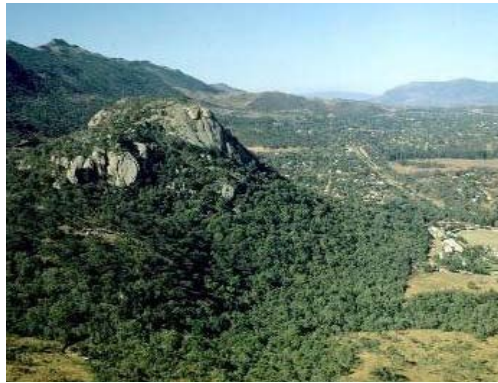
A site visit was made to the property in order to assess its potential uses and to gather information about it and its surrounds. The site is some two hectares in extent and the settlement probably dates to the 17th to the 19th centuries A.D. The north and east sides of the summit have steep slopes with evidence of a few small areas of built walls. A small stone fort is located at the top of a hill and typical of the many fortifications in the eastern half of Zimbabwe. Part of the Nyanga Cultural Tradition these lowland forts were associated with the Shona Dynasties that postdate the Great Zimbabwe Culture. At its summit Fort Gomo provides a wonderful panoramic 360o view of the surrounding area.

There is an abundance of Old Man's Beard Lichen (*Usnea*) hanging from the branches of the Msasa trees (*Brachystegia spiciformis*) in the pristine Miombo woodland. Road access to the site is quite good but new signage is required. It is situated close to the La Rochelle Estate and it would be an interesting site for the guests and day visitors to visit. The history and cultural resources would be of great value to school children as would the flora and fauna of the area. It was therefore decided that the best use of the site would be a) educational and b) recreation.

To make it worth visiting durable signage and information boards would need to be erected, along with concrete benches and tables to allow visitors to enjoy a picnic. To achieve this vision the NTZ will work towards securing funding for the property in order for it to reach its potential and to be enjoyed by the local community, schools and tourists alike.



Murahwa's Hill Annual Report



Murahwa's Hill has been recognised as an important site that it is worthy of achieving heritage status by the National Monuments and Museum's of Zimbabwe. The pending proclamation is very good news for the NTZ and it will afford the property with further protection. The NTZ is in the process of seeking funding to realise its vision for the site:

- To establish an interpretive education centre as toilet facilities. The design would be based on a traditional African meeting place, with open sides, thatched roof, timber poles and an open amphitheatre. The centre would be designed to blend into the site while enabling visitors to participate in the presentations which are mounted around the circular amphitheatre. Display themes would include: Early history - Stone Age, The Stone Ruins, the recent pre-colonial past, flora and fauna and the geology of the area.

The Hill is ideally centred close to the Mutare urban centre and to the highway linking Mutare to Harare and the eastern Highlands. Access to the site is excellent.

- To use Murahwa's Hill as a focal point in Mutare area and specifically to do so by the process of educating the young by running educational programmes that highlight and bring to the attention of the public the significant Cultural Heritage and History of the site.

The Hill is within a 100 km radius of some 800 000 children who are under the age of 16 years and who represent the 'interest group' from schools in the radius which the NTZ wishes to develop the education centre for.

With people visiting the site regularly this would lead to the sustainable protection of the flora, fauna, archaeology and cultural resources that are currently being diminished. The revenue stream would ensure the financial sustainability of the site. The new facility would contribute towards the promotion of cultural tourism and raise local archaeological awareness through community outreach and involvement.

Sebakwe Poort Annual Report

Unfortunately, mainly due to its remoteness, once again no progress has been made on this site as to how it could be best utilised to achieve the medium to long term sustainability of this property. A dedicated NTZ committee, local to the site, needs to be established to find the solution.



Update on Other Activities

In addition to the Chair's report and annual property reports here is an update on other key activities during the year.

Spirit of Place Statements

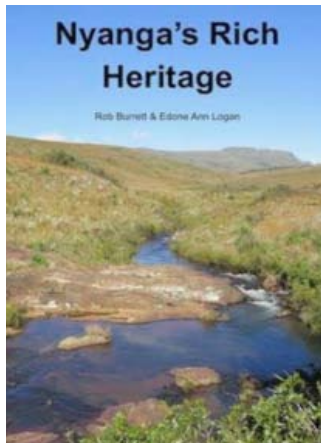
Further to both the Chair and Vice-Chair of the NTZ attending a successful and highly interesting INTO Conference that was held in Cambridge, UK in 2015 we are currently in the process of compiling our Spirit of Place Statements (SOP) for each of the properties. The SoP concept was established at the Quebec conference of the International Council on Monuments and Sites in 2008. SoP is defined as "the tangible (buildings, sites, landscapes, routes, objects) and the intangible elements (memories, narratives, written documents, rituals, festivals, traditional knowledge, values, textures, colours, odours, etc.). It is the physical and the spiritual elements that give meaning, value, emotion and mystery to place. SoP is a critical tool for identifying conservation priorities for cultural heritage, but is also applicable for conserving natural sites which have a meaning to communities.

SoP is a short statement that expresses what is unique, distinctive and cherished about a particular place; and which guides all activities to improve the quality of everything that we do at that place. It is a statement of the tangible and intangible special qualities of a place, providing the NTZ with a framework for conservation and management.

Nyanga Book Launch

Two Council members of the NTZ: Mrs Edone Anne Logan, Chairperson of the NTZ Rhodes Nyanga Historical Exhibition, and Mr Robert Burrett, Archaeologist and Historian announced the publication of a very comprehensive booklet entitled "Nyanga's Rich Heritage" by Khami Press, Bulawayo, Zimbabwe. The NTZ was proud to be one of the project sponsors and also organised a prestigious high profile launch in Harare at the elegant residence of the British Ambassador, Catriona Laing, for which the Trust is most grateful. Entertainment was provided by the Embassy marimba band.

Diplomatic Guests included the European Union Ambassador, Mr. Philippe van Damme, The Canadian Ambassador, Kumar Gupta and his wife Nadira, the Indonesian Ambassador and his wife, the South African Ambassador, as well as guests from DFID and the British Embassy. Also present were guests from some of Zimbabwe's top corporates, businesses and local societies such as Delta, Safeguard, Standard Chartered Bank, BAT Zimbabwe, the History Society of Zimbabwe, the Pre-History Society, the National Gallery, Dairibord, the Thomas Meikle Trust, Inns of Zimbabwe and CBZ. Wine and snacks for the event were generously sponsored by Stables Winery and Supreme Butchery.



Right: Guests arriving

Far right: Guests enjoying the Marimba Band

Right bottom: David Scott, NTZ Chair presenting a NTZ to the British Ambassador, Catriona Laing

Far right bottom: The Marimba Band





It is the authors hope that the booklet, which includes many historical black and white photographs, will serve as a historical reference for those interested in Nyanga – particularly the early pre-history period. Proceeds from sales of the booklet will assist with generating funds for the NTZ Rhodes Nyanga Exhibition.

Official Re-opening launch of the La Rochelle Country House and Spa

This event was attended by a number of invited guests including local dignitaries, Mr Dhwiwayo the District Administrator, Chief Mutasa, Headman and Village Head, Councilors from the Mutare and Mutasa RDCs, members of the local community including business and tourism, The Chair of Literature and History from Africa University, members of the NTZ Executive committee and Directors of the LRC. The re-launch of the hotel was held in the well-appointed brand new conference centre where people gathered for morning tea and cakes. The tables were decorated with exotic orchids all expertly grown all La Rochelle.

Proudly Zimbabwean

After canapes and refreshments there were opening speeches by Mr Kutuywayo the Councillor for Ward 22 and Mr Luke Ngwerume A Director of the La Rochelle Centre.



Luke Ngwerume, Director of the LRC



Sharon Waterworth, Vice Chair of the NTZ

Ms Sharon Waterworth, the Vice Chair of the NTZ then spoke about historical properties globally today now have to earn their keep and still be kept open to the public, they can't just be preserved any more. She was very proud to announce that the NTZ has entered into a ground breaking Public Private Partnership to be seen in Zimbabwe, where the NTZ has collaborated with private players to ensure the sustainability of the property and to expand its facilities and use of resources.

Together with Acumen short, medium and long term strategies were developed, to raise the necessary funding and retain the necessary skills to help achieve both the initial Courtauld vision of La Rochelle while adapting the estate to the economic and educational realities of 21st century Africa. She was very pleased to report that that vision was becoming a reality and the impressive tangible outcomes that had been implemented so far would be seen during the tour of the hotel and grounds.

Mr Kevin Martin, the Estate Manager then took the guests for a tour of the recently renovated house and gardens. It was a very successful event and the NTZ received many compliments on the work achieved.

Website

A fundraising page was launched on the NTZ website www.ntoz.org. Donations are a critical part of making our work happen. A 'wish list' was provided for each property and people were asked to choose from making a single donation, or becoming a monthly supporter.

'Pay Now' and 'Eco Cash' accounts were established for ease of payment, especially for those people living Zimbabwe.



Marketing

Marketing activities are important for the NTZ and we work across the different sectors as much as possible. Amongst other things, marketing has generated more interest in the NTZ and has led to an increase in membership and support.

The NTZ published articles in several high profile publications in Zimbabwe and also in the newsletters of various organisations. Presentations were given to several interest groups and to Rotary. A new product was added to the NTZ line: bright blue strong cloth bags complete with the NTZ logo and pay off line, the British Ambassador was very pleased with hers. Branded full size stand up banners were designed, printed and used at all the events in Harare and at the properties.

As for social media, in addition to the website we have an active facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/pages/National-Trust-of-Zimbabwe/340040082696277?ref=hl>

Building Relationships

The NTZ continues to develop working relationships with other organisations such as National Museums Monuments Zimbabwe and National Gallery of Zimbabwe and societies such as Tree Life, Bird Life, History Society, Reps Theatre and Orchid Society that will help us in promoting Zimbabwe Heritage and sustainable environmental education. During our marketing, presentations and events other contacts were made including various corporates and embassies.



THE NATIONAL TRUST OF ZIMBABWE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 31 MARCH 2016/2017

THE OBJECTS OF THE TRUST

- a) To accept and hold the property in trust for any purposes and to act in any trust for or as trustee of any property devoted to public purposes in accordance with conditions of such trust.
- b) To promote for the benefit of the people of Zimbabwe the permanent preservation and protection of:-
 - i) Lands and buildings of natural, archaeological, historical or aesthetic interest.
 - ii) Natural resources, animal or bird life, trees and flora.
 - iii) Objects or collections of objects of any description having natural archaeological, historical or aesthetic interest including furniture, works of art, stamps and literature.
- c) To provide the public with access to and enjoyment of the lands, buildings, resources, and objects mentioned in (b) above.
- d) To maintain or manage or assist in maintaining or managing the lands and buildings for the purpose of public recreation, entertainment, resort or institution.

OFFICE BEARERS

President	Mr. D. J. Scott
Vice President	Mrs. S. Waterworth
Treasurer	Mr. J. G. Hyslop
Secretary	Mr. C. D. M. Hyslop
Legal Practitioners	Honey and Blanckenberg - Harare
Auditor	Mr. A. P. Joffe C.A. (Z) C.A. (S.A.)
Main Banker	Central Africa Building Society

REGISTERED PLACE OF BUSINESS
30 Hawkshead Drive.
Borrowdale.
Harare.



REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITOR TO THE MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL TRUST OF ZIMBABWE

I have audited the financial statements set out on pages 3 to 8 for the year ended 31 March 2016.

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and Auditors

The financial statements are the responsibility of the members of the executive committee.

My responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on my audit.

Scope

I have conducted my audit in accordance with approved International Standards on Auditing.

Those standards require that I plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes:

- examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements
- assessing the accounting principles used and the significant estimates made by the executive committee and
- evaluating the overall financial statement presentation.

In common with other similar Trusts, due to the nature of certain income received, it is not possible to verify that all income has been brought to account, although I have no reason to suppose that there are any omissions.

Audit Opinion

Subject to the foregoing statement, in my opinion, the financial statements in all material respects give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Trust as at 31 March 2016 and of its Income and Expenditure and Statement of Cash Flow for the year then ended, are in conformity with policies suitable for an organisation of this nature and in compliance with the National Trust Act(Chapter 25:12).

Mr. A.P. Joffe C.A.(Z) C.A.(S.A.)
18 Northampton Crescent .
Eastlea
Harare.

31 July 2016



THE NATIONAL TRUST OF ZIMBABWE

BALANCE SHEET

31 MARCH 2016

	Notes	2016	2015
ACCUMULATED FUNDS			
Balance 31 March 2015		6,136	5,745
Surplus as per the annexed account		4,828	391
		10,964	6,136
Capital reserve		279,741	279,741
		290,705	285,877
LA ROCHELLE ESTATE FUND			
Balance 31 March 2015		(9,185)	(8,746)
Deficit per the annexed account		(1,179)	(439)
		(10,364)	(9,185)
LA ROCHELLE CENTRE (PRIVATE) LIMITED	3	187,641	136,881
BEIT TRUST		6,384	6,384
GOVERNMENT OF AUSTRALIA - Direct Aid Programme		6,655	6,655
CURTAIN FOUNDATION		52,500	-
TOTAL FUNDS		\$533,521	\$426,612
FIXED ASSETS			
Donated and leasehold property and capital costs thereon	4	528,637	416,712
Tractor, furniture and equipment	5	-	3,010
		528,637	419,722
INVESTMENTS			
At valuation	6	150	123
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash resources		4,396	6,350
CABS		1,103	2,002
		5,499	8,352
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Prepaid subscriptions		765	585
International National Trust Organisation - Special Grant Programme (2015/16)		-	1,000
		765	1,585
Net current assets		4,734	6,767
		\$533,521	\$426,612

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President/Chairman

MEMBERS OF THE
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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Treasurer

Harare
31 July 2016



THE NATIONAL TRUST OF ZIMBABWE INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2016

INCOME 2016

	Total	Headquarters	La Rochelle	Mabukuwene	Murahwa's Hill	World's View	Rhodes Nyanga
Gate receipts	15,635	-	-	-	-	13,213	2,422
La Rochelle Centre (Private) Limited	18,000	-	18,000	-	-	-	-
INTO - Small Grants Programme	1,000	-	-	-	-	-	1,000
Rental of property - Sculptors	600	-	-	-	-	600	-
Subscriptions	2,925	1,485	1,050	-	-	15	375
Sundry revenue	276	244	11	-	-	-	21
Shop (net)	161	-	-	-	-	-	161
	\$38,597	1,729	19,061	-	-	13,828	3,979

EXPENDITURE 2016

Administration	3,800	1,857	909	-	-	660	374
Assets written off	3,010	1,032	754	-	1,224	-	-
Depreciation	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Heritage Project	1,300	-	-	-	-	-	1,300
Repairs and maintenance	3,752	-	637	1,361	-	948	806
Salaries, wages and expenses	23,086	-	17,940	-	-	3,273	1,873
	\$34,948	2,889	20,240	1,361	1,224	4,881	4,353

SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR

	3,649	(1,160)	(1,179)	(1,361)	(1,224)	8,947	(374)
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Allocated as follows 2016

- Accumulated funds	4,828
- La Rochelle Estate Fund	(1,179)
	\$3,649

INCOME 2015

	Total	Headquarters	La Rochelle	Mabukuwene	Murahwa's Hill	World's View	Rhodes Nyanga
Gate receipts	7,064	-	324	-	-	4,695	2,045
La Rochelle Centre (Private) Limited	15,500	-	15,500	-	-	-	-
Rental of property - Learning Centre	4,250	-	4,250	-	-	-	-
Sale of Plants	988	-	988	-	-	-	-
Subscriptions	2,735	2,025	425	-	-	-	285
Sundry revenue	9,997	936	8,163	-	-	550	348
Shop (net)	364	-	-	-	-	-	364
	\$40,898	2,961	29,650	-	-	5,245	3,042

EXPENDITURE 2015

Administration	4,082	892	1,957	-	-	518	715
Depreciation	752	188	564	-	-	-	-
Electricity and rates	5,480	-	5,480	-	-	-	-
Repairs and maintenance	5,833	-	1,591	-	-	3,526	716
Salaries, wages and expenses	23,602	-	19,300	-	-	2,612	1,690
Vehicle expenses	1,197	-	1,197	-	-	-	-
	\$40,946	1,080	30,089	-	-	6,656	3,121

SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR

	(48)	1,881	(439)	-	-	(1,411)	(79)
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THE NATIONAL TRUST OF ZIMBABWE INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2016 Allocated as follows 2015

Accumulated funds	391
La Rochelle Estate Fund	(439)
Mabukuwene Revenue Fund	-
	<u>(48)</u>

THE NATIONAL TRUST OF ZIMBABWE CASH FLOW STATEMENT 31 MARCH 2016

	2016	2015
SOURCES OF CASH		
Surpluses:		
Head Quarters	-	1,881
Worlds View	8,947	-
Rhodes Nyanga Historic Exhibition	-	-
	<u>8,947</u>	<u>1,881</u>
Deficit:		
La Rochelle	(1,179)	(439)
Head Office	(1,160)	-
Mabukuwene	(1,361)	-
Murahwa's Hill	(1,224)	-
Rhodes Nyanga Historic Exhibition	(374)	(79)
World's View	-	(1,411)
	<u>3,649</u>	<u>(48)</u>
NET TOTAL SURPLUS		
Add: Non cash item Depreciation	-	752
Assets written off	3,010	-
	<u>6,659</u>	<u>704</u>
TOTAL OPERATING SURPLUS		
Decrease in Cash balances from previous year		
CABS	899	-
Cash	1,954	349
	<u>9,512</u>	<u>1,053</u>
Prepaid subs	180	(780)
Government of Australia Direct Aid Programme	-	6,655
La Rochelle Centre (Private) Limited	50,760	136,881
International National Trust Organisation - Special Grant Programme (2015/16)	-	1,000
Curtain Foundation	52,500	-
Disposal of Motor Vehicle	-	655
	<u>\$112,952</u>	<u>\$145,464</u>
TOTAL SOURCES OF CASH		
Applied as follows:		
Improvements to leasehold property - Rhodes Nyanga Historic Exhibition	-	6,655
Improvements to La Rochelle	103,260	136,881
Improvements - World's View	8,665	847
CABS	-	1,292
International National Trust Organisation - Special Grant Programme- Heritage Project	1,000	-
Increase in value of investment	27	(211)
	<u>1,027</u>	<u>1,081</u>
TOTAL CASH APPLIED	<u>\$112,952</u>	<u>\$145,464</u>



THE NATIONAL TRUST OF ZIMBABWE

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

31 MARCH 2016

1. GENERAL

These financial statements are expressed in United States dollars.

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

2.1. Accounting convention

The financial statements are prepared under the historic cost convention, with the exception that all fixed assets acquired prior to March 2009 have been revalued to reflect their estimated value in United States dollars at the date of Dollarisation in Zimbabwe. Improvements at La Rochelle and Rhodes Nyanga Historic Exhibition have been stated at cost. No other procedures have been adopted to reflect the impact on the financial statements of specific price changes or changes in the general level of prices.

2.2. Taxation. The Commissioner of Taxes in a letter dated 16 April 1993(Ref:Com1051/F.86) exempted the Trust from income tax and withholding tax. This exemption has been revalidated in terms of ZIMRA authority of 23 July 2013.

2.3. Depreciation of fixed assets. No depreciation is provided on capital costs incurred on donated and leasehold property. Insofar as this relates to buildings this is not in accordance with International Reporting Standards. The amounts at which the Fixed Assets are stated are equal to their fair values. Depreciation is provided on other fixed assets on the reducing balance basis at an annual rate of 20% estimated to write off their cost over their expected useful lives.

2.4. Revaluation. Fixed assets were revalued by the Committee from time to time and the surplus arising therefrom is reflected as a capital reserve. Conversely where assets are obsolete they have been written off.

3. LA ROCHELLE CENTRE (PRIVATE) LIMITED

La Rochelle Centre (Private) Limited is a Company incorporated in Zimbabwe in which the National Trust of Zimbabwe has has a right to a 10% share of the equity. The Company has a ten year lease on the property La Rochelle, with an option to renew the lease for a further ten years. Improvements to the property will be on the BOOT principle over the period of the lease.

4. DONATED AND LEASEHOLD PROPERTY AND CAPITAL COSTS THEREON

Donated property	2016	2015
Stand 2508 Mutare Township (Murahwa's Hill) donated by the Municipality of Mutare	52,500	52,500
Lot 4 of Banks, Mutare District donated by Mr J.P.Valentine	1,750	1,750
World's View, Stand 17 Little Connemara Township, Nyanga donated by Government; Lots 2,7,8 of Little Connemara,Nyanga donated by Little Connemara (Private) Limited	1,750	1,750
Improvements	8,665	
La Rochelle Estate in District of Mutare donated by Lady Virginia Courtauld	175,000	175,000
Improvements - La Rochelle Centre (Private) Limited	187,641	136,881
Improvements - Curtain Foundation	52,500	-
Mabukuwene in the District of Bulawayo donated by the Thomas Meikles Trust and Investment Company (Private) Limited	35,000	35,000
Leasehold property		
Rhodes Nyanga Barn	2	2
Improvements to date	13,799	13,799
Sebakwe Poort Park	30	30
	\$528,637	\$416,712



THE NATIONAL TRUST OF ZIMBABWE NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 31 MARCH 2016

5. TRACTOR, FENCING, FURNITURE AND OFFICE EQUIPMENT

	Valuation	Aggregate depreciation	Book Value	2015
Tractor and equipment - La Rochelle	-	-	-	754
Furniture and equipment	-	-	-	745
Fencing - Murahwa's Hill	-	-	-	1,224
Office equipment	-	-	-	287
	-	-	-	3,010

No depreciation is charged in the current year, as obsolete assets have been written off.

	No. of shares		Market Value	2015
6. INVESTMENTS				
Meikles Limited	1,767	revalued	150	123
Halogen Limited (delisted ex ZSE)	466	revalued	nil	nil
			150	123



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29 July 2017



THE NATIONAL TRUST OF ZIMBABWE

BALANCE SHEET

31 MARCH 2017

	Notes	2017	2016
ACCUMULATED FUNDS			
Balance 31 March 2016		10,964	6,136
Surplus as per the annexed account		6,801	4,828
		17,765	10,964
Capital reserve		279,741	279,741
		297,506	290,705
LA ROCHELLE ESTATE FUND			
Balance 31 March 2016		(10,364)	(9,185)
Deficit per the annexed account		3,539	(1,179)
		(6,825)	(10,364)
LA ROCHELLE CENTRE (PRIVATE) LIMITED	3	197,729	187,641
BEIT TRUST		6,384	6,384
GOVERNMENT OF AUSTRALIA - Direct Aid Programme		6,655	6,655
CURTAIN FOUNDATION		65,000	52,500
TOTAL FUNDS		\$566,449	\$533,521
FIXED ASSETS			
Donated and leasehold property and capital costs thereon	4	561,645	528,637
Tractor, furniture and equipment	5	331	-
		561,976	528,637
INVESTMENTS			
At valuation	6	228	150
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash resources		2,990	4,396
CABS		2,805	1,103
		5,795	5,499
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Prepaid subscriptions		450	765
R.Burrett - Nyanga book		100	-
T. Meikle Trust - Clearing 2017/18 _Mabukuwene		1,000	-
		1,550	765
Net current assets		4,345	4,734
		\$566,449	\$533,521

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President/Chairman

MEMBERS OF THE
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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Treasurer

Harare
29 July 2017



THE NATIONAL TRUST OF ZIMBABWE INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2017

INCOME 2017

	Total	Headquarters	La Rochelle	Mabukuwene	Murahwa's Hill	World's View	Rhodes Nyanga
Gate receipts	15,052	-	-	-	-	12,974	2,078
La Rochelle Centre (Private) Limited	21,000	-	21,000	-	-	-	-
INTO - Small Grants Programme	600	-	-	-	-	600	-
Rental of property - Sculptors	2,640	1,890	660	-	-	-	90
Subscriptions	891	688	-	-	-	-	203
Sundry revenue	258	-	-	-	-	-	258
Shop (net)	161	-	-	-	-	-	161
	\$40,441	2,578	21,660	-	-	13,574	2,629

EXPENDITURE 2017

Administration	2,325	829	36	-	-	620	840
Depreciation	83	-	-	-	-	83	-
Repairs and maintenance	2,186	-	145	150	-	1,748	143
Salaries, wages and expenses	25,507	-	17,940	-	-	5,617	1,950
	\$30,101	829	18,121	150	-	8,068	2,933

SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR

	10,340	1,749	3,539	(150)	-	5,506	(304)
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Allocated as follows 2017

- Accumulated funds	6,801
- La Rochelle Estate Fund	3,539
	\$10,340

INCOME 2016

	Total	Headquarters	La Rochelle	Mabukuwene	Murahwa's Hill	World's View	Rhodes Nyanga
Gate receipts	15,635	-	-	-	-	13,213	2,422
La Rochelle Centre (Private) Limited	18,000	-	18,000	-	-	-	-
INTO - Small Grants Programme	1,000	-	-	-	-	-	1,000
Rental of property - Sculptors	600	-	-	-	-	600	-
Subscriptions	2,925	1,485	1,050	-	-	15	375
Sundry revenue	276	244	11	-	-	-	21
Shop (net)	161	-	-	-	-	-	161
	\$38,597	1,729	19,061	-	-	13,828	3,979

EXPENDITURE 2016

Administration	3,800	1,857	909	-	-	660	374
Assets written off	3,010	1,032	754	-	1,224	-	-
Depreciation	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Heritage Project	1,300	-	-	-	-	-	1,300
Repairs and maintenance	3,752	-	637	1,361	-	948	806
Salaries, wages and expenses	23,086	-	17,940	-	-	3,273	1,873
	\$34,948	2,889	20,240	1,361	1,224	4,881	4,353

SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR

	3,649	(1,160)	(1,179)	(1,361)	(1,224)	8,947	(374)
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Allocated as follows 2016

- Accumulated funds	4,828
- La Rochelle Estate Fund	(1,179)
- Mabukuwene Revenue Fund	-
	\$3,649



THE NATIONAL TRUST OF ZIMBABWE

CASH FLOW STATEMENT

31 MARCH 2017

	2017	2016
SOURCES OF CASH		
Surpluses:		
Head Quarters	1,749	-
Worlds View	5,506	8,947
La Rochelle	3,539	-
	10,794	8,947
Deficit:		
La Rochelle	-	(1,179)
Head Office	-	(1,160)
Mabukuwene	(150)	(1,361)
Murahwa's Hill	-	(1,224)
Rhodes Nyanga Historic Exhibition	(304)	(374)
	10,340	3,649
NET TOTAL SURPLUS		
Add: Non cash item Depreciation	83	-
Assets written off	-	3,010
	10,423	6,659
TOTAL OPERATING SURPLUS		
Decrease in Cash balances from previous year		
CABS	-	899
Cash	1,406	1,954
	11,829	9,512
Prepaid subs	-	180
La Rochelle Centre (Private) Limited	10,088	50,760
T. Meikle Trust - Donation clearing Mabukuwene 2017/18	1,000	-
Curtain Foundation	12,500	52,500
R.Burrett - Nyanga book	100	-
	\$35,517	\$112,952
TOTAL SOURCES OF CASH		
Applied as follows:		
Improvements to leasehold property - Rhodes Nyanga Historic Exhibition	-	-
Improvements to La Rochelle	23,898	103,260
Improvements - World's View	9,524	8,665
CABS	1,702	-
International National Trust Organisation - Special Grant Programme- Heritage Project	-	1,000
Reduction in pre-paidsubscriptions	315	-
Increase in value of investment	78	27
	2,095	1,027
TOTAL CASH APPLIED	\$35,517	\$112,952



THE NATIONAL TRUST OF ZIMBABWE

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

31 MARCH 2017

1. GENERAL

These financial statements are expressed in United States dollars.

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

2.1. Accounting convention

The financial statements are prepared under the historic cost convention, with the exception that all fixed assets acquired prior to March 2009 have been revalued to reflect their estimated value in United States dollars at the date of Dollarisation in Zimbabwe. Improvements at La Rochelle and Rhodes Nyanga Historic Exhibition have been stated at cost. No other procedures have been adopted to reflect the impact on the financial statements of specific price changes or changes in the general level of prices.

2.2. Taxation. The Commissioner of Taxes in a letter dated 16 April 1993(Ref:Com1051/F.86) exempted the Trust from income tax and withholding tax. This exemption has been revalidated in terms of ZIMRA authority of 23 July 2013.

2.3. Depreciation of fixed assets. No depreciation is provided on capital costs incurred on donated and leasehold property. Insofar as this relates to buildings this is not in accordance with International Reporting Standards. The amounts at which the Fixed Assets are stated are equal to their fair values. Depreciation is provided on other fixed assets on the reducing balance basis at an annual rate of 20% estimated to write off their cost over their expected useful lives.

2.4. Revaluation. Fixed assets were revalued by the Committee from time to time and the surplus arising therefrom is reflected as a capital reserve. Conversely where assets are obsolete they have been written off.

3. LA ROCHELLE CENTRE (PRIVATE) LIMITED

La Rochelle Centre (Private) Limited is a Company incorporated in Zimbabwe in which the National Trust of Zimbabwe has has a right to a 10% share of the equity. The Company has a ten year lease on the property La Rochelle, with an option to renew the lease for a further ten years. Improvements to the property will be on the BOOT principle over the period of the lease.

4. DONATED AND LEASEHOLD PROPERTY AND CAPITAL COSTS THEREON

Donated property	2017	2016
Stand 2508 Mutare Township (Murahwa's Hill) donated by the Municipality of Mutare	52,500	52,500
Lot 4 of Banks, Mutare District donated by Mr J.P.Valentine	1,750	1,750
World's View, Stand 17 Little Connemara Township, Nyanga donated by Government; Lots 2,7,8 of Little Connemara,Nyanga donated by Little Connemara (Private) Limited	1,750	1,750
Improvements	17,775	8,665
La Rochelle Estate in District of Mutare donated by Lady Virginia Courtauld	175,000	175,000
Improvements - La Rochelle Centre (Private) Limited	199,039	187,641
Improvements - Curtain Foundation	65,000	52,500
Mabukuwene in the District of Bulawayo donated by the Thomas Meikles Trust and Investment Company (Private) Limited	35,000	35,000
Leasehold property		
Rhodes Nyanga Barn	2	2
Improvements to date	13,799	13,799
Sebakwe Poort Park	30	30
	\$561,645	\$528,637



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5. OTHER EQUIPMENT

	Cost	Aggregate depreciation	Book Value	2016
Lawnmower - World's View	414	83	331	-
	<u>\$414</u>	<u>83</u>	<u>331</u>	<u>-</u>

No depreciation is changed in the current year, as obsolete assets have been written off.

6. INVESTMENTS

	No. of shares		Market Value	2016
Meikles Limited	1,767	revalued	228	150
Halogen Limited (delisted ex ZSE)	466	revalued	nil	nil
			<u>\$228</u>	<u>\$150</u>



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Our Mission:

To be the custodians of those properties and sites of cultural heritage and natural beauty which we hold in trust and to maintain and manage them for the benefit and enjoyment of the people of Zimbabwe and our friends now, and as a legacy for future generations.

Individual member	USD 15.00	• Free entrance to NTZ properties in Zimbabwe; • Free entrance to properties of overseas National Trusts with whom we have reciprocity;
Corporate	USD 200.00	• Free entry to National Galleries; • Quarterly E-Newsletter; (Card entitlement for up to 6 persons) • Discounted tickets for selected productions at Reps Theatres; • 10% off a Scottyphotography Session; • 10% off selected rugs/throws Hayhill Weavers; • 10% off accommodation at La Rochelle Country Hotel visit http://larochellecentre.com • Reciprocal membership with Bird Life Zimbabwe and Tree Society

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