

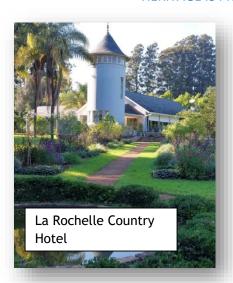




# NATIONAL TRUST OF ZIMBABWE ANNUAL OPERATIONAL REPORT: NUMBER SEVEN APRIL 2021 - MARCH 2022







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#### 1. Report Explanation

This report covers the period from April 2021 to March 2022.

The National Trust of Zimbabwe Executive Council did not hold the 2019, 2020 and 2021 Annual General Meetings (AGM). There were delays in issuing the annual audited financial statements as a result of the pandemic arising in 2020 and continuing into 2021 (wherein meetings were prohibited) together with prolonged negotiations (since satisfactorily concluded) on the long term lease of La Rochelle (denominated in US\$'s). The technical financial disclosure requirements relating to foreign currency transactions and balances, given the constantly changing legislation relating to foreign currency and Zimbabwe's official currency denomination and rates applied took some time to finalize.

This report contains the audited accounts as at 31 March 2020. The 2021 and 2022 audited financials will be completed in the near future and a further AGM then convened to bring all the NTZ formal governance procedures up to date.

#### 2. National Trust of Zimbabwe

#### **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'

The Trust is assigned to the Ministry of Lands, Agriculture, Water and Climate and Rural Resettlement. 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.

The Executive Council acts as the overall governing body and Regional Committees at Rhodes Nyanga and Worlds View manage their individual portfolio of properties. A Working Party is responsible for overseeing La Rochelle, Murahwa's Hill and Mabukawene. A voluntary Honorary Secretary and Treasurer manage the Trust headquarters in Harare. Technical expertise is drawn from professionals within the Council covering environmental, legal, marketing and public relations, education and heritage architecture.

Sources of income include rents, annual subscriptions, donations, admission charges to properties, hire charges for the use of grounds and facilities, a small gift shop at Rhodes Nyanga Historical Museum (RNHE) and the proceeds of sales of nursery plants.



The annual accounts of the Trust are examined and audited by a person registered as a public auditor in terms of the Public Accountants and Auditor Act [Chapter 27:12], this person is elected at the general meeting.

#### 2.1 Aims and Objectives of the Trust

The aims and objectives of the TRUST 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.





#### The office bearers are as follows:

Executive Chair: Mr. D. J. Scott

Vice Chair: Mrs. S. Waterworth

Treasurer: Mr J. Hyslop

Secretary: Mr. C. Hyslop

Executive Council Members: Mrs. F. Bache, Mr B. Bafana Mr. D. Cozens,

Mr W. Dhlandhlara, Mrs L. Goncalves, Mrs. G. Honeyman, Mrs. E. Logan

Mr. E. Mugamu, Eng. J. Njunga, Mrs. C. Peech,

Dr. Charles Waghorn

Regional Chairs: Mr. B. Bafana, Mabukuwene

Mr. D. Cozens Rhodes Nyanga Historical Exhibition

Mrs. G. Honeyman, Worlds View Eng. J. Njunga, Murahwa's Hill

Legal Practitioners: Honey and Blanckenberg, Harare

#### 2.3 Trust Properties

The Trust manages seven properties in Zimbabwe, across 4 provinces:

#### **BULAWAYO:**

Mabukuwene consists of 12 hectares of indigenous trees and plants. It has a view point built upon a rocky outcrop at 1,422 metres above sea level. The property has a long social and historical heritage that extends back from many centuries of history up to the early colonial era

#### **EASTERN HIGHLANDS:**

Rhodes Nyanga Historical Exhibition built in 1897 as a stable for Cecil John Rhodes. Today it is a museum that houses a display of manuscripts, photographs and other exhibits of interest relating to Manicaland and persons and events connected with its regional history and development

Worlds View which is set high on a mountain plateau that affords stunning views of the surrounding landscape. From an altitude of 2000m the escarpment drops 600m to the plain below



#### **MIDLANDS**

Sebakwe Poort is an area of natural and unspoiled woodland comprising a large number of species of indigenous trees. The Sebakwe River flows through the property and the poort is an impressive sight that is home to special species of birds and so it designated as an 'Important Bird Area'

#### PENHALONGA/MUTARE

Fort Gomo a small stone fort located at the top of a hill typical of the many fortifications in the eastern half of Zimbabwe with an attractive area of Miombo woodland and broken granite terrain. There are 360 degree views from the summit

La Rochelle a 108 ha site with a French style tower and manor house, with Welsh slate roof tiles, built by Sir Stephen and Lady Virginia Courtauld in 1951, today it is run as a boutique hotel containing a large orchid collection, arboretum with exotic trees, and an organic herb farm

Murahwa's Hill a large granite hill named after a local Headman Madekurahwa under Chief Mutasa who lived at the foot of the hill from around the second half of the 19th century. Traditionally it was protected in the past as a place of spirits

#### 2.4 Services offered on Trust sites

- ✓ Walks in indigenous flora and fauna and formal gardens and arboretums
- ✓ Access to a rare exotic orchid collection
- ✓ Bird watching
- ✓ Viewing rare species of butterflies, beetles, moths and dragonflies
- ✓ Woodland and mountain walks
- ✓ Mountain bike and horse riding trails at La Rochelle
- ✓ Boutique hotel (including self-catering) accommodation at La Rochelle
- ✓ Massage and beauty treatments at the Fantasy Spa at La Rochelle
- ✓ Protea and Wild Flower Conservancy at Worlds View
- ✓ Art gallery at Worlds View
- Curated permanent exhibitions depicting African culture and early Nyanga settlement, traditional leadership, Cecil Rhodes and Nyanga, tribal Chiefs, the Tangwena People and temporary exhibits
- ✓ Event hosting i.e. small conferences, weddings and company retreats
- ✓ Camping and caravanning
- ✓ Access to research library
- ✓ Viewing historical sites including: ruined stone-walled settlements, Iron Age settlements, livestock enclosures and lowland forts associated with the Shona Dynasties, rock paintings; old village remains, graves and various other stone and brick-built structures.





#### 3. INTO Membership

The TRUST is part of a much larger family network: INTO, an NGO founded in 2007 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 over eighty members although different in size, age and emphasis, these organizations all care about special places, protecting them for everyone and forever. INTO unites people in their concern for heritage, wherever it is in the world. Keeping alive our wonderful built, cultural and natural heritage for present and future generations depends on global co-operation.

We live in a complex, multi-dimensional and inter-dependent world. Things have changed a lot, since INTO was established. Funding has reduced while development pressures have increased; the impacts of climate change become more real every year; and there are new challenges posed by migration and other societal trends. With international support, local empowerment and joined up working, INTO believes we can really make a difference.

#### 4. INTO Africa Regional Forum

The NTZ, in 2015, was integral in forming the INTO Africa Group with INTO and other African heritage organizations. The Africa group brings together a vibrant network of African Heritage Organizations that are sharing their ideas and resources, developing a continent-wide voice and promoting and influencing on African cultural heritage matters.





#### 5. Executive Chair's welcome report

#### Welcome to all our stakeholders!!

We thank you for your ongoing interest, support, encouragement and investment in all that the NTZ does, owns and, in principle, stands for - "Heritage is Precious - Treasurer It"!! Let's continue to help to preserve Zimbabwe's Heritage in all of its wide ranging forms. We cannot do that work without the support of all our stakeholders!!

Another interesting year has passed for NTZ with some significant achievements, overcoming challenges and continuing with all the previous (and more!!) NTZ activities with limited skills and resources, managed mainly by volunteers. You will see our achievements in detail in this Annual Operating Report.

Thanks must go to the NTZ Council for its dedication, passion, hard work and commitment to the aims and objectives of NTZ, as outlined above. A special thank you to Sharon Waterworth for her compiling of this 7<sup>th</sup> annual report which has been completed to her usual high standard, well done Sharon!!

My personal thanks also go to the Council for continuing to operate in my prolonged absence from home. I have been in South Africa since arriving for medical attention and then becoming "locked down" for an unplanned extended period. We should be back home in the very near future, thankfully!!

The Council has continued its work unabated with Sharon Waterworth, as Vice Chair, leading Council (physical) meetings that commenced from 2020 with me attending "remotely" (thank you to Fira Bache and Jean/Lin Goncalves for their hospitality in hosting those meetings!!).

Welcome to all the new Councilors who joined our team this last year. NTZ is resource and skills constrained and always looking for more Councilors to help "shoulder the burden"!! This report also contains tributes to 2 special NTZ people, namely, Aubrey Logan and Merle Moore.

The business world has changed its "modus operandi" after the pandemic. In line with that change, NTZ has implemented and improved its management operations using WhatsApp Groups for managing all its sites, all of which are outside of Harare. This new system has worked very well in efficiently and effectively dealing with management and policy matters quickly and easily, at minimal cost. NTZ has started to look at ways in which it can "breathe new life" into its operating activities and continue developing through focusing more attention on "commercialization", alongside its responsibilities as a heritage preservation entity and time has come to update its 5 year business plan.



NTZ experienced severe financial constraints during lockdown periods with minimal visitors, sometimes none for months, during this past year. If it was not for the very generous support of the Zimbabwe community, certain businesses and a trust fund, NTZ would have faced closure of some of its sites. However, due to this generosity, NTZ has remained "open for business"!!

We have a lot more work to complete in the forthcoming years. There are, particularly, 2 sites: Fort Gomo - ancient ruins and Sebakwe Poort - an Important Bird Area where no work has yet been completed. We need to strategize and create a sustainable plan for these sites and to re-open them to the public as "places of interest".

During this past year, we started and are currently rehabilitating 2 other sites, namely Mabukawene, in Bulawayo, and Murawha's Hill, Mutare. Our vision is to open these sites to the public again, in the not too distant future, once we have created long term sustainable plans for these sites.

Again, without the support of generous sponsorship, the rehabilitation work at these 2 sites would not have been possible. At this point it is appropriate to congratulate and thank Edone-Ann Logan who initiated the public appeal, through the History Society of Zimbabwe, for sponsors to help NTZ through the difficult times. A very successful appeal for sponsorship for which NTZ is extremely grateful.

La Rochelle (LR), World's View (WV) and the Rhodes Nyanga Historical Exhibition (RNHE) operations and development continued during the very difficult environment of the last year.

The long term tenant at LR has continued with major refurbishments of ageing buildings and facilities, in liaison with an NTZ Working Party. The tenant, led by Harvey Leared, has also done an excellent job of involving and working with the local community, started environmental programs, for all of which they deserve proper recognition and sincere thanks from NTZ. This is a very important site to both NTZ and Zimbabwe as a whole.

WV has become a "do not miss" scenic tourism site in Zimbabwe!! Visual evidence is given later in this report!! Gill Honeyman and her team continue to do a magnificent job at WV and have created something very special there, well done to all of you!! The Connemara Basin is an IBA and important environmental area that needs protection and efforts started during the last year, with a view to managing the environmental long term well-being of this important area.

RNHE remained open despite severe financial challenges, thanks to the sponsorship received and continuing to be received!! Thanks go to Gill Honeyman and her WV team for their support of RNHE operationally and financially, when possible, and "in kind" in



the gardens and surrounds. RNHE celebrated an important anniversary!! The RNHE Committee is very active and driven extremely capably by David Cozens. Thanks to all of you.

NTZ started discussions with COSMO Trust who are involved in the protection and running of the Monavale Vlei in Harare on how to protect and develop an extremely important and internationally ratified Ramsar wetland.

NTZ continued to be an active member of INTO and INTO Africa Group. We thank Catherine Leonard and her team for INTO's ongoing support and guidance. Thanks also go to John De Conink for his leadership of INTO AG, in which NTZ were founder members. Lin Goncalves and Willie Dhlandhlara have been active members of INTO AG during the year.

Finally, there are a few other important areas, identified during this last year, that NTZ Council needs to consider into the future. Those are environmental and cultural heritage education for young Zimbabweans. We have limited skills and resources, so we started looking at working with 3<sup>rd</sup> parties who are specialists in these areas and we are building relationships with these parties.

Thank you again to all our stakeholders!! The NTZ affairs are managed affectively by the Council for who's support I am extremely grateful!!

We look forward to welcoming members to the next Annual General Meeting, in the near future.

Take care, stay safe

Kind regards

David Scott

**Chair Executive Council** 







African Broadbill

#### 6. La Rochelle Annual Report

The property is the subject of a long term lease with the tenant being La Rochelle Centre (Private) Limited who manage the property in liaison with an NTZ working party.

#### 6.1 La Rochelle Centre

The La Rochelle Centre had a mixed year in 2021. The COVID Pandemic impacted heavily on the Country House during the first half, but occupancy improved during the latter part of the year. Despite the economic difficulties the Centre allocated nearly 20% of its income to Repairs and Maintenance to continually drive towards the restoration of the NTZ flagship asset.

The 2021/2022 rains were 'all or nothing' with nearly half of all rainfall falling in two afternoons (cyclone Ana and a second tropical storm) with the almost no rainfall falling during February.

Nevertheless, the contour has continued to flow well, and the gardens are looking in great shape with a plethora of butterflies and birds attracted to this eastern Highlands oasis.

#### **6.2 Hotel Maintenance and Developments**

The Fantasy Suite formerly Lady Courtauld's private day room has undergone a major refurbishment including a new roof with increased gradient to prevent leaking as well as new flooring, re-upholstery and repainting.



The Manager's house formerly 'The Lodge' has also undergone a major refurbishment including re-plumbing and replacement of bathroom and kitchens, re painting throughout interiors and exteriors, new guttering, and replacement of old and unsafe electrical fittings.

The Swimming pool has also undergone a third major overhaul given the constant cracking and faulty plumbing.

A programme of replacing gas and electric geysers with solar is ongoing as well as the introduction of inverters across the site to mitigate the increasingly erratic power supply.

Future work necessary includes major repairs to the tower roofing, a re-furbishment of the water furrow from the spring as well as more work on the main roof.

#### 6.3 Birding

La Rochelle Country is home to some of the most captivating birdlife and has access to the services of an excellent guide (Peter Magosvongwe) to offer professional birding outings to visitors. Their first such birding weekend took place in February and was a great success with the birders spotting the extremely rare Swinnerton's Robin.

#### **6.4 Community Projects**

La Rochelle continued working with the Nzeve organisation for deaf and hearing men and women that reaches out to families and communities across Manicaland, producing protective clothing after receiving training. This project continues to be very successful and greatly helped people in our immediate community that previously were limited when trying to support themselves and their families.

The re-establishment of the Lady Courtauld 'Women's Craft Club' which took place in the 'old craft hall' where Lady Virginia initiated a similar project some 70 years ago, also continues to be very successful and we are grateful to. Mrs. Diana Negri who kindly assisted Karina Martin in helping design templates based on the range of herbs growing at La Rochelle. La Rochelle will provide a market for the Women's Craft Club beautiful work including as far away as our German partners and their customers.

At the opening of the school term in 2022 support in the form of maintenance work was given to the Imbeza Primary School that is adjacent to La Rochelle, by La Rochelle and by other stakeholders in the area. Due to schools being closed for much of last year the school required urgent maintenance to be ready to accept the children.

Support has also been given by La Rochelle and other stakeholders to local council in maintenance of the Imbeza Valley road and the Makoni road in the Odzi area.

#### 6.5 Organic Africa: Organic Tea Factory

On the 2nd of September 2021 La Rochelle Organics had the privilege of the Honorary Deputy Minister of Lands, Agriculture, Water, Climate and Rural Development, Mr Douglas Katoro open our organic tea factory at La Rochelle. Also in attendance were the German Ambassador Mr Udo



Volz and Swiss Ambassador Mr Niculin Jager. On their way to the tea factory invited guests stopped to admire the bright orange Calendula flowers at one of the trial herb plots.



Left to right: Mrs Fira Bache NTZ, Mr Kevin Martin Organic Africa, Mr D.Karoro Hon. Deputy Minister of Ministry of Lands, Agriculture, Water, Climate and Rural Resettlement and Ms Gill Honeyman (NTZ Chair of Worlds View)

Guests were welcomed at the tea factory and given a tour of the facility which began at the drying area where the tea leaves are delivered after picking. The dried leaves are then processed by brand new, state of the art leaf processing equipment imported from Serbia.



Leaf processing equipment

The finished premium tea leaves are packaged in bulk, certified organic and exported. They are blended by clients in Europe where there is a high demand for herbal teas and a percentage is kept for the local market.



Delegates joined together for a celebratory photograph.



Left to right:Mr D.Collenburg Organic Africa, Mrs S Waterworth Vice Chair NTZ, Mr U.Volz German Ambassador, Mr D.Karoro Hon. Deputy Minister of Ministry of Lands, Agriculture, Water, Climate and Rural Resettlement, Mr N.Jager Swiss Ambassador, Mr I.Craig ARDA Board Chairman, Mrs B. Mtetwa International Trade Foreign Ministry, Mr Machocho The National Herbarium and Botanic Garden, Department of Research and Specialist Services within the Ministry of Agriculture, Mechanization and Irrigation Development

The innovative project provides an opportunity for over 5,000 small-scale organic out growers and wild collectors not only to contribute to the Zimbabwean economy but also uplift themselves and their communities in the process. Organic plants are a much higher value crop than the traditional crops being grown in Zimbabwe. It was noted by the Minister that the project was a great development to Manicaland and to the country.



#### 7. Rhodes Nyanga Historical Exhibition Annual Report

The museum committee are super proud to announce their 10th anniversary, a milestone event that was celebrated in style with a wonderful gathering held at the museum in December 2021. The members of the museum committee invited key stakeholders and NTZ Executive Council members to join in the celebrations where they applauded the occasion, enjoyed champagne and delicious snacks which were kindly brought by Mrs. Honeyman and Mrs. Moore. Some of the museum committee in attendance were: Mrs Merle Moore, Mrs June Weeks, Mrs. Gill Honeyman the NTZ Council representative, representatives from the adjacent Rhodes Nyanga

Hotel and representatives from Zimbabwe Parks and Wildlife Management Authority, Nyanga.





Plague outside the museum

An AGM was held in October 2021 whereby Mr Guy Carey stepped down and a new Chair stepping up. This was followed by a flurry of repairs and maintenance work to the buildings, outdoor sheds, and gardens to cope with the rainy season and to upgrade the actual experience of visiting the Museum. Roofs fixed, repainting of the museum, new signage, a tea and seating



area outside with accessibility to drinks and ice creams making a change in the visitor experience. To date sales have been very successful.

Other ideas put forward include finding a credible supplier and manufacturer of local delicacies (premium Jams, Honey, Shortbread, etc) branded under the NTZ logo which could be sold at the museum shop, shown below, and throughout all the various NTZ sites.





Museum shop



Inside the buildings, ceilings have been replaced and fixed, repainting has been done. Previously, when load shedding occurred or any electrical failures occurred on the main grid, the Museum was plunged into darkness and a visitor could not adequately see or visualise any of the exhibits. Thankfully an inverter system was installed, new energy saving lights put in and we are now thankful to have the Museum being able to be open at all times with adequate lighting.

Pre-COVID times, visitors were made up of local school tours and groups, local visitors mainly from Harare, and international tourists visiting the Nyanga area. Due to COVID, the limitations on travel and the collapse of foreign tourism this past year, the Museum has suffered tremendously in terms of revenue generation and being able to cover basic costs to keep open to the public. This has taught us to realise that due to any travel, tourist and health shocks, the Museum needs to look at other ways for revenue generation going forward. Ideas being discussed include having some Digital Content which we can then share with interested parties, no matter where they are situated. It is known there are a substantial number of diasporas who

would be interested in some aspects of history and culture of their homeland which they would be willing to contribute to, if they received interesting articles or anecdotes every once in a while.

In March the museum was happy to receive visitors from Australia and 5 students from the University of Zimbabwe led by Prof. Ngwabe Bhebhe, who was very impressed with the Time Line display and said that schools should be encouraged to include visits in their curriculum.

The museum has always supported student

research projects and welcomed student attachments. In October Ms Bridget Chidhakwa - a third-year student from Bindura University, came to gain experience and was a very worthwhile assistant to the Curator. There is ongoing collaboration with a PhD University Minnesota student whose is concentrating on Chiefs Mutasa, Tangwena, Chikanaga and Hatta. The museum itself is looking forward to implementing another Cultural Heritage Project, in mid-2022, in collaboration with Mr Wille Dhandhlara of the Solon Foundation and Mr John De Coninck of the Cross Cultural Foundation of Uganda made possible by a grant from INTO.

We would like to thank everyone who visited us this year and for all the donations and financial support that has been generously been provided by various organisations and individual donors. Thank you to the many other local Museum's for their educational and historical input they have provided for us in updating our exhibits.

seum



Many thanks go to many local supporters and committee members who have voluntarily given up much of their time over the past ten years in keeping the Museum facility a cultural heritage haven for Zimbabwean's and international tourists.

We look forward to this coming year with hope and anticipation for a successful and enjoyable 2022/2023.



Oak trees planted in 1902 on the road leading to the Museum



Gum trees planted 1946 aligning the road to the Museum



#### 8. Worlds View Annual Report



Connemara Lakes - taken facing east from the summit of Nyamutoro (World's View Mountain), Mozambique can be seen in the far distance

Most annual reports these days start with the woes that COVID has brought. It may have brought a small down-turn in the number of visitors to World's View but those that did make the journey up the winding road to the site were rewarded to find the property open, fully staffed and looking as glorious as ever. We continue to open our gates at 8am and only close them when the sun has set, and the last visitors have packed their cooler boxes to start the descent. Over the last number of years, the National Trust has made great improvements to the site, making it now one of the main tourist attractions in the district. Foreign dignitaries are often spotted (because of the bodyguards that accompany them!) We did manage to persuade the President of the Republic of Palau, Surgangel Whipps Jr, to sign our visitor's book on a recent visit.

We had the pleasure of hosting the wedding of Tendai and Trishi Mutunduwe in October. The ceremony and cake cutting took place on one of our lawns and the reception party was held later in the afternoon at a private residence. It was a beautiful day, the rain held off and the happy couple radiant. We wish them a long and happy married life together and look forward to the years ahead when they will return with their children and grandchildren to remember this very special occasion in the most beautiful setting in Zimbabwe.





The ceremony was held under a crisp white gazebo on one of the lower lawns



Tendai and Trishi on their wedding day at World's View



The fabulous wedding cake with tree ferns silhouetted against the evening sky



The View has also become a favourite place for musicians to come and record their latest songs using the amazing view and colourful gardens as a backdrop for their productions





The Hide, which was commissioned last year, has become a very popular spot for those wishing for privacy and shelter from the natural elements, enjoying spectacular scenery and the ever-present birds of prey

Garth and Lesanne Fowler, a young couple who have recently revived Froggy Farm and Kiosk in Juliasdale, delivered a converted and refurbished horse box known as the Coffee Box where visitors can enjoy a welcome hot beverage and a delicious snack. We wish them well in their new ventures and hope that the logistics of keeping the Coffee Box well stocked does not deter them from continuing to serve our visitors and keep the World's View Coffee Box open for all to enjoy.



The first customers - our two dedicated caretakers, Noel and Luke Kanera, about to enjoy some well-deserved toasted sandwiches

Even though we strictly maintain our firebreaks on an annual basis the wind on the plateau can be 'gale force' at times and unfortunately a fire that was sweeping across the western boundary of the adjacent Connemara Estate, jumped the road and caused some heartbreaking damage to the property. Thick smoke and the high winds made it impossible to continue fighting the fire as it swept up the slopes of Nyamutoro and around the lower slopes to the Hide. Hundreds of aloes that we planted and been nurturing for years and over 1km of wooden fencing were destroyed. The Sculptors' Gazebo was razed to the ground and a lot of their stone carvings were destroyed, but we were lucky to save the caretakers' cottage and Coffee Box. The loss of the natural grasses and indigenous trees was quite a blow, but we are happy to report that after



the rains and some replanting, the area appears to be recovering nicely.



The fire jumped the road and firebreaks, and raged through the thick bush surrounding the staff cottage and the sculpture garden





leaving behind a trail of destruction.

So sad to see the slopes of Nyamutoro on fire and hundreds of aloes burning to a cinder







The first rains brought new life to the site and regrowth soon took place. The Sculptor's Gazebo has been rebuilt and, once again, fully operative

A number of improvements have been made in addition to rebuilding the Sculptors' Gazebo and erecting over 1km of new fence-lines after the fire. A turning circle for buses a few meters down the road from the main entrance has been cleared and leveled ..... no more buses 'taking out' our stone gateposts which we have had to rebuild several times!





We acquired a set of 'wagon wheels' a few years ago and, at last, have found the perfect spot, thanks to the fire having cleared a good section of wilderness below the toposcope, and a new seating area on the bush path is now well into the making. Like most developments at the View, it's a case of 'design as you build' and we are never quite sure how it's going to end up ........... watch this space!

Matirina (Treasurer) and Itayi manoeuvring the wheels into place



We were delighted to see the return of Edone Anne Logan in November for the installation of a plaque on the bench that the Trust has built in memory of her late husband, Aubrey Logan. Both Aubrey and Edone played a significant role in keeping the National Trust on the go, in particular the Nyanga Museum, one of our sister sites, where Edone was Chairman for many years.



Edone Anne Logan and friends raise their glasses to commemorate the new plaque on the Aubrey Logan bench



A local company, operating from a property 'down the hill' now have quad bikes for hire. Although initially this brought some adverse comments from local folk concerned about noise and dust, they were, however soon relieved to find just a happy bunch of city folk chugging along at 5mph with eyes like saucers and hands firmly gripping the controls ... with the everpresent outrider leading the way. One of the stop-offs for the route is World's View and we have benefited from the extra revenue that these visitors bring.











Just a few of the many species of mushroom that grow on and around the World's View site. A true mushroomer's delight - but only a few are edible and it's advisable to get your mushrooms from a reputable local who knows which are suitable for eating.







Every season has something special to offer and every day and night bring different skies for visitors to gaze upon in wonder. Above is 'moonrise' (top left) and a fantastic electric storm raging over the eastern horizon

Come on up and pay World's View a visit and see the amazing sights for yourself, there's so many beautiful places to visit in Nyanga and World's View is just one of them. We look forward to seeing you and sharing our beautiful Zimbabwe.

Travel safely.

Gill Honeyman, Chair



#### 9. Murahwa's Hill



Murahwa's Hill is a large granite hill 153 acres in extent and a place of cultural importance, a naturalistic paradise and is of archeological value. It has a unique combination of a cultural heritage and indigenous flora and fauna given its location vis a vis the prevailing moisture bearing winds. The hill is named after a Manyika Chief who was the last local occupant of the site. Murahwa's Hill is an important place and is respected for the wealth of history it holds.

The property has been undeveloped since it was acquired. The signage was lost/damaged/destroyed prior to 2005 the NTZ has had no presence at the site for a long time. In October 2021, NTZ formally appointed Eng Jackson Njunga as the Chairperson to spearhead activities at the site whilst Nina Bauer remains as the Membership/Treasurer.

A generous donation by the Roy Tuner Trust allowed the frontage of the Hill to be planted and for the NTZ to commence its presence at the site. The front part was cleared and lawn and plants planted, mainly aloes that were kindly donated by Gill Honeyman of the Worlds View site. More work is still to be done in terms of completing the whole front part. It was also decided to build a boundary wall from stonework in order for the Trust to have a presence at the site and to curb free movement of people wandering of the in and out area.





The new external wall made from a beautiful local stone

On Saturday 26th

March 2022 Dr. Charles Waghorn, a well-known veterinarian, environment and history enthusiast and Executive Council member organized a fact-finding site visit to Murahwa's Hill. He was accompanied by Eng. Jackson Njunga, Sharon Waterworth (Vice Chair NTZ), and Clare



Griffiths (Founder of "My Trees Trust") who is involved in many reforestation projects around the country. In 2005 the late Helen Hsylop, one of the Executive Council members who was passionate about the site, worked with Mr Rob Burrett, an archaeologist/Geographer/Botanist, in order to assess the potential of the site. The recommendation was that the property would be best utilised as an Educational and Interpretative/Museum Centre. The purpose of the visit was to carry out a 'ground truthing' exercise, undertake a preliminary flora investigation, identify the best location for the planned education centre and ensure how the site can be safely opened again to the public. Clare Griffiths, Ecologist and tree specialist was delighted to report that the rainforest on the Hill is spectacular with lots of mature Albidizia trees: a genus of more than 160 species of mostly fast-growing subtropical and tropical trees and shrubs. To put this into context rainforests are very rare in Zimbabwe and cover less than 0.25 percent of the country and are home to an enormous percentage of biodiversity. They are typically created by orographic rainfall, such as the case at Murawha's Hill. She estimated that the larger forest trees are at least 150 years old. Clare also identified a range of vines, fungi, mosses and ferns. The diverse flora in turn supports a varied diversity of insects, amphibians, birds and mammals.



Left: Granite outcrop

Right:Bracket Fungi and vines



I would like to express my appreciation for the support rendered by the Chair, Vice Chair and all members of NTZ Council during the few months the Committee has been in existence. I appreciate the funds which have been made available from World's View and donors such as the Roy Turner Trust other donors sourced by the Chairperson. I do understand that funds are scarce at the moment but the availed funds will be used efficiently and I will do my best to maintain the momentum. I will also use my own resources and those sourced locally as much as possible. I am in the process of lobbying for local support, financially and/or materially and intend to invite the Provincial Secretary and the Minister to site in order to solicit their support. I am working towards the financial viability of the site and the priorities are to complete the wall, employ a new caretaker, remove the settlers, open the site to the public and regularly remove any alien vegetation. Alongside these activities I will work towards securing funding to build the education centre. A long term strategy, sustainable management and development plan will be developed by the NTZ for Murawha's Hill. I am excited to be opening the Hill for visitors again and will work hard to see that Murahwa's Hill to be a preferred place for people who would like to appreciate the natural beauty of this unique and very special place.

Jackson. A. Njunga, Chair



#### 10. Mabukuwene

#### Overview

After a three year hiatus, in part owing to the COVID pandemic shut down, the cleaning up of Mabukuwene resumed in May 2022 with the re-engagement of two workers. The Thomas Meikles Trust generously donated the wages for the two young men and also bought all the tools and equipment, including two Husqvarna brush cutters.

#### Activities

- Clearing of the fire guard along the property
- Clearing of the front entrance of the property has been done
- Key paths in the property have been cleared and grass trimmed





#### Challenges

- The high regeneration rates and encroachment of the Lantana camara (Cherry Pie) plant where it had been previously cleared. There is an urgent need to introduce chemical control owing to the high manpower needs for manual removal of the invasive plant
- The costs are high to deploy adequate manpower in the clearing of the Lantana. The high inflationary environment in Zimbabwe means the wages paid in local currency need to be reviewed on a weekly basis



#### Future plans

- There is a need to raise more funding to employ a permanent caretaker
- There is the potential to lease a part of the property for an income generating activity.
   The sale of part of the property (the back section with a separate title deed) is being considered
- The survey pegs of the property showing the demarcation of Mabukuwene need to be identified
- Two prospective investors have been engaged; Mr. Neil Rix and Mr. Andrew Thompson. Mr. Rix has presented a proposal for low-impact eco lodges to be established on the property. He is interested in a long term lease, 10-30 years. While Mr. Thompson, who has property close to Mabukuwene, is also interested in a purchase and would also consider leasing the property.

I look forward to working with the Executive Council to agree the best way forward for the property and ensuring that Mabukuwene is fully open to the public once again.

Mr Busani Bafana

Chair

#### 11. Fort Gomo, and Sebakwe Poort Annual Report

Annual reports for Fort Gomo and Sebakwe Poort are contained in the Executive Chairs report.

#### 12. Achievements and other key activities

The Trust has had another busy and successful year and I, as Vice Chair, am immensely proud of what we have achieved together as a Trust family during the course of what has been globally and locally a very challenging time.

Highlights included the 10th birthday of the museum, entirely due to the dedicated and very resourceful Committee of dedicated volunteers and support from a range of people including from the local community, the opening of the organic Tea Factory by La Rochelle Organics and their continued community work in the locality especially with marginalised people and the establishment of a brand new committee for the management and planned re-opening of Murawha's Hill to the public.



I would like say a huge thank you to the following people who so kindly supported us, we are so very grateful for every single donation and offer of assistance:

Robert Adams Anna Baille Charles Castelin David Gray Chris and Pam Halse The History Society of Zimbabwe Mike Hoggard Jenny Hunt John Legett as a Trustee of The Roy Turner Trust INTO Edone and Aubrey Logan & family, Heidi d'Hotman, Kerri Brown, Liam Kenny, Lindy Brown, Stacy Logan and Mason Logan - Rob and Carol Mansell Brendan Reilly **Dawn Seimens** Robin Taylor - The Thomas Meikles Trust Dr Jonathan Zilberg

#### 12.2 Sustainable Development Goals



In 2015 the United Nations General Assembly established 17 SDGs. They are a collection of 17 interlinked global goals designed to be a "blueprint to achieve a better and more sustainable future for all". As you will have read throughout the report the NTZ continues to work on achieving 9 of the SDGs relevant to our sites:

SDG numbers 1, 2, 3, 5, 10 and 8 - people focused goals

SDG number 4 -education

SDG number15 - biodiversity and

SDG number 17 - partnerships

I would like to give a huge vote of appreciation to our supporters, friends and funders who are assisting us to realise these SDGs.

## National Trust of Zimbahwe

### 11.3 INTO International Conference: Building resilience in the global heritage community

In April 2021 I had the privilege of attending the 4 day INTO On Line conference along with other Councillors. The conference theme was to re-engage, rethink and explore the theme of building resilience alongside the best in global heritage, with three days of international learning and exchange. The theme was super topical with the devastating COVID pandemic. INTO could see that more than ever we need to come together as a global family, to share ideas and approaches, concerns and challenges, and to stand in solidarity with other members of the movement. Personally, I really enjoyed the global interaction and 'meeting' people on screen. The world is fast evolving and it was so interesting to hear about global trends and how members are addressing them. I learnt a great deal from every single session that I attended and the conference provided me with lots of ideas for implementation by the NTZ.

I wrote to INTO to thank them for the funding that allowed the NTZ to participate and to congratulate them on such an inspiring, honest and very positive conference that was superbly organized and perfectly run and presented by highly experienced INTO Ambassadors, panelists and speakers. The NTZ is very pleased to be a part of the amazing INTO family and all that it is achieving.

#### 11.4 INTO Africa Schools Cultural Heritage Education Program

This education project was built on discussions between Mr Wille Dhandhlara of the Solon Foundation and Lin Goncalves (NTZ) and Mr John De Coninck of the Cross Cultural Foundation of Uganda when they all met at the INTO Africa meeting in Nairobi in 2020 and a successor to the previous INTO-supported education project across multiple African countries, for which NTZ was of course a key partner.

The Trust was invited to a second heritage conference being held by the Cross Cultural Foundation in Uganda in 2021. Once again INTO very kindly provided funds through a small grants programme so that we could attend and learn from their model of heritage education and then implement it back in Zimbabwe. Sadly, due to COVID our representatives could not physically attend but they are working on carrying out heritage education at the museum.

#### 11.5 Trust Family

As always sadly the Trust family loses special people but gains new ones.

#### 11.5.1 Mr Aubrey Hamish Logan

It is with great sadness that we report the passing of Aubrey Hamish Logan on February 26th, 2021. Aubrey was born in Bulawayo in 1934 and after school he joined his father on Golden Star Farm in a mixed farming operation. Aubrey was a great believer in the importance of recording history and he assisted the family in compiling a social history of Shamva entitled "Glimpses of the Past". Later, when he moved with his wife Edone Ann to a plot in Juliasdale, he became involved in the Rhodes Nyanga Historical Exhibition. He was a very active member of the Museum Committee for eight years. The





museum was very close to his heart and his many contributions that not be forgotten such as the extension of the museum up into the loft, establishing the Don Grainger room, and wagon shed. He also donated many items to the exhibition, including farm equipment from his farming life.

The museum certainly made a name for itself thanks to Edone Ann and Aubrey's drive and determination. Aubrey, with his quiet, unassuming commitment was very much the power behind Edone. Aubrey's hands-on approach to any practical problem helped to make this Museum what it is today. Aubrey was never happier than when he was restoring equipment and machines back to their former glory he was known at the 'mechanical magician'. At the end of 2019 he moved a Portable Steam Engine that he donated, with great difficulty, from Juliasdale to the museum. The sheer thought of doing such a thing is inspirational, it had to be pulled by a tractor on some of its journey. Aubrey renovated and painted the engine, which was exported from the UK to South Africa in 1903 and pulled by oxen up to the Bindura district of Rhodesia in 1904. The engine proudly sits in the Wagon Shed, next to the Ox Wagon.

It is a very sad loss to the Nyanga and surrounding community, Aubrey will be sadly missed by the Trust and we will always remember his enormous contribution to the establishment and development of Rhodes Nyanga Historical Exhibition is indeed praiseworthy.



11.5.2 Mrs Merle Moore

Mrs Moore on the far right at the Museum

In February 2022 Mrs. Merle Moore retired after 11 years from her position as Secretary of the Museum. She joined the committee in 2011 with her husband Mr. Nigel Moore. She enjoyed history and believed in togetherness and respecting ones ideas that led to the success of the museum. She was a very busy secretary and she still has the museum at heart.

We thank her for her years of dedication, relentless passion, hard work and support of the Museum. Everyone at the Museum and the Nyanga Community wish her all the best and a good healthy life.



#### 11.5.3 Eng. Jackson Njunga

In early October 2021 The Trust family was very happy to welcome Eng. Njunga as the new Chair of the Murahwa's Hill committee. The site has not had a functioning committee since 2016 and Eng. Njunga said he is very much looking forward to managing the site so it can reopen to receive visitors in 2022 as a first priority.

#### 11.5.4 Mr David Cozens

In late October 2021, after the retirement of Guy Carey, it was with great pleasure that David Cozens was elected as the new Chairman of the Rhodes Nyanga Historical Exhibition. His appointment and drive instilled a feeling of excitement and inspiration within the committee. Mr Willie Dhlandara, who has been working with the Executive Council previously, was formally co-opted onto the Executive Council.

#### 11.5.5 Mr Busani Bafana

Mr Busani Bafana who has also been working with the Executive Council previously, was formally co-opted onto the Executive Council and Chair of Mabukuwene.

#### 11.6 Membership

Sadly, membership numbers are still low and not helped by COVID restrictions. The Trust will commence on a membership drive to attract new members, especially corporates.

#### 11.7 Social Media Platforms



A first for the Trust we now have our own LinkedIn page https://www.linkedin.com/company/national-trust-of-zimbabwe



Please visit our social media platforms and follow and like and help us expand our network.

#### 11.8 Relationships

We would like to acknowledge our newest relationships with other organizations who have assisted us or who we are working together with:

Conservation Society of Monavale - Garth and Lesanne Fowler - Mukuvisi Woodlands-Environmental Buddies Zimbabwe Trust- Solon Foundation - Thomas Meikle Trust- Kariba Tourism Revival Committee - Orchid Society of Cape Town - Kirstenbosch Botanical Garden, Cape Town, South Africa - Friends of Rhodes Cottage, Muizenberg, South Africa



Another first for the Trust: With Online video platforms growing exponentially we felt that it was time to have our own YouTube channel so that we can share the sheer beauty of our sites with people all around the world and hopefully reach a new audience. We hope that you enjoy watching our videos in the very near future.

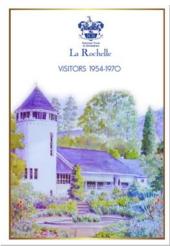
#### 11.10 Newsletter

We cordially invite you to read copies of our quarterly newsletters containing news from the sites and the Trust as a whole please visit: <a href="http://ntoz.org/newsletters-and-updates/">http://ntoz.org/newsletters-and-updates/</a>

#### 11.11 Publications: 'La Rochelle Visitors 1954-1970'.

In November 2021 the Trust was delighted to publish a new book entitled: 'La Rochelle Visitors 1954-1970'. A British couple Sir Stephen and Lady Virginia Courtauld who were fabulously wealthy and had diverse artistic and humanitarian interests built a striking home and gardens in Rhodesia (now Zimbabwe) which they called La Rochelle and bequeathed it to the Trust in 1970. At La Rochelle the Courtaulds hosted an extraordinary range of visitors from all over the world and from many walks of life. Visitors were invited to sign their names with a diamond stylus on several glass window panels.

The publication provides a picture of Rhodesian/Zimbabwean social history: a fascinating glimpse of signatories ranging from



African nationalist activists, political figures from various parties, prominent musicians, dancers, actors and artists, historians, British aristocracy, local residents and more. A copy of the book was donated to the National Archives of Zimbabwe.

The Trust would like to acknowledge and extend its deep appreciation to the authors Nina Bauer (NTZ) and Heather White who spent 8 dedicated years identifying and researching the signatures. Huge thanks also to Catherine Leonard and Bill Turner of INTO who provided the technical assistance and support for providing the system for on-line sales of the book.

The book is available as a hard copy (in Zimbabwe only) and also a soft copy, if you would like to order a copy please visit: https://ntoz.org/publications-page/

Stay well and I invite you to come and enjoy the timeless beauty of the Trusts properties worldwide.

Sharon Sheila Waterworth

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Vice Chair







Flourishing garden at La Rochelle after the rains



#### 13. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 31 March 2020

#### 12.1 The objects of the Trust

- a) To accept and hold 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.

#### 12.2 OFFICE BEARERS

President Mr. D.J. Scott

Vice President Mrs. S. S. Waterworth

Treasurer Mr J.G. de B. Hyslop

Secretary Mr C.D.M. Hyslop

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, Zimbabwe



#### 12.3 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 7 for the year ended 31 March 2020.

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 2020 and of it's 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 is in compliance with the National Trust Act (Chapter 25:12).

Mr. A.P. Joffe F.C.A.(Z) C.A.(S.A.)

18 Northampton Crescent
Eastlea
Harare
Zimbabwe 9 February 2021



## THE NATIONAL TRUST OF ZIMBABWE BALANCE SHEET

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31 MARCH 2020		<u>Z\$</u>	<u>Z\$</u>
	<u>Notes</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
ACCUMULATED FUNDS			
Balance 31 March 2019		41,333	22,522
Surplus as per the annexed account		194,392	18,811
		235,725	41,333
Capital reserve		13,522,797	1,383,329
		13,758,522	1,424,662
LA ROCHELLE CENTRE (PRIVATE) LIMITED	3	5,873	179,496
BEIT TRUST		6,384	6,384
GOVERNMENT OF AUSTRALIA - Direct Aid Programme		6,655	6,655
CURTAIN FOUNDATION		65,000	65,000
TOTAL FUNDS		\$13,842,434	\$1,682,197
FIXED ASSETS			
Donated and leasehold property and capital costs thereon	4	13,808,681	1,669,213
Other equipment	5	159	212
• •		13,808,840	1,669,425
INVESTMENTS			
At valuation	6	14,316	826
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash resources		18,971	9,682
CABS		1,907	2,677
		20,878	12,359
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Prepaid subscriptions		1,600	413
		1,600	413
Net current assets		19,278	11,946
		\$ 13,842,434	\$ 1,682,197
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#### 12.5 Income and expenditure accounts

INCOME	2020	<u>Z\$</u>	Head	<u>La</u>	<u>Mabuku</u>	Murahwa's	World's	Rhodes
		Total	quarters	Rochelle	<u>wene</u>	Hill	View	Nyanga
Gate rec	eipts elle Centre (Private)	97,558	-	-	-	-	89,034	8,524
Limited	che Genae (i rivate)	266,068	-	266,068	-	-	-	-
Rental of	property - Sculptors	2,920	-	-	-	-	2,920	-
Subscript	tions	5,239	5,239	-	-	-	-	-
Sundry re	evenue	16,807	14,031	-	-	-	2,314	462
Shop (ne	t)	150	-	-	-	-	-	150
Thomas	Meikle Trust	5,000	-	-	5,000	-	-	-
		\$ 393,742	19,270	266,068	5,000	_	94,268	9,136
EXPEND	ITURE 2020							
Administr	ration	10,355	1,500	-	-	5,417	3,019	419
Deprecia	tion	53	-	-	-	-	53	-
Interest -	LARCO (Pvt) Ltd	92,455	-	92,455	-	-	-	-
Repairs a	and maintenance	56,292	-	-	-	-	55,808	484
Salaries,	wages and expenses	39,270	-	-	2,500	-	30,890	5,880
Travel		925	925	-				
		199,350	2,425	92,455	2,500	5,417	89,770	6,783
SURPLU	S FOR THE YEAR	194,392	16,845	173,613	2,500	(5,417)	4,498	2,353



#### 12.6 Statement of Cash Flow

<u> </u>	\$	201,351		\$ 20,809
SOURCES OF CASH	Z\$ 2020		Z\$ 2019	
Surpluses:				
Head Quarters	16,84	15		1,710
La Rochelle	173,61	13		14,062
Mabukuwene	2,50	00		-
Murahwa's Hill	(5,41	7)		-
Worlds View	4,49	98		3,667
Rhodes Nyanga Historic Exhibition	2,35	53		-
	194,39	92		19,439
Deficit: Mabukuwene		-		(350)
Rhodes Nyanga Historic Exhibition		-		(278)
NET TOTAL SURPLUS	194,39	92		18,811
Add: Non cash item Depreciation	5	53		53
TOTAL OPERATING SURPLUS	194,44	15		18,864
Reduction in bank balance from previous year	4,94	17		-
CABS	77	72		1,945
	200,16	64		20,809
Prepaid subs	1,18	37		-

TOTAL SOURCES OF CASH	 \$	201,351	\$ 20,809
Applied as follows:			
Cash	14,2	231	4,421
La Rochelle Centre (Private) Limited	173,6	630	14,340
Reduction in pre-paidsubscriptions		-	682
SOLON Trust - Schools Video Competition		-	1,050
Increase in value of investment	 13,4	190	316
	 201,3	351	20,809
TOTAL CASH APPLIED	\$ 201,3	351	\$ 20,809



#### 14. NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### 13.1 FUNCTIONAL CURRENCY

The financial statements are expressed in Zimbabwe (ZWDL) dollars in terms of Statutory Instruments 33 and 142 of 2019.

The rates of exchange fluctuated during the year. Revaluation of fixed assets was at 25:1 to the US\$ at the year end.

#### 13.2 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### 13.2.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements are prepared under the historic cost convention, with the exception that all fixed assets acquired prior to March 2019 have been revalued to reflect their estimated value in Zimbabwe (ZWDL) dollars. Improvements at 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.

#### 13.2.2Taxation.

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 was revalidated in terms of ZIMRA authority of 23 July 2013.

#### 13.2.3 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. Fixed assets were revalued by the Committee at 31 March 2020 and the surplus arising there from was reflected as a capital reserve. Conversely where assets are obsolete they have been written off.



## 13.2.4 LA ROCHELLE CENTRE (PRIVATE) LIMITED

In 2017, the Trust entered into a long term lease with La Rochelle Centre (Private) Limited, the tenant at La Rochelle. Both the lease and the loan are designated and transacted in US dollars. The Trust has complied fully with legislation and regulations relating to foreign currency transactions which have been accounted for at the official rates of exchange at the dates of the transactions. At 31 March 2020 the Trust owed La Rochelle Centre (Pvt) Ltd US\$ 165,255.

That foreign currency denominated loan will be paid from future rentals also denominated in Us dollars over an initial 20 years period. Rentals in excess of the loan repayment are available to the Trust for use in cash flow, where needed. A present value that exists for that future lease asset has not been valued or brought to account at the year end. Therefore, the loan balance is stated at the net Zimbabwe Dollar value as derived at the year end and is not restated to US dollars at that date.

#### 13.2.5 DONATED AND LEASEHOLD PROPERTY AND CAPITAL COSTS THEREON

Donated property	2020	2019	
Stand 2508 Mutare Township (Murahwa's Hill) donated by the			
Municipality of Mutare	1,312,50	00 157,500	)
Lot 4 of Banks, Mutare District donated by Mr J.P.Valentine	43,75	50 5,250	)
World No. View Olevel 47 Little Ocean areas Township No.			
World's View, Stand 17 Little Connemara Township, Nyanga			
donated by Government; Lots 2,7,8 of Little Connemara,Nyanga	F 01	-00-0	
donated by Lttle Connemara (Private) Limited	5,25	•	
Improvements	495,37	75 54,825	,
La Rochelle Estate in District of Mutare donated			
by Lady Virginia Courtauld	525,00	00 525,000	)
Improvements - La Rochelle Centre (Private) Limited	·		,
Improvements - Curtain Foundation	195,00	00 195,000	)
Mabukuwene in the District of Bulawayo donated by			
the Thomas Meikles Trust and Investment Company (Private) Limited	875,00	00 105,000	)
Leasehold property			
Rhodes Nyanga Barn			
lean revenue mante to dete	12 700	12 700	
Improvements to date	13,799	13,799	
Sebakwe Poort Park	30	30	
	\$	\$	
	13,808,68	1,669,213	



#### 13.2.6.OTHER EQUIPMENT

Lawnmower - World's View

Cost		Aggregate	Book		<u>Z\$</u>
		depreciation	<u>Value</u>		<u>2019</u>
	414	255		159	265
\$	414	255		159	265

#### **13.2.7 INVESTMENTS**

Meikles Limited

Halogen Limited(delisted ex ZSE)

No.of		<u>N</u>	<u>/larket</u>	<u>Z\$</u>		
shares		<u>,                                    </u>	<u>Value</u>	<u>2019</u>		
1,767	revalued		14,316		826	
466	revalued		nil		nil	
		\$	14,316	\$	826	



Proteas by a granite rock at World View