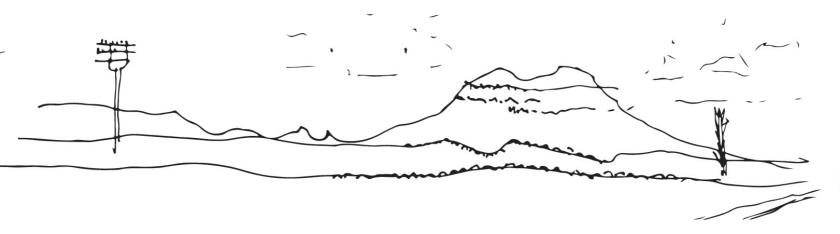
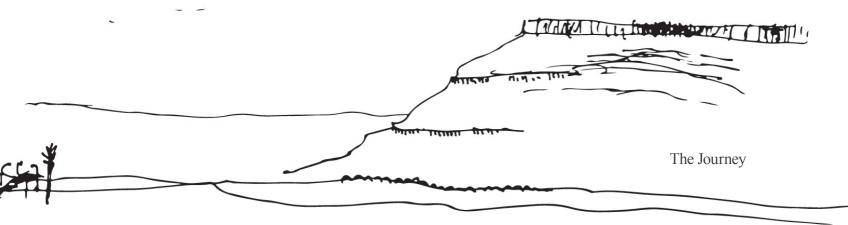




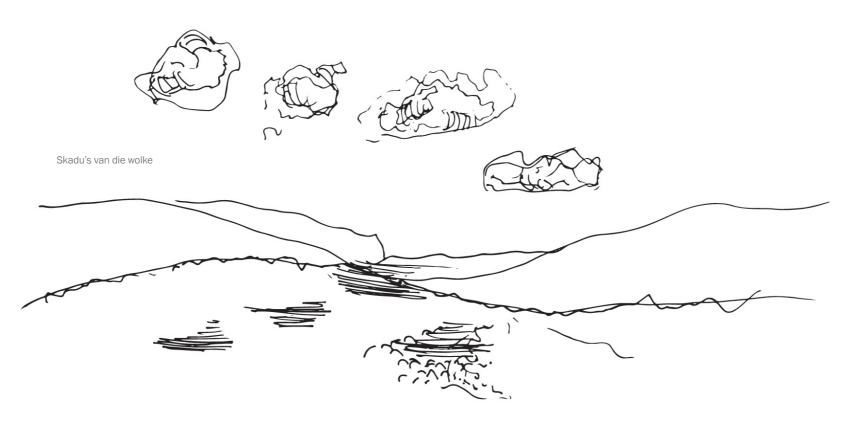
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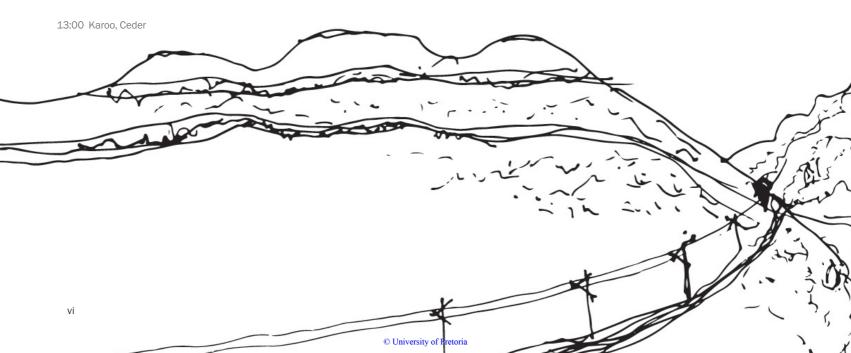










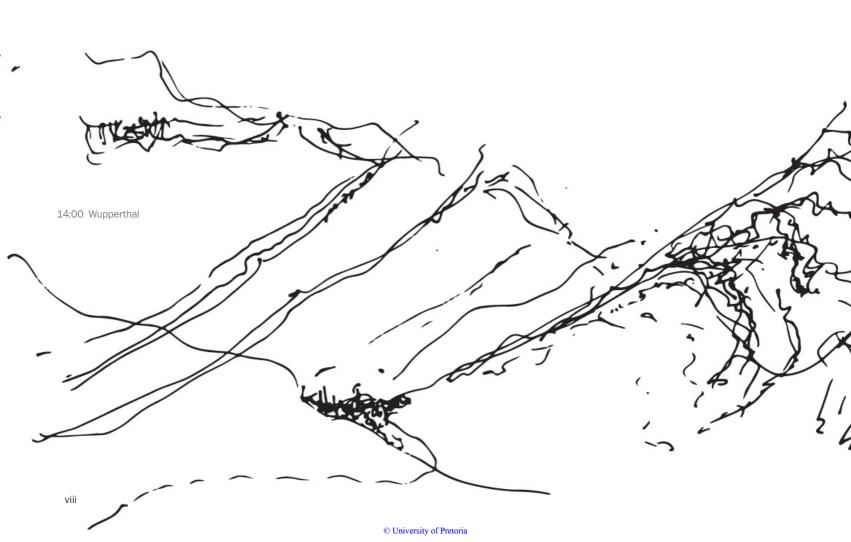






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# THE PRESERVATION OF ABSENCE



# Wupperthal

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The preservation of the historic mission station through the regeneration of the cultural landscape



Absence /'abs(e)ns/

Noun the state of being away from a place or a person

Afwesig

Church established 1830

Die berggans het 'n veer laat val van die hoogste krans by Woeperdal my hart staan tuit al meer en meer ek stuur vir jou die berggansveer mits dese wil ek vir jou sê hoe diep my liefde vir jou lê

Berggans - Boerneef



Preserve /prI'ze:v/

Verb maintain [something] in its original or existing state

maintain or keep alive [a memory or quality]



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### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Wupperthal forms part of the history with special reference to slavery in its continual occurrence in mission stations through the Western Cape. Wupperthal is the best preserved mission settlement in the Western Cape and reflects the colonial rectangular house type as part of its street village (Le Grange 1993). The street village follows the contour lines and a road forms the boundary between the agricultural fields and the houses. The agricultural fields are based on an ancient German Economic organisation that implemented the principles of sharecropping still in use today (Jackson 1984). The church forms the centre of the town and acts as administrator to the larger area that features an active community (Heyns 1980).

Wupperthal is situated on the edge of the Cederberg between the Cape Floristic Region (most northerly region) and the Succulent Karoo (Redcedar 2015). This large heritage site (Wupperthal with its 14 outposts) protected the area from development and conserved the biodiversity of the area. Its isolation from the rest of the world is one of the main factors that preserved the settlement pattern as well as the culture associated with the Afrikaans language. Wupperthal, established in 1830, functioned as a self-sustaining unit that was established as a socio-economic hub to its people (Heyns 1980). Economic activities included the production of rooibos tea, a shoe factory, a glove factory, and agriculture (Heyns 1980). The Cederberg is the only place in the world where rooibos is found. A strong sense of belonging exists in the valley where everyone forms part of a collective identity with strong traditions. Wupperthal lends itself to sustainable tourism in its unique setting.

International: Shared heritage with Germany

National: Pioneers of the colonisation and the association with slavery. Preservation of culture and traditions associated with the Afrikaans language.

Provincial: Best preserved mission station in the Western Cape

Regional: Conservation area with limited development, therefore large areas of biodiversity has been protected.

Local: Unique setting and sense of place



# SAMEVATTING VAN DELE

Verval van sendingstasies in die Wes Kaap kan meestal toegeskryf word aan die onvermoë om balans tussen ontwikkeling en bewaring in sensitiewe kulturele landskappe te vind. As gevolg van hierdie onvermoë om die middeweg te vind, verloor ons juis dít wat waardevol is. Kulturele landskappe bestaan uit tasbare en nie-tasbare elemente wat die bewaring daarvan ingewikkeld maak.

Dit wil voorkom asof ontwikkeling in sendingstasies nie sensitief genoeg is vir die elemente wat die omgangstaal van die sending landskap opmaak nie, en derhalwe word die voortbestaan van ons ryk kulturele erfenis bedreig. In Wupperthal vind ontwikkeling op twee vlakke plaas; die bou van ingenieurs infrastruktuur, en die opgradering van individuele huise (Le Grange 1996). Hierdie ontwikkeling neem ongelukkig nie die skep van publieke ruimtes binne die historiese kern van Wupperthal in ag nie. 'n Meer holistiese benadering tot ontwikkeling word benodig wat ekonomiese groei, asook die volhoubaarheid van 'n gemeenskap met 'n hoë werkloosheidsyfer in ag neem.

Die landskap is 'n steeds veranderende, dinamiese omgewing wat die aandag van veelsydige individue in die ontwerpsveld verg. "Landskap" in sy Nederlandse kern beteken die aanneem van kulturele en natuurlike prosesse om 'n nuwe gebied te vorm (Domon 2011). Landskap argitektuur is opgebou uit verskeie dissiplines wat die basiese kennis opmaak om komplekse areas soos Wupperthal te kan takseer. 'n Kritiese begrip van die kulturele landskap is nodig sodat Wupperthal behoue kan bly as sosioekonomiese kern tot the groter Wupperthal area. Die refleksie van die landskap in die persepsies van die individue word beskou as 'n belangrike komponent om die konneksies tussen die sosio-ekonomiese elemente en die kulturele landskap te vind.

Ingesluit as deel van die omvang van die studie was 'n soeke na die opdrag in die landskap. Verskeie metodes om waarde in die kulturele landskap te bepaal is gebruik ten einde die ontginning van die opdrag. Die begirp van elemente waaruit die landskap obgebou is, het 'n meganisme geword om waarde en betekenis te gee aan feite. Die uitkoms van die landskap ontwerp moet gesien word as 'n toepassing van die waardes wat deur die ondersoek van die landskap na vore gekom het. Klem op die waarde van die proses dan eerder as die produk.



### **LANDSCAPE**

To adopt cultural and natural processes and create a new territory (Domon 2011).

### **CULTURAL LANDSCAPES**

The combined works of nature and humankind, they express a long and intimate relationship between peoples and their natural environment (UNESCO 2014).

### **PLACEMAKING**

Placemaking is a multi-faceted approach to the planning, design and management of public spaces (Merriam Webster 2015).

Refer to Chapter 3 for a comparison between the different mission stations and the influence of development.

### SUMMARY OF PARTS

The decline of most of the mission stations in the Western Cape is a result of the inability to find the balance between conservation and development, between the old and the new. Being unable to determine the middle ground, we fail to preserve that which is valuable to keep. Conservation becomes increasingly difficult when it includes less concrete elements such as cultural landscapes that comprise both tangible and intangible aspects.

Development in mission stations in the Western Cape appears to be insensitive to the elements that make up the vernacular mission landscape and is a threat to the rich cultural heritage of our country. Development in Wupperthal currently occurs at two levels: In the implementation of "engineered" infrastructure, and in the upgrading of individual homes (Le Grange 1996). Unfortunately the development results in the lack of public place-making within the historic core of Wupperthal. A more holistic approach to development is needed that also promotes the economic growth and the sustainability of the community that is currently facing a high level of unemployment.

Landscapes are ever-changing dynamic environments that demand the attention of versatile individuals in the field of design. "Landscap" in its Dutch origin means to adopt cultural and natural processes and create a new territory (Domon 2011). Landscape Architecture touches on a variety of disciplines to make up the knowledge base needed to assess the variety of complexities in settings such as Wupperthal. It becomes a suitable approach for critical investigation into the understanding of the mission vernacular landscape and the preservation of Wupperthal as a socio-economic nucleus to the larger Wupperthal area. The reflection of the cultural landscape in the perceptions of the individuals living in Wupperthal is important in finding connections between socio-economic components and the cultural landscape.

The scope of the study included a search for the assignment by following a combination of methods to determine value within the cultural landscape. The assignment revealed itself in parts throughout the investigation where understanding became a mechanism to give meaning and value to facts. The landscape design should be seen as the application of a set of values that revealed itself in the landscape. Emphasis rather on the significance of the process than the product.



# ASKING THE QUESTIONS

# RESEARCH QUESTION

How can landscape design successfully consider the apparent contradictory aspects of development and preservation in the Wupperthal cultural landscape as design informants?

### **HYPOTHESIS**

Landscape design can regenerate public space as part of the cultural landscape within Wupperthal by reinstating socio-economic components that relate to these. A thorough investigation into the understanding of the cultural landscape is needed to find these links within the landscape.

### **METHODOLOGY**

The methodology formed the backbone of the study and will be discussed in detail in Chapter 4. The outline of the Burra Charter was used to inform the overall methodology, while the overall approach was based on the theory of 'herbestemming' by Roos (2007). The diagram on the right shows the broad outline of the process followed. People and

their perceptions of the landscape became important informants in the discovery process.

### SUB-QUESTIONS

- 1. What are cultural landscapes and how would they inform landscape design?
- 2. What are the challenges between conservation and development in cultural landscapes?
- 3. What components could be re-instated to establish the historic socio-economic function in Wupperthal according to the value revealed in the landscape?
- 4. How can landscape design regenerate public space through these socio-economic components and thereby combine development and preservation of the historic mission station?

#### **PERCEPTION**

The way you understand something or someone. Physical sensation interpreted in the light of an experience. (Merriam Webster 2015)

### SOCIO-ECONOMIC

Relating to or concerned with the interaction of social and economic factors.
(Merriam Webster 2015)

### REGENERATE

(of a living organism) grow (new tissue) after loss or damage (Merriam Webster 2015)

The overall approach will be based on the theory of "herbestemming ' and general methodology by Roos (2007: 1-14).



01 Mapping
A Documentary

B Oral

C Physical

02 Assess significance

03 Prepare a statement of significance

04 Identify obligations

05 Assess vulnerability for future use

06 Integrate into a framework



### SHARING VISION

### AIMS

### 1. PRESERVE

 Preserve Wupperthal as a selfsustaining community in the heart of the Cederberg

# 2. REGENERATE

- Regenerate Wupperthal as socio-economic hub to the people of Wupperthal
- Regenerate public space within Wupperthal by improving public amenities and hosting economic activity
- Increase interest for future generations
- Regenerate a sense of identity and pride for Wupperthal residents

## 3. DEVELOP

- Design a robust public space as part of the cultural landscape that could be resilient for the use of future generations and adaptable to the changes created by technology.
- Develop sustainable tourism and other economic drivers for the benefit of its residents



# SELECTING THE SITE

# WITHIN WUPPERTHAL, SITE SELECTION

The process of site selection for design development is layered and explained in detail in the site analysis chapter. Wupperthal needed to be analysed on various levels. Each level of analysis contributed to the components to be developed in the historic core.

# 1. GREATER WUPPERTHAL AREA FRAMEWORK (38 000 ha)

On a regional scale the focus is on the larger Wupperthal area with its fourteen outposts seeking economic drivers within the cultural landscape.

# 2. WUPPERTHAL MISSION FRAMEWORK (120 ha)

The historic core of Wupperthal is the main focus of the study on a town scale, narrowing it down to the area of intervention for the investigation on a 'greenspace and communications' scale (Dee 2001:12).

# 3. MISSION ROUTE MASTERPLAN (120 ha)

The framework was used as guideline for the development of a masterplan for the historic core.

# 4. INTERPRETATION CENTRE, SEEDBASE AND RELATED PUBLIC SPACE SKETCHPLAN (3ha)

From the masterplan a suitable site was selected for a technical investigation of the study. The sketchplan is a transition area between historic nodes that form part of the daily activities of the town. One of these includes a response to ablution facilities as added infrastructural development to existing buildings over the years and the other to proposed economic activities. The economic activities include clay tile manufacturing and a seedbase. The buildup to the sketchplan will be discussed throughout this document from findings to technical investigation.

### **REGIONAL LANDSCAPES**

Natural, semi-natural systems, agriculture, settlement. Transport systems.(Dee 2001:10)

### TOWN AND CITY SCALE

Towns may take different forms, they are dynamic systems opposed to fixed structures (Dee 2001:11)

URBAN GREENSPACE AND COMMUNICATION SCALE Roads, rivers, squares, gardens (Dee 2001:12)

### **PHENOMENOLOGY**

The way in which one perceives and interprets events and one's relationship to them in contrast both to one's objective responses to stimuli and to any inferred unconscious motivation for one's behaviour; (Merriam Webster 2015)



# **SETTING OUTLINES**

### **DELINEATIONS**

The study has been limited to the Western Cape in its comparison to other mission stations and specifically to those of the Moravian Mission society. The Moravian mission society had the greatest influence on the style and layout in Wupperthal (SAHistory 2015). Moravian mission stations were limited to the Cape Colony (now the Western Cape).

### LIMITATIONS

The researcher lives far away from Wupperthal. Access to the site was thus limited due to distance. Four visits were scheduled throughout the year.

For the author to get a thorough understanding of the cultural landscape and build up trust relationships in the community proved to be time consuming.

The availability of maps and information about Wupperthal was limited.

Accuracy of maps and available information could not always be

verified

### **ASSUMPTIONS**

All maps and available information was assumed to be taken as correct.

The people were honest and unbiased in their discussions.



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**QUESTION 3** 

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QUESTION 1+4

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CHAPTER 8

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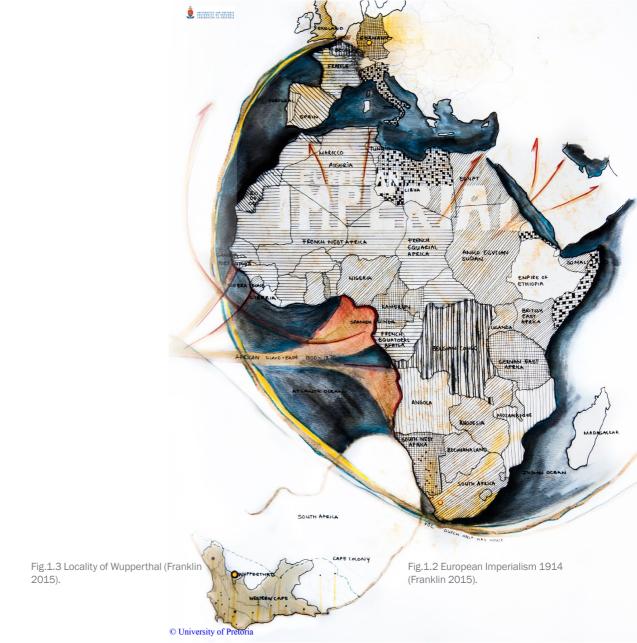
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# CHAPTER 1

Discovering the Mission





Chapter 1 gives a broad overview to the background of mission stations and the role they played in South Africa. This is followed by a personal positioning within the notion of duality that was perceived as part of the cultural landscape of Wupperthal.

### **IMPERIALISM**

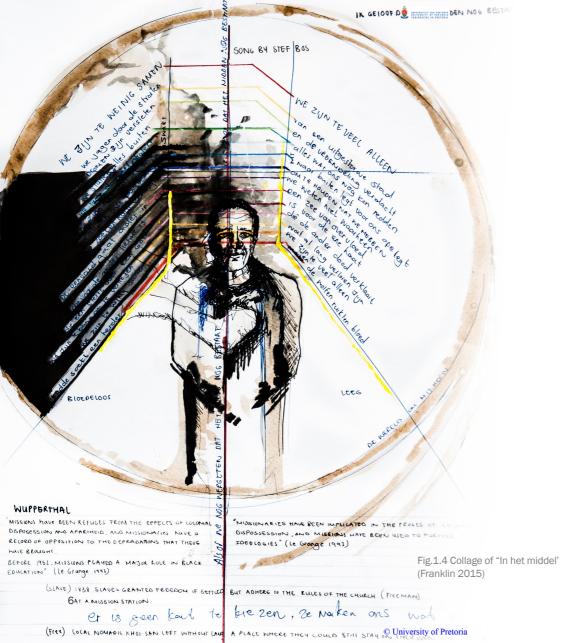
a policy of extending a country's power and influence through colonization, use of military force, or other means.

# 1.1 BACKGROUND, mission stations in the Western Cape

In an increasingly homogenised world, unique cultural sites form the basis for national identity and prove to be valuable assets for future generations. These sites are used for scientific and historical research and can form a basis for economic development opportunities and sustainable tourism (Global heritage fund 2015). According to a study done by UNESCO in 2007, human action caused damage to 83% of the World Heritage Sites while 17% thereof was damaged due to natural causes. The damage caused by human action included pressure for development, unsustainable tourism, insufficient management, looting, and war.

Wupperthal forms part of a collective identity of colonial pursuit that influenced the course of history in South Africa and represents a time of spiritual revival and growing missionary drive in Europe (see Figure 1.2). By 1925 a total number of 1030 mission stations were established in South Africa (Le Grange 1993). Mission stations played a prominent role as pioneer settlement, although some contested the colonial rule by providing shelter and education for the oppressed, others formed part of the ideologies of colonisation with the introduction of their westernised world view of civilization and deliberate distribution thereof throughout the country (SA History 2015). Wupperthal was the first of 26 mission stations to be established under the Rhenish Mission Society operating from Germany. The presence of these mission stations in South-West Africa sparked the debate for a German colony to be established (SA History 2015). The ex-colony is today known as Namibia.

Wupperthal, established in 1830, remains one of three mission stations in the Western Cape (see Figure 1.3) that still function as an active community under the administration of the Church where the historic nucleus as well as the settlement are worthy of conservation (Le Grange 1993). Wupperthal consists of the core with fourteen outposts in the larger area that developed as a self-sustaining community on the edge of the Cederberg Mountain range. The historic core consisted of socio-economic functions implemented by the Church to serve the people. Today its isolation from the rest of the world and the associated lack of development and fast growth is the reason for the preservation of the 19th century colonial architecture and the rich culture and traditions associated with the Afrikaans language.



IN HET MIDDEN – STEF BOS (2008)

Er is geen kant te kiezen Ze maken ons wat wijs Ze praten over zwart en wit Maar wijsheid is vaak grijs De een sterft voor een god Die de ander dood verklaart Alsof we zijn vergeten Dat het midden nog bestaat

En we sluiten onze poorten Om te houden wat we hebben We sluiten alles buiten Alles wat ons nog kan redden Wij zijn bang om te verliezen Wat al lang verloren is En we zien niet dat de weg Naar buiten voor ons open ligt

De eenvoud gaat ten onder In een zee van overvloed De kudde zoekt een herder En de wolven ruiken bloed En de honger naar sensatie Maakt een koning van een dwaas, Alsof we zijn vergeten Dat het midden nog bestaat

We zoeken naar een richting En we weten niet waarheen Wij zijn te weinig samen We zijn teveel alleen



# 1.2 DUALITY, the positioning within

In his song – "In Het Midden" – Stef Bos captures some of the extremes in the world that have at times through history become the norm. He reminds us that a middle ground still exists. This form of duality has also been present in the history of Missionary movements in South Africa and their role in the pursuit of capitalism under colonial ventures.

Wupperthal as a mission station in South Africa represents:

Freedom from slavery yet obedience to the rules of the Church;

A place where wanderers could stay on their own land;

Where isolation means freedom from the rest of the world;

A core compact yet dispersed; remote yet connected;

Caught between the modern and the old; between conservation and development.

The line that represents the middle becomes thin and almost non-existent in a world where extremes exist. It is the interplay between these sides that holds the energy in motion and the world in play. The human interference is the lifeblood of the pendulum that continuously swings from one side to the other.

I believe that the middle ground still exists. The landscape represents such a grey area, between the built and natural environment, where building meets landscape through human intervention. In Wupperthal, the agricultural landscape forms an important aspect to the *genius loci* and the interface between the larger natural environment and the physical structures. The continuation of the Church to the heart of the people represents another middle ground that continues past the physical structures and mediates the slave to become truly free; even from the rules of the Church.

This concept of duality and its manifestation as part of perception in the cultural landscape influenced the author in the analysis and design process followed throughout the dissertation.

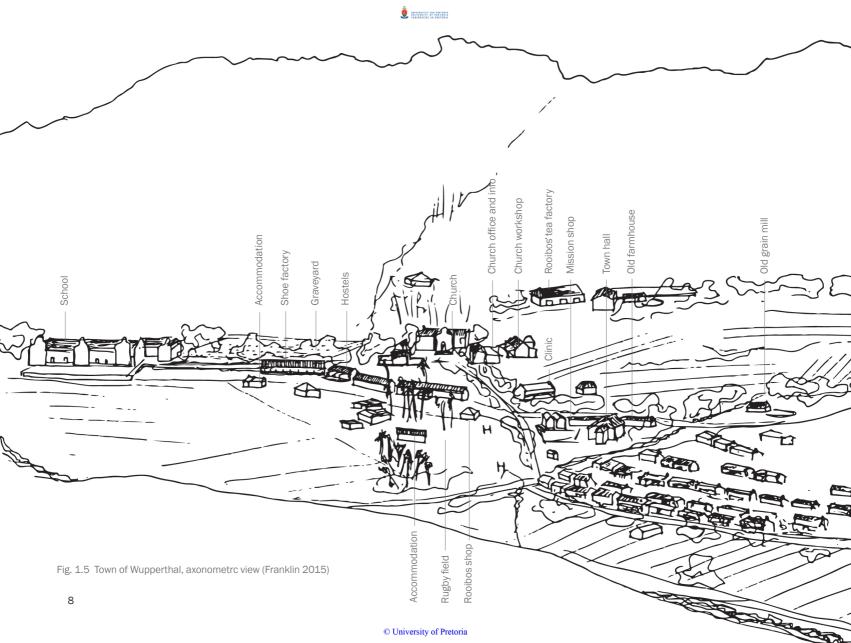
### **DUALITY**

an instance of opposition or contrast between two concepts or two aspects of something; a dualism .

#### **DUALISM**

the division of something conceptually into two opposed or contrasted aspects, or the state of being so divided

GENIUS LOCI Spirit of a place







Ek soek na jou en jou gedagtes stad van lewe, stad van dood jou ver verlate strate 'n labirint van nood

waar le jou hart vir die verwardes, dalk oor die verste klip formasie, oor die rooibos baan? of dalk net in elke son se straaltjie wat die weg na more bepaal?

Hier waar jy jou hart uitpraat met vriende van ver, waar lewe in die tasbaarheid van die dag le en persepsie die stad bedreig.

Nag is wanneer alles saamtrek... gesels weerklink in die eens verlate strate en word gevul met die gelag van vroue

Wat is die ritme van die stad op die rand van die Karoo?

Waar le die musiek wat ooit die eerste boer betoor?

Dit word stadig maar seker tyd om die gesketste prentjie in te kleur met die lewe, van eenvoud wat rykdom beteken, van oorvloed wat deel beteken. Ek was te bang om stil te staan

toondoof

Wat is die ritme van die nag, Vision vir die dag?

Poem by author, inspiration by Stef Bos April 2015



ndividual homes





# CHAPTER 2

Wupperthal in context

Fig. 2.1 Historic church of Pella (Franklin 2015)





Fig. 2.3 Genadendal, garden (Franklin 2015)



Fig. 2. 4 Genadendal, aerial photograph (Fransen 1987)



Fig. 2.5 Towns of the Cape, Genadendal (Fransen 1987)

TOWNS OF THE CAPE

Church and mission towns
 Other towns

BY 1850



In order to understand Wupperthal as a mission station it should be understood in the context of the larger Western Cape mission movement during the establishment of the colonial empire. Chapter 1 sketched the background to this mission movement that originated from an increased mission drive in Europe. In this chapter Wupperthal will be compared to the Moravian mission stations of Genadendal, Mamre, Pella and Elim.

## 2.1 GENADENDAL 1738

Genadendal was the first mission station to be established in the Western Cape. It was established by George Schmidt of the Moravian church. It was also the mission station that Leipoldt visited before establishing Wupperthal to see how a mission station was run. With efforts from the Dutch government Genadendal was restored as part of their shared heritage campaign. The restoration was mainly focused around the historic core of Genadendal where the buildings as well as elements within the landscape were restored. The restoration of Genadendal was executed in the hope that it would uplift the community and preserve the historic urban landscape yet the larger area has transformed under new development and modern building techniques (Figure 2.8 - 2.9). Greyton, situated a mere 5km from Genadendal, is an example of gentrification where an entire community has been displaced by wealthier residents.

Land tenure: Private ownership of residential homes

Current condition: Historic core has been restored and functions as a museum with an active church. Increasing development affects the historic quality of the town within the larger town. The garden in Genadendal adds to the sense of place (Figure 2.3). The use of agricultural land has declined over the years. Historic function: Teachers college, grain mill, school, production of knives and the oldest pipe organ in South Africa

Current Function: Museum, church, school, tea garden, knives, bookshop, accommodation, printing museum and restaurant

Conservation: Declared as a world heritage site (UNESCO) for its historic urban landscape (core and settlement).

## 2.2 MAMRE 1808

Although the church of Mamre still plays an active role in its community, its influence is limited to the church 'werf'. All residents own their property. The agricultural lands are however still visible but not used for its original purpose. There are a variety of shops within Mamre to cater for their household needs.



Fig. 2.6 Genadendal, church (Franklin 2015)



ig. 2.7 Genadendal, old house type

(Franklin 2015)

Fig. 2.8 Genadendal, new development (Franklin 2015)



Fig. 2.9 Genadendal, new building (Franklin 2015)

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Fig. 2.10 Mamre, aerial photograph (Fransen 1987)





Fig. 2.11 Mamre, church (Franklin 2015)



Fig. 2.13 Mamre, church office (Franklin 2015)



F12 Mamre, modern houses (Franklin 2015)



Fig. 2.14 Mamre, agricultural fields (Franklin 2015)

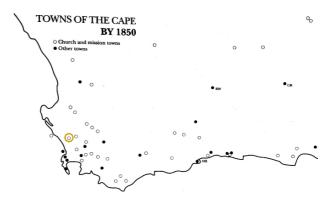


Fig. 2.16 Towns of the Cape, Mamre (Fransen 1987)



Mamre is further located in close proximity to Atlantis with direct bus access to Cape Town. The church therefore does not have to look after their 'temporal' well-being as was the case in historic mission stations.

Land tenure: Private ownership, historic core still belongs to the church

Current condition: Historic core is in a good condition, very little reference remains to the original house type. Agricultural land has shown a decline over the years (Figure 2.14). Outside 'werf' once formed part of the ambience, now subject to forgotten and over-grazed condition. Most buildings are still in use. The soup kitchen attracts individuals onto the 'werf' that is fairly isolated from the rest of the town.

Historic function: Grain mill, school, church

Current function: Tea house, cookhouse (soup kitchen), school and church Conservation: 'Werf' buildings restored (declared National Monument)

# 2.3 PELLA (Outstation of Mamre) 1869

Pella is one of the outstations of Mamre with no obvious reference to a mission station. Today it merely operates as a traditional town. The only visual reference to its historic function is the old church ruins and the graveyard (Figure 2.1 and 2.17). These two elements do not form part of the formal town and will not be seen without the help of the residents living there. None of the structures have any reference left to the 19th century architecture that was prominent during the time that the mission station was established.

Land tenure: Private ownership

Current condition: Poor (little reference to mission station left)

Conservation: None

Historic function: Outstation of Mamre (church, post office and school)

Current function: Post office, new church, school and bus stations linking to Cape Town

## 2.4 ELIM 1824

Elim is situated close to Bredasdorp. This small mission station is still influenced by the church and although lands are privately owned, a coherence exists in the architecture of the town in the historic core and settlement. Recent upgrades re-aligned the main road on the church axis and a series of walls. These upgrades are a direct result of needed infrastructure. Although these upgrades do not directly address the economic decline of the town, it adds to the sense of place and pride for its residents.



Fig. 2.17 Pella, graveyard (Franklin



Fig. 2.18 Pella, rectory (Franklin 2015)



Fig. 2.19 Pella, typical street (Franklin 2015)



Fig. 2.20 Pella, play park (Franklin 2015)



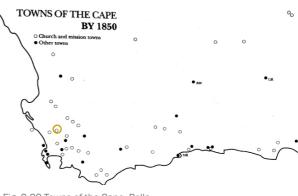


Fig. 2.22 Towns of the Cape, Pella (Fransen 1987)



Land tenure: Land claims, private ownership

Current condition: Only other mission station where the settlement (entire) as well as the core still reflects the old house type in its style. Agricultural lands are still in use.

Conservation: Core and settlement (Provincial heritage)

Historic function: Wild flower export, thatch, mission mill products, wine production, slave memorial.

Current function: tea room, dairy farm, and oldest water wheel still in use.



Fig. 2.23 Elim, mission church (Grogan 1878)



Fig. 2.24 Elim, aerial photograph (Fransen 1987)



Fig. 2.25 Upgrades to Elim (Fransen



Fig. 2.26 Elim, entrance (Google 2015)

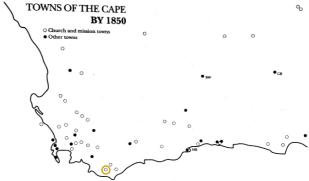


Fig. 2.27 Towns of the Cape, Genadendal (Fransen 1987)



## 2.5 WUPPERTHAL 1830

Wupperthal was established as a Rhenish mission station and in 1965 handed over to the Moravian mission society, Wupperthal in its isolation is situated on the edge of the Cederberg and is still under administration of the church.

Land tenure: Church own all land; fields and houses are rented at a small fee

Current condition: Core as well as settlement is in a good condition. The agricultural fields are still in use on a daily basis. The community still functions on a sharecropping system. It is completely isolated in its location on the edge of the Cederberg. The greater Wupperthal area consists of 14 outpost that form part of the mission settlement

Conservation: Core and settlement (Provincial heritage)

Historic function: Shoe factory, glove and hat factory, tannery, livestock farming, tobacco, rooibos tea production, mission shop, post office, school and church.

Current function: Shoe factory, rooibos tea production, mission shop, post office, school and church.



Fig. 2.29 Wupperthal, aerial photograph (Franklin 2015)



Fig. 2.30 Wupperthal, mission church



iversity of Pretoria



# 2.6 SUMMARY, Wupperthal in context

Wupperthal is the only mission station still under complete administration of the church. Genadendal was a good case study to understand the restoration of a mission station as well as the impact it can have on the community. In the cultural landscape of Wupperthal care should be taken not to turn the historic core into a museum, but rather continue to function as a working town in order to cater for the needs of an active community. The upgrades in Elim also proved valuable as a case study to understand the framing of historic elements with a new take on existing materials. Pella shows the complete destruction of a mission station due to change and development.

Wupperthal, Genadendal and Elim are the only three mission stations in the Cape where the core as well as the settlement is worthy of conservation. Even though modern construction material is prevalent, Wupperthal is however the only mission station that has not really been affected by new development. All additional houses constructed are built in a style to fit in with the historic house type. Some of the thatched roofs have been replaced with corrugated iron sheets and some of the old window frames with iron frames. Buildings are however subject to neglect and high maintenance cost that is difficult for all households to keep up. Wupperthal differs from the rest of the mission stations in its historic core. Genadendal and Mamre has a carefully laid out and formulated core while Wupperthal still has a werf-like feel to it.

The most important build elements in Wupperthal include the church building, the school, the factory buildings, the agricultural lands and the irrigation channel (Heyns 1980: 95). In a telephonic interview with one of the residents of Wupperthal special reference was made to the significance of the shoe factory as well as the rooibos industry. Perceptions were also tested on site amongst residents and visitors to the aspects of the land by the ordering of a series of photographs from most to least characteristic of Wupperthal. Some of the findings included the lack of appreciation for Wupperthal. Most visitors merely looked for the church, shoe factory and something to eat and then left again, failing to recognise some of the photos shown (Figure 2.32). Residents as well as visitors unanimously chose the same photographs as favourite (Figure 2.32 and 2.33) and least favourite (Figure 2.34). They all recognise the charm of Wupperthal in its historic building techniques and perceive the modern influence on the town as destructive.



Fig. 2.32 Wupperthal, residential street (Franklin 2015)



Fig. 2.33 Wupperthal, town square (Franklin 2015)



Fig 2.34 Wupperthal, rooibos factory (Franklin 2015)



Fig. 2.35 Wupperthal, pedestrian bridge (Franklin 2015)

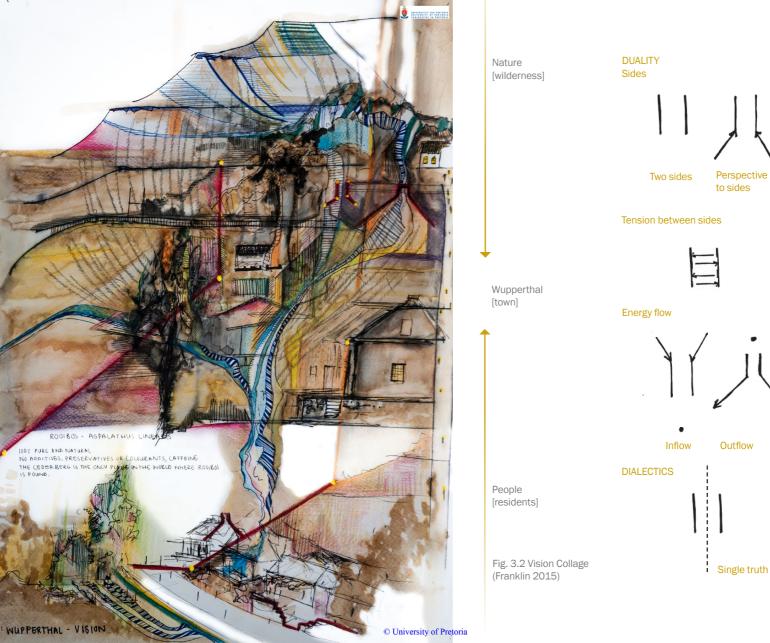




# CHAPTER 3

Concept Development

Fig. 3.1 Mountain and Valley (Franklin 2015)





Chapter 3 provides a discussion on the development of the concept, the preservation of absence, Expanding on the notion of duality that is briefly introduced in Chapter 1. Duality is placed in context in the theory of dialectics, where after a discussion of Henry Lefebvre's view on dialectics and public space follows.

## 3.1 DIALECTICS, critique of everyday life

Dialectics can be explained as a method of reasoned argument that seeks to establish the truth for two opposing views. This method of reasoned argument originated in ancient Greece, but it was Georg Hegel's writing on dialectics that gave it new life (Moore 2004: 61). Dialectics usually follows a line of contradictory questions in order to test the perception and the realisation of the ultimate truth. Hegel believed that any argument needs to go through a negative phase of testing before it could reach any point of completion. Hegelian dialectic can be presented as a three-fold unit:

abstract – negative – concrete or thesis – anti-thesis – synthesis

Hegel also believed that the world is an external form of the 'idea' while Marxists believe that the 'idea' is the material world reflected in the mind and translated into thought (Moore 2004: 62). One of the Marxist philosophers of the 19th century, Henry Lefebvre investigated this notion of dialectics in his writing; *The critique of everyday life (1968)*. Some of his other work that proved to be valuable for this study, includes the *Production of space (1981)* and *Rhythmanalysis (1986)*.

Lefebvre (1968) argued that everyday life was the unit where most of the dualities in life presented itself. This is the space where most diverse aspects are found and played off against each other: illusion and truth, power and helplessness (Moore 2004: 71). In everyday life the line between what is in and out of man's control is much closer than in the large events of life. Public space is therefore a social product of the means of production. Every society, every mode of production produces a certain space – its own space (Moore 2004: 71). Lefebvre classified social space into three categories. These categories were used to understand public space in Wupperthal

1. Spaces of representation [le vecu] EXPERIENCE

#### DUALITY

Contradictory sides to a single element.

#### **DIALECTICS**

Method of investigating the single truth.

# GEORG WILHELM FRIEDRICH HEGEL 1770 - 1831

German philosopher and influential figure in German Idealism

## HENRY LEFEBVRE 1901- 1999

French Marxist philosopher and sociologist

#### **MARXISM**

The political, economic, and social theories of Karl Marx including the belief that the struggle between social classes is a major force in history and that there should eventually be a society in which there are no classes (Merriam-Webster 2015)

The everyday in short was the space in which all life occurred, and between all fragmented activities took place

- Lefebvre (Moore 2004:12)

Without revolutionising everyday life, capitalism would continue to diminish the quality of everyday life, and inhibit self-expression

- Lefebvre (Moore 2004:24)



Spaces of representation are influenced by the 'imaginary' of the time. Corenlius Castoriades writes about the 'imaginary' by explaining it as the element that directs life. For the Greeks it was their creation myths and for the Jews it was Yaweh. In Wupperthal it is governed by God (see Figure 3.3) and the mission movement of Europe in the 1800's (SAHistory 2015)

# 2. The representation of space [le conqu] DESIGNED

Representation of space refers to the designed elements that remind us of the imaginary. The church is a representation of God, of the missionary movement but at the same time the line of trees in front of the church represents the church (see Figure 3.4).

# 3. Practice of space [le percu] PERCEIVED

Practice of space gives rise to spaces of representation. These spaces are only fully understood once these areas are understood in light of their function or mode of operation. Wupperthal as a landscape is only fully understood once one enters the church and sees the Bible (see Figure 3.5). This specific Bible is a representation of the Protestant church. It changes one's perception of the entire landscape once the 'imaginary' or source of influence is understood. Public space in Wupperthal forms part of a more complex use of space, which directs the spatial formation. These spaces of practice form part of the intangible properties included within the cultural landscape. Without understanding these intangible properties, we miss the emotional value different users assign to these spaces (see Chapter 6 for the analysis of the different areas in Wupperthal).

# 3.2 CONCEPT, the preservation of absence

Lefebvre as part of his argument in the *Critique of everyday life* compares the Western worldview of music to be enjoyed in the opera house or as part of a show, while African culture assimilates music as part of the everyday in the clicking of the fingers and the stomping of their feet. Wupperthal in its core represents a political landscape introduced by the German Mission Society and a strong reference to the 'Western world view', the large events of life, while the residential landscape represents the people of Wupperthal and the everyday.

#### SR - SPACES OF REPRESENTATION



Fig. 3.3 Mission church (Franklin 2015)

#### RS - REPRESENTATION OF SPACE



Fig. 3.4 Tree lane in front of the church (Franklin 2015)

### SP - SPATIAL PRACTICE



Fig. 3.5 Protestant Bible (Franklin 2015)



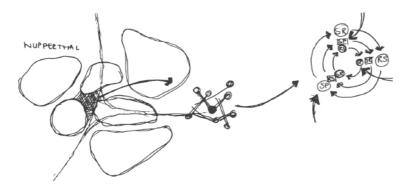


Fig. 3.6 Diagram illustrating complex use of space in Wupperthal (Franklin 2015)

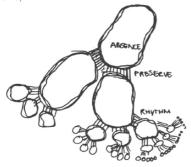


Fig. 3.7 Concept diagram

The prominence of duality in Wupperthal gave rise to the concept of the preservation of absence; a wordplay of Marc Treib's *The Presence of Absence* (1987). In Wupperthal the areas of absence (historic nodes) are almost lost between the clutter of a working farm. It is these pockets of absences that need to be preserved and rather amplified or framed by the functional needs of the town. In the presence, the everyday life of the people of Wupperthal are celebrated and made tangible in its response to their functional needs (often as a result of technological improvement). The concept extends past the mere

## WESTERN WORLDVIEW OF MUSIC; LARGE EVENTS OF LIFE, HISTORIC BUILDINGS IN WUPPERTHAL, VOIDS



Fig. 3.8 Western worldview of music, the opera (Operawatch 2015)

## AFRICAN WORLDVIEW OF MUSIC; PEOPLE OF WUPPERTHAL, EVERYDAY LIFE, NATURE



Fig. 3.9 African worldview, music as part of everyday life (Africacouncil 2015)



functional aspects of a working farm to the aesthetic and the inclusion of nature. In Wupperthal water is the ultimate life-giving force for the town. For this reason the proposal for the mission sought to incorporate water in the in-between moments of the town, thereby celebrating the elements of nature, framing the man-made voids. The concept therefore seeks to incorporate the overlapping of these two sets of dualistic elements of man and nature, large events of life (political landscape, histric nodes) and the everyday life (residential landscape, functional) as it reveals itself in the set of intangible features within the site.

Rhythms within a city is perceived through the five senses; smell, touch, sounds, sights and taste. Rhythm refers to the property of the presence and not the mere repetition of elements. Rhythm is always represented as a movement through time. It is important to seek the presence in the present to prevent a false representation of space. In order to do this, rhythm needs to be understood through time. It was crucial to visit the site and spend time with the people to prevent the trap of the present and the forming of false perceptions of the site and therefore the creation of a false landscape (see Chapter 6 for the mapping of perceptions in Wupperthal). Although this philosophical stance on dialectics is often criticised, I used the dialectic presence in the everyday life and the celebration thereof as a concept to inspire the design proposal. Lefebvre's writing opened my eyes to different aspects and elements within the cultural landscape of Wupperthal.

# 3.3 SCALES OF PLANNING, application of concept

This concept of the preservation of absence, together with the notion of duality was applied to the different scales of planning in Wupperthal. On a larger scale, in order to preserve this absence of Wupperthal (a self-sustaining community on the edge of the Cederberg), it was necessary keep Wupperthal functioning as an active community and avoid the risk of turning it into a museum.

The Greater Wupperthal Area Framework (38 000 ha) sought the understanding of the historic function of Wupperthal as socio-economic hub to its people. The regeneration of the cultural landscape included the establishment of economic drivers in the agricultural based outposts and skilled based functions within Wupperthal (See Chapter 4).

The Mission Framework (120 ha) looked at dualities in the form of views, energy flow and choices in order to understand Wupperthal as a settlement and the planned functions within. The Wupperthal Mission

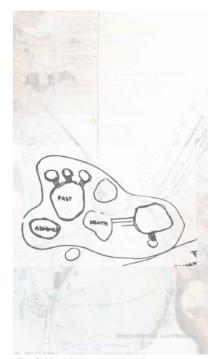


Fig. 3.10 Vision, current condition (Franklin 2015)

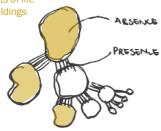
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## ABSENCE:

Large events of lifeHistoric buildings



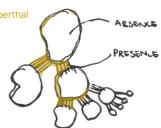


## PRESENCE:

Everyday life







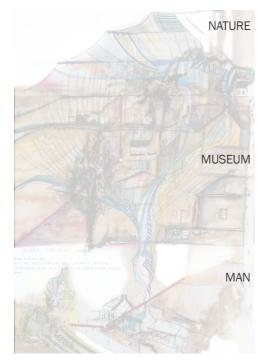






Fig. 3.11 Vision, proposed (Franklin 2015)



Framework developed guidelines for development within the cultural landscape of Wupperthal (see Chapter 7). -The Mission Route Masterplan (20 ha) was developed from the framework. The separation of man and nature in the core of Wupperthal as well as the distinct difference between the political and residential landscape informed the mission route as masterplan. In order to get a complete overview of the cultural landscape, the route will navigate through the key elements within the political as well as residential landscape. It will however not be a traditional route, but rather a series of elements that draws the user through the site by moments of absences and presences.

# 1. GREATER WUPPERTHAL AREA (FRAMEWORK 38 000 ha)

On a regional scale the focus is on the larger Wupperthal area with its fourteen outposts seeking economic drivers within the cultural landscape.

# 2. WUPPERTHAL MISSION (FRAMEWORK 120 ha)

The historic core of Wupperthal is the main focus of the study on a town scale narrowing it down to the area of intervention for the investigation on a 'greenspace and communications' scale (Dee 2001).

# 3. MISSION ROUTE (MASTERPLAN 20 ha)

The framework was used as guideline for the development of a masterplan for the historic core.



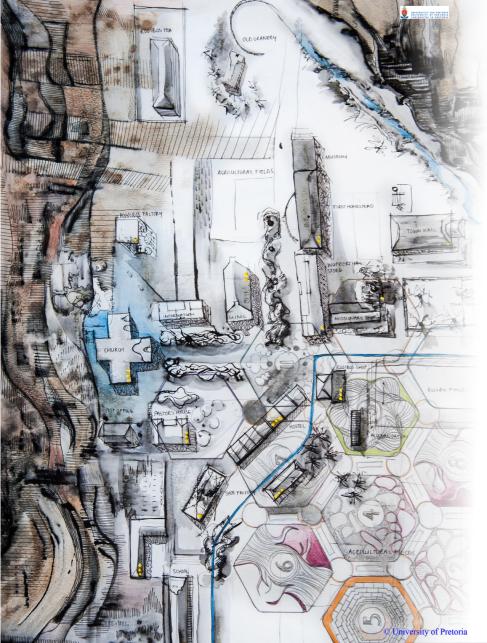




# **CHAPTER 4**

Theoretical Investigation

Fig. 4.1 Heuningvlei, the unintentional aesthetic (Franklin 2015)



## WUPPERTHAL JEUG LIED

Tussen berge deurspoel deur die Tratra-rivier

Lê ou Wupperthal boomryk versier

Daar heers arbeid en vlyt daar waar Wupperthal pryk Tussen berge met goudrand omsoom

En ou Sneeukop die troon in sy glorie daarbo

En sy kruine met wit sneeu bedek

Trek ons gees omhoog maar tot reinheid van blik,

Skep die gees wat ons hier heel deurtrek

Ons sal roem in die eer van ou Wupperthal

Ons sal juig oor sy berge trou, Ons sal werk vir sy eer in die naam van ons Heer.

Ons is trots op sy stoere naam. Leef dan voort Wupperhtal, jou roem ver versprei

Dis 'n skaar wat wil en kan.
Ons is trots en getrou soos ou
sneeukop daarbo
Ons sal handhaaf en bou, want
ons wil - en - kan.

- Mej. A. Bruwer

Fig. 4.2 Explorative sketch, remembrance of Wupperthal (Franklin 2015)



This chapter consists of four main discussions relating to cultural landscapes. The understanding of cultural landscapes is followed by a discussion on the challenges in conservation and development. The discussion continues to include the perceptions and the relationship of people and place over time, and ends with the methodology followed.

## 4.1 CULTURAL LANDSCAPES, the value it brings

Cultural landscapes are defined by UNESCO as the combined works of nature and humankind, and they express a long and intimate relationship between people and their natural environment. These intimate relationships formed over time and found its way around the physical constraints presented by nature to become places of people, livelihoods, identities and belief systems all over the world. UNESCO further describes cultural landscapes as being the foundation of food production systems and living gene banks in food crops for the future. Cultural landscapes illustrate the development of human society and therefore a common responsibility exists for the protection of these sites and the value they add to future generations (UNESCO 2014).

Wupperthal, in its intimate relationship with nature, represents such a complex landscape that was formed over the course of two hundred years. The history of Wupperthal tells a story of nature as a ruthless host in the series of droughts, and epidemics such as measles, that have swept through the region (Heyns 1980: 50). Above all odds Wupperthal evolved into a unit that not only sustained its own community but also contributed occasional profits to the larger Moravian Mission Society (Heyns 1980: 60). The agricultural practices found in Wupperthal support a valuable seed base (free from genetic modification) that still sustains the community today. The guideline as set out by UNESCO for the classification of cultural landscapes helped to better understand the value of Wupperthal as cultural landscape. Wupperthal has been located by the author to fall into the following category described in paragraph 39 of the World Heritage Cultural Landscapes guideline document (UNESCO 2014):

- ii) Organically evolved landscape This results from an initial social, economic, administrative, and/or religious imperative and has developed its present form by association with and in response to its natural environment. Such landscapes reflect process of evolution in their form and component features and fall into the subcategory of a;
- a) Continuing landscape Which contains an active social role in contemporary society closely associated with the traditional way of life, and in which the evolutionary process is still in progress. At the same time it exhibits significant material evidence of its change over time.

#### INFSCC

(United Nations educational scientific and cultural organisation)

#### **ICOMOS**

(International council on monuments and sites)

ICOMOS is a non-profit organisation that is made up of individuals around the world that is concerned with conservation, research projects and cultural exchange. They act as principle advisors to UNESCO on matters of world heritage (ICOMOS 2013).

## **BURRA CHARTER**

The Australia ICOMOS Charter for places of Cultural Significance 1999. The Burra Charter provides a basis for the conservation and management of places of high importance (ICOMOS 2013).

## SAHRA

(South African Heritage Association)

The older I grow and the longer I look at landscapes and seek to understand them, the more convinced I am that their beauty is not simply an aspect but their very essence and that beauty derives from the human presence.

- John Brinckerhoff Jackson



Cultural landscapes often reflect characteristics of mountains as religious claims, the manifestation of water management within the landscape and the formation of an unintentional aesthetic through the practices in the land (UNESCO 2014). All of these are evident at Wupperthal and can be seen in the introductory Figures 4.1-4.2 of this chapter.

# 4.2 CULTURAL LANDSCAPES, challenges in conservation and development

Landscapes are complicated entities to work with and the difficulty to include them into legal frameworks needs to be recognised (UNESCO 2014). Although the definition for cultural landscapes exists in the framework of the UNESCO document, most countries' laws do not have an official definition for cultural landscapes included in their legal structure. The various definitions that exist for the word "landscape" further amplifies the difficulty to find a single universal expression (see different definitions for landscapes in the column to the right).

Landscapes are dynamic and changing entities that do not only represent the present but also a collection of past memories. These memories happen over time and each layer adds to the story the landscape has to tell. Cultural landscapes can be compared to a tapestry, consisting of layers of information that overlap and intersect (Müller and Gibbs 2011: 6). These are layers of built structures, hydrology, topography and land uses over a number of years. These layers cannot be contained and belong to all who value them. It is therefore important to follow a thorough process to understand the value each layer adds, and the value different users assign to elements within the landscape. Accessing these kind of attributes are difficult, as they often only exist in the intangible memories of a place.

Other difficulties in the conservation of cultural landscape include (UNESCO 2014): Change of perception of the landscape values

Understanding of the relationship of people and place over time

Understanding of nature and culture over time as embedded in different cultures and contexts

Ability to address the needs of society

Pressure from tourism

Variety of disciplines involved in the integration of management systems

## 4.3 LANDSCAPE, perceptions

Edmund Bacon describes perceptions of cities as being their 'very life force' and argues that it will only be

Different meanings for the word 'land-scape' is listed below (UNESCO 2014):

Landscape is the vehicle of our relation with Nature. It will always represent the harmony of continuous transformation, the dynamics that have configured our planet. A landscape born from titanic confrontations, violent encounters, the eternal fight between sea and earth, while time passes by. It is like an enormous growing process of signs, tracks or stigmas that mark the history of man, who at the same time cultivated, modified and transformed the landscape. It is the oldest and most complete archive of mankind; the most accurate testimony of its past. It contains the 'holy function of an unconscious telluric memory.

- Carmen Añón Feliu

Landscape as a 'temple of memories' built upon the totality of its history.
- M du Pison

Landscape belongs to the vital and imaginary experiences of the subject and is an individual construction, but when a community with a determined culture shares these values, the obvious identity of landscape becomes a social construction

- Carmen Añón Feliu

'landscapes have created the best of my soul.'

- Ortega y Gasset

This world is a system of invisible things that are clearly seen

- Romans 1:19/20



possible to successfully intervene once the language of a particular city is understood (Bacon 1967: 20). This notion of perception is an important aspect to the understanding of the cultural landscape of Wupperthal. Not only to understand the way in which the people of Wupperthal view their own town, but also to challenge one's own perception as it is formed during the course of the investigation. Wupperthal was turned upside down, inside out, viewed from a distance, circled and rotated repeatedly in order to understand this manifestation of an intimate relationship between man and nature. Each perspective either verified or broke down the perceptions that inevitably formed. Each method of investigating cultural landscapes focused the attention on a different set of values further discussed throughout this chapter. The complete set of values are further mapped in Chapter 6 as part of the analysis.

Perceptions are built up from one's own experience and influence the way the world is viewed. This notion is part of the reason why each person experiences a place in a different way. Some of the exercises carried out during the investigation included the documentation and understanding of the different users of the site. Planners often see the people of a site as the 'other' or a mere set of statistics. Bacon (1967) however argues that only once we perceive the people of the city as an extension of ourselves, will we have the capacity to intervene. Although a designer will never get to a point of absolute knowledge of a certain site, Wupperthal demanded a more inclusive process at the understanding of the cultural landscape because of its inherent properties that include both the tangible and intangible. Without the continuous challenge of perception, subtle essentials that form part of the life-giving variations that build up the cultural landscape may have been missed (Bacon 1967: 36). Some of the general perceptions of Wupperthal are listed in the column to the right. These are a few initial perceptions that were formed and reformed by the author throughout the investigation.

## 4.4 LANDSCAPES OVER TIME, people and place

According to Müller and Gibbs (2011) the definition of a cultural landscape consists of three interrelated components: the permanent (static), temporary (dynamic), and eternal (invisible). For any of the intangible components to continue to exist, it needs to find a tangible materialisation within the landscape (Müller and Gibbs 2011). The designer needs to understand the emotional association with place. These associations exist in the form of memory and can often only be accessed by individuals when certain memories are triggered by physical features within the landscape. Various tools exist for determining the value of historic sites. Assessment criteria for cultural landscapes still need to be developed and tested (UNESCO 2014), a combination of methods were therefore used to investigate the value of Wupperthal as a complex cultural landscape.

### **AUTHORS PERCEPTIONS**

O1 The town of Wupperthal is desolate yet every building is in use even if it is only used for a few hours in a day.

(mapping chapter 6)

02 Public space is limited and not in use, yet each part of the town had a value assigned to it by someone.

(mapping chapter 6)

03 The historic core (the institutional landscape; old buildings) holds the most significance

yet the intimate relationship displayed in the residential units to their agricultural fields claimed to be a more sustainable and robust unit within the landscape that contains the most value. (statement of significance Intro)

04 The historic buildings are the most significant element to protect.

yet it is in fact the agricultural land that is an important structuring element and part of a sustainable relationship between man and nature. (statement of significance chapter 6)

05 The entire town seemed to stop developing

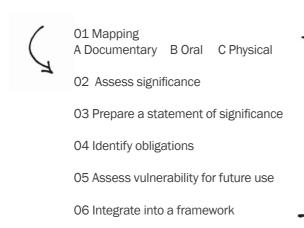
yet in fact some of the buildings in the nuclei were only constructed in the last 30 years. (mapping chapter 6)



## 4.5 CULTURAL LANDSCAPES, methods of assessment

The outline of the Burra Charter was followed as overall methodology but filled in with additional methods for the assessment of value in cultural landscapes. The Burra Charter was chosen for its specific focus on the managing of places with cultural significance and well-defined methodology. Another method investigated was the Historic Urban Landscape approach (HUL) with its reference to a city as a continuous dynamic system rather than a static historic entity. Elements of HUL was combined into the outline of the Burra Charter, filling in the areas in the assessment of cultural significance.

A series of obligations arise from the value of the land. These obligations inform the design process as physical links and requirements are established. It is important that the land reveals the possibilities and not suffer under forced intentions. The following diagram shows the process followed by the researcher (mapping and significance assessment included in overall document):



The overall approach will be based on the theory of "herbestemming ' and general methodology by Roos (2007).

## THE BURRA CHARTER PROCESS Sequence of investigation (ICOMOS 2013)



A breakdown and explanation of the research methodology follows on the subsequent pages.



# 4.6 METHODOLOGY, the process of discovery

#### 01 MAPPING A DOCUMENTARY **BORAL** C PHYSICAL Wupperthal 150 jaar 1830-Informal discussions with Jack Brinckerhoff Jackson (1987) Cultural 1965, Heyns 1980 residents on various site **Boundaries** landscapes theory Mission settlement in South visits Form follows function and a toolkit Africa 1800-1925, SAHistory • Filmed material: Rooibos developed for the Roads The old buildings of the Cape and Rocks (Documentary Spaces, sacred and profane reading of the land . Fransen 2004 (Müller and Gibbs by Omang) Visibility Chapter 1+4 Old towns and villages of the The other landscape 2011) Chapter 6 Cape, Fransen 1980 Natural spaces The formation of a Mobility and immobility community, Bilbe 2011 Habitat and habit 02 ASSES SIGNIFICANCE Job Roos (2007) (values) + SAHRA (2013) (value grading) o Historical o Social Chapter 2-5 o Emotional o Aesthetic o Economic Burra Charter + HUL o Ecological **03 STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE** Chapter 4-8 01 Greater Wupperthal Area Framework Chapter 7-8 04 OBLIGATIONS 02 Wupperthal Mission Framework

03 Mission Masterplan

04 Sketchplan

**05 VULNERABILITY** 

06 INTEGRATE INTO FRAMEWORK



## 4.7 METHODS, tools to work with

These methods listed below were informed by a toolkit developed for the reading and representation of cultural landscapes by Müller and Gibbs (2011):

1. Literature review (Desktop and archival research)

The review of documents with reference to the history of Wupperthal, the understanding of the study theme and the various elements within the landscape were documented. It is important that the designer has a historically informed perception (Müller and Gibbs 2011: 12).

### 2 Fieldwork

Fieldwork forms part of the most important analysis of space as it has a three-dimensional comprehension thereof. The value of the fieldwork is proportional to the input and includes some of the following methods (Müller and Gibbs 2011, 12):

- Systematic observation (the recording of social space)
   Four intensive site visits were scheduled at different times of the day, days of the week and months of the year in order to understand the various modes of exploration (day visitor vs over-night vs the life of a Wupperthal resident). Site sketches, emotive paintings and photographic documentation helped to understand the cultural landscape of Wupperthal (included throughout this document)
- Participant observation (engagement and observation of activities)
  The recording of social space formed part of the documentation of perceptions in Wupperthal by different users (community members and visitors); 12 individuals of different age and gender were asked to select a photograph in order to test their perceptions of the cultural landscape. This photographic activity formed a base for informal discussions and revealed different opinions of the historic mission station (see brief discussion in Chapter 2 for more detail).
- Interviews (structured, unstructured and informal discussions)
   Aspects of value in the land and the discovery of intangible elements came to light during formal and informal discussions on site. Without these discussions it would not have been possible to get any understanding into the workings of Wupperthal within its context.

#### TRANSECT WALK

A transect walk is a systematic walk along a defined path (transect) across the community/project in order to define elements along the way. The transect walk is normally conducted during the initial phase of the fieldwork. (Müller and Gibbs 2011)



## 3 Transect walks

Special emphasis was placed on the way the historic town is experienced by visitors. The author mapped the way visitors explore Wupperthal. A photographic analysis of the typical route taken and mapped is presented in Chapte 6 .

## 4. Documentation of existing conditions

It is important that all aspects of the landscape is documented, not only the elements of historic significance, but a comprehensive representation of the site in its current condition. This inventory needs to be completed for all the landscape defining elements. IFLA suggest the following points of departure for the tangible and intangible mapping of cultural landscapes (IFLA 2015). These points are included and discussed in Chapter 6 in the mapping of the physical features within Wupperthal.

## Tangible:

- Land Uses, Patterns, Clusters
- Natural Systems
- Spatial Organization
- Visual Relationships
- Topography, Surface Drainage
- Vegetation
- Circulation Systems
- Water Features, Natural and Constructed
- Non-Habitable Landscape Structures and Buildings
- Spatial Character of Habitable Structures
- Vocabulary of Site Furnishings

## Intangible:

- Location for festivals
- Setting for traditional music, dance, performance
- Route of pilgrimage
- Setting for worship
- Place of memory of past events
- Place of traditional practices
- Places where native plants grow
- Place where craft materials can be found
- Traditional place for experience at a special time of year

#### ALTERNATIVE MAP

Not a traditional map, but a more explorative map.

#### LAYERED MAPS

The mapping of different components within the landscape that make up a composite map.

### **DATASCAPES**

A map that contains a form of infographic within it. For example population growth in the form on the base of a map.

### MAP-LANDSCAPES

A method for the mapping of landscapes. It has an emotive component to the map.

# 4.8 CULTURAL LANDSCAPES, the representation thereof

The link between reading and understanding the cultural landscape is formed through a thorough mapping process, where the mapped layers inform the design. The aim is to document the tangible and intangible forces shaping the cultural landscape and represent them in a series of alternative maps (see Chapter 6 for a series of these maps documented in Wupperthal). Layered maps help to understand the layering of the land. Ian McHarg (1969) found ways to document social and environmental features while Kevin Lynch (1960) looked at the city as a series of paths, edges, districts, nodes and landmarks



(as cited in Müller and Gibbs 2011). Another dimension to documentation are datascapes. Datascapes make room for analysis in the mapping process. James Corner (2011) coined the word map-landscape to facilitate the design process. According to Corner (2011), map-landscapes has a dual function to it, in that they are able to contain qualitative and quantitative attributes within the landscape. By drawing and mapping, the formation of the landscape is understood (Müller and Gibbs 2011).

## 4.9 MAPPING

The theory of cultural landscapes formed the backbone to the study. Cultural landscapes opened my eyes to a different and enlightened view of the world; a view to the intimate relationship between man and nature and in Wupperthal a very dualistic relationship. In the following section the mapping process of the author is described.

## A Documentary

Wupperthal, in contrast to the other mission stations, is poorly mapped and planned in terms of physical structures and the availability of plans. The Rhenish Mission Society was seen as the 'cowboys' in terms of planning while the Moravian Mission Society was meticulous in its planning and documentation of mission stations (Le Grange 1993). One of the maps obtained was a conservation map drawn up by Lucien le Grange and another diagrammatic hand drawn plan (date unknown) as part of a mission journal that verified the 'werf'-like feel to Wupperthal. Most of the historic buildings on site were interpreted by the description in the *Feesalbum* (Heyns 1980) and verified by Hans Fransen's (1987) description of the buildings and filled in with the information by Bilbe (2011) in his research of the formation of a community. The latter proved to be a well-researched thesis providing interesting insight into dynamics of the community of Wupperthal, through an abstract of the missionary journals (written in German). The findings from all these documents will be discussed in Chapter 5 with the aim of representing Wupperthal as cultural landscape. Some of these findings had a direct influence on the design decisions made later in the process.

## **B** Oral

Various informal discussions with the residents added to a better understanding of the cultural landscape. It was important to get a better general understanding of the site before any formal participatory process with residents were recorded. Therefore any information verified through informal discussion is referenced as such. Chapter 4 describes the history and the formation of a community from 1830 until

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2015, where some of the findings in the literature review were verified through these discussions.

# C Physical

The physical documentation of Wupperthal was influenced by different theoretical approaches in the understanding of the cultural or vernacular landscape. UNESCO's reference to the importance of water, the mountain as religious objects, and the unintentional aesthetic, directed some of the focus of the mapping of the landscape (see Figure 4.1- 4.2). It was however John Birkenhoff Jackson's (1987) book *Discovering Vernacular Landscapes* that highlighted most of the physical aspects to look out for in the vernacular landscape. These aspects will be discussed in the following section. Jackson finds beauty not only in the landscape, but in the relationship displayed between human and nature. Wupperthal is a product of such an intimate relationship.

The different components that Jackson identified to consider in the vernacular landscape shed a different light on cultural landscapes. Jackson discusses the difficulty of working with landscapes in the definition of the word landscape and the ambiguity connected to this word. He locates the ambiguity of the landscape in those elements that we are quite unable to explain, mysteries that fit into no known pattern (Jackson 1987: 11). In every landscape however there are elements that are familiar and could be clearly understood. It is these elements that we start with in the analysing of the landscape: fields, houses, fences. Each of the discussed features within the landscape formed part of the significance discovered in Wupperthal. This section only serves as an introduction to the theory while the mapped features are discussed in Chapter 6.

## 4.10 SIGNIFICANCE, assessment of value

The theory of "Herbestemming" was used in the cultural landscape of Wupperthal as overall method to facilitate the design process. This theory developed by Job Roos uses the spiral to represent the strategy for the project as well as the design process as methodology. The spiral is represented as a three-dimensional model that provides more room for considerations than a two-dimensional model. Working on projects of Herbestemming requires more attention from the architect than a new building does (Roos 2007: 14).

The design line shaping the spiral shows the design process. Starting wide, it narrows as choices need to be made in the discovery of the assignment, the exploration of the design, the interpretation or iteration of the design process, as well as the technical investigation. These series of processes that the designer moves

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through starts with a new spiral for each phase (Roos 2007).

Historical continuity forms the core of the model while the value lines are formed by the upward curving lines. There are six value lines that an architect must investigate within a project. Depending on the complexity of the project the architect may wish to add value lines (Roos 2007). These six core value lines are listed below:

- Historical value
- o Social value
- o Emotional value
- o Aesthetic value
- o Economic value
- o Ecological value

The click-on lines each represent a choice the architect must make in the design process. These lines are the links between the historical continuity and the value lines (Roos 2007). The value lines will each be explored in the chapters to follow and each choice made throughout this process will be referenced back to the methodology.

Value is a difficult concept to explain or to determine, for every value it is has worth to someone and for a specific reason. Value can be further explained by character and remains one of the only values found in the existing or the present. Value in Wupperthal was found in the vulnerable, the unexpected, and coincidental (Roos 2007: 34). His six value lines will form part of the mapping chapters (5 and 6), where the mapped features are summarised according to the six value lines. These lines of value has a direct influence on the framework development and decisions made within the design process. The summary also functions as a shortened version of the document.

# 4.11 SAHRA, value grading

Heritage Western Cape developed a *Short Guide to and Policy Statement on Grading* according to satisfy section 7 of the National Heritage Resources Act, 1999 (Act 25 of 1999) and regulation 43 published in the Government Gazette No 6820. This guide provides a list for the establishment of value in the cultural landscape, typically for the nomination of a site for the declaration of a historic monument. SAHRA

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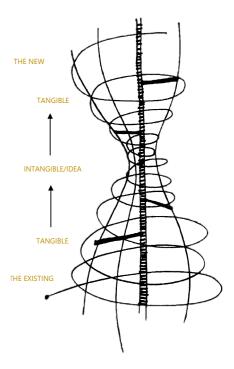


Fig. 4.3 Illustration of the spiral developed by Roos (2007)



expands on some of the values listed by Roos (2007) for an appropriate application within the South African landscape. These values include; historical, scientific, aesthetic and social value within the landscape and a special reference to slavery within South Africa (SAHRA 2014). Wupperthal forms part of this history of slavery and therefore carries significance. This list will form part of the value grading under the headings of Roos (2007) in Chapter 5 and 6.

## 4.12 ETHICS, as set out by the University of Pretoria

All interactions were documented and general assumptions derived from the site visits were used to inform the design process. An Ethics process set out by the University of Pretoria was followed by which all interaction with individuals was conducted in an ethical manner and the identity of the people were kept anonymous.

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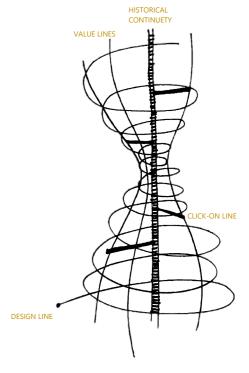


Fig. 4.4 Value lines (Roos 2007).





# **CHAPTER 5**

The Mission in context



BLOM EN BAAIERD
Op die groot Saaidag van die heelal
het reeds 'n entjie duskant
Wupperthal
oor die kaal Noordweste
'n sakkie van die Here se beste
saad per ongeluk gelek,
gelek en uitgeval

# - DJ Opperman



Fig. 5.3 First church building, 1830 (Bilbe 2011)



Fig. 5.4 'Nach der Conferens im Wupperthal' Image from museum in Wupperhtal (Franklin 2015)



This chapter focuses on telling the story of Wupperthal through the literary review of the available documents. It also includes the mapped layers - A Documentary and B Oral - discussed in Chapter 4 of this document. The history of Wupperthal and the formation of a community over the years are valuable sources of information. The story of Wupperthal is one of struggle for survival in a relentless environment.

## 5.1 WUPPERTHAL, 1830

2550 ha

Eight missionaries from the newly established Rhenish Mission Society in Germany began their journey on 1829 from Rotterdam to South Africa. Two of these missionaries undertook a journey to Clanwilliam to identify a possible location to establish a mission station in an area for growing 'mission' need. Theobolt von Wurmb and Johann Gottlieb Leipoldt (grandfather of the poet Louis Leipoldt) heard of a farm that was in the market that would suit their needs. However, with no financial support from their base in Germany they had to make the decision to borrow money for the purchase of the farm on their own accord. After visiting the Moravian Mission Station, Genadendal, and closely observing the way the mission was managed, they decided to buy the farm Rietmond on the edge of the Cederberg. Leipoldt and Von Wurmb settled among the seven Khoi families living on the farm at that time. The first church service was held on 17 January 1830 under the tree behind the first homestead (Heyns 1980: 27). See Figure 5.3 and 5.4 for the orginal church building and other activities. Newcomers were welcomed with a stiff handshake and all had to adhere to the rules of the church:

- Sundays were holy
- All church services needed to be attended (Sundays as well as weekday services)
- Magic, witchcraft, cursing and abuse of the Lord's name needed to be stopped
- Strife, bitterness, gossip and lies weren't allowed
- The use of strong alcohol was banned
- · Couples needed to be wed officially by the church, and
- Each had to look after their property and piece of agricultural land
- No strangers were allowed to overnight without consent, and neglect of these rules set out by the church resulted in the dismissal from Wupperthal.

#### KEY

O1 Mapping
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RHENISH MISSION SOCIETY Established 1828 in Barmen, Germany First mission station in South Afica: Wupperthal 1830

MORAVIAN MISSION SOCIETY Established 1807 in East-Europe First mission station in South Africa: Genadendal 1737

#### **INSTITUTE**

Enterprises implemented to look after the 'temporal' well-being of the people.

#### CHURCH

Spiritual focus of the mission station



Leipoldt was a shoemaker by trade and started the first shoe factory to look after the 'temporal' well-being (institute) of the people in addition to the spiritual focus of the church (Heyns 1980). The institute refers to all economic enterprises implemented for the temporal well-being while the church refers to the spiritual aspects of Wupperthal. The shoe factory provided 40 permanent job opportunities, but over time struggled to keep up with other mechanised shoe factories. Today the shoe factory has only five permanent staff members (see Figure 5.5 for an image of the shoe factory). Other industries established in Wupperthal included a tannery, glove factory, tobacco and rooibos industry (Heyns 1980: 127). Agricultural fields and livestock farming are to this day still a valuable source of income (see Figures 5.6 and 5.7)

## 5.2 WUPPERTHAL, 1838 - 1890

14 400 ha

In 1838 slaves were emancipated in South Africa. Slaves had the choice to work out their four year apprenticeship at their current owner or settle at a mission station. Although it was suspected that Wupperthal had a sharp increase in residents, only 24 slaves settled at Wupperthal (Bilbe 2011: 125). The Wupperthal Institute spent a lot of money and effort in acquiring land in the 1850's in order to support the needs of the mission settlement and formally acquired lands that were surveyed for the speculation thereof (Bilbe 2011). See Figure 5.10 for the current composition of the fourteen outposts. The majority of land in Wupperthal is not usable for agriculture due to its mountainous character and in general supports a low yield (Heyns 1980).

Bilbe (2011) describes the formation of a community as the 'mission elite' based around the mission (mostly ex-slaves) while the 'rural elite' formed through the acquisition of land in the larger area. It is important to note that the 'mission elite' were dependent on skilled based activities implemented by the church, while the 'rural elite' depended on agricultural based activities (see Figure 5.8).

Sub-question three of the research questions is concerned with finding the socio-economic components in the cultural landscape that could be reinstated. On a larger scale, in seeking any socio-economic components that could be reinstated, one needs to understand the formation of these two 'elite' groups that can still be found in Wupperthal today. Any proposed economic activities need to benefit both the mission as well as rural elite.

A report by Kretzschmar, a medical practitioner from Clanwilliam, describes the possessions of the residents of Wupperthal in 1843 being a sheepskin blanket, a calabash, a rifle, a knife and a violin or



Fig. 5.5 Shoe makers in front of shoe factory (Fransen 2004)



Fig. 5.6 Tannery in Wupperthal (Fransen 2004)



Fig. 5.7 Onions from agricultural gardens (Gardin 1987)



calabash viola. He further describes each garden plot to include a peach tree, two pumkins/marrows, three calabash plants, four tobacco plants and one large dagga plant (see Figure 5.7). Garden plots were developed according to the German economic agricultural composition. The founding of Wupperthal coincides with this time in Europe where agricultural specialists came to establish the agricultural fields in Wupperthal. The implementation of this system was also recorded in a Rhenish monastery in Lorsch, Germany. German agricultural fields are characterised by their 'strips' based on the distance an ox could plough in one day, called a *Hufe*. The German street village was developed to take up as many people as possible where German colonisation occurred in Europe (Weber 1920). The influence of the German 'street village' is evident in the cultural landscape of Wupperthal (see Figure 5.9). The fact that these garden plots are still in use today adds to the significance of this component.

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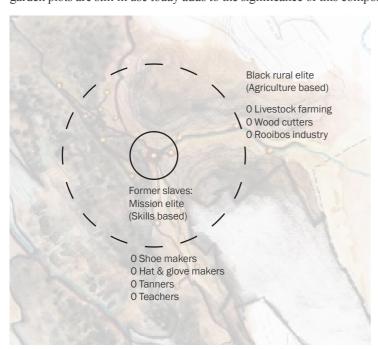


Fig. 5.8 Diagram explaining the formation of a community in Wupperthal according to Bilbe (2011). (Franklin 2015)

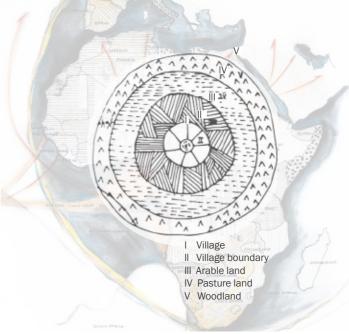


Fig. 5.9 German economic agricultural composition (Franklin 2015)



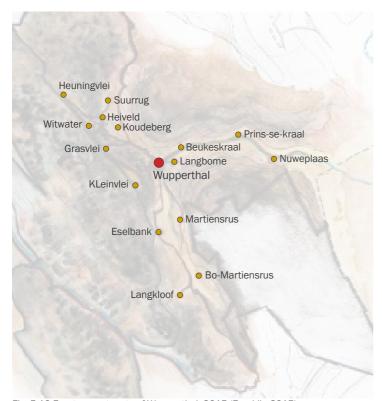


Fig. 5.10 Fourteen outposts of Wupperthal, 2015 (Franklin 2015)



Fig. 5.11 School boy, 1987 (Gardin 2015)



Fig. 5.12 Donkey cart, 1987 (Gardin 2015)



The first spiritual revival was documented in 1847. This was largely due to the determined efforts of the ex-slaves to achieve upward mobility through education and Christianity, pulling with them the rural black elite (Bilbe 2011: 130). The emerging mission elite mostly consisted of ex-slaves dependent on the mission for income in trade industries such as the shoe and hat factory as well as teachers.

1860 Was a year of struggle for the residents of Wupperthal, especially those in the woodcutting industry. New regulations on the cutting of Cedar trees forced the independent families of the black elite into dependance on the mission. Bark stripping and leave gathering of the Wagenboom (*Protea grandiflora*), Kliphout (*Rhus thunbergii*) and Suikerbos (*Protea mellifera*) as well as the uprooting of Buchu plants (*Diosma hirsuta*) caused environmental damage. The government also implemented the laws of school fees to be paid. The children paid the small amount by carrying wood for the hat industry (See Figure 5.11 for a schoolboy in uniform). As the struggle continued, even those pennies dried up and parents had to pay in grain and fruit. Measles was another element that made 1860 a hard year. Poverty always affected the outstations first. They had a greater dependancy on the land than those in the mission station.

Famine war and measles caused great distress in Wupperthal with a few good harvests that brought relief. Reverend Gerdener wrote about the greatest poverty he's seen in the valley, writing that 100 people were so impoverished that they could not attend church service simply because they had nothing to wear (Bilbe 2011: 146). Gerdener's efforts at moral and economic stability were paying off. Wupperthal showed a 69% population growth although the number of deaths more than quadrupled in 1889. Gerdener made no mention of the disease that might have caused the rise in deaths (Bilbe 2011: 147). Wupperthal grew to its largest in 1891 due to a large number of squatters around ClanWilliam forced from the area (Bilbe 2011:152). A second spiritual revival was documented in Wupperthal in 1894 (See timeline on page 56-57).

# 5.3 WUPPERTHAL, 1965

33 000 ha

The Rhenish mission society slowly reduced their involvement in South Africa from 1830-1950. Most of their other mission stations were already transferred to the Nederduits Gereformeerde Mission Society, but the people of Wupperthal objected to this notion (Mission as well as outstations). This event highlighted the authoritarian system of the church, at the time of Reverend Strassberger, when the 'mission and rural elite' protested together.

Better medical support led to a rise in birth numbers, while employment opportunities were limited.

#### KEY



Fig. 5.13 Mission bazaar (Fransen 2004)



Fig. 5.14 Mission building (Fransen 2006: 135)



Fig. 5.15 Houses in Wupperthal (Fransen 2006: 136)



Public works implemented holding dams for the irrigation of the agricultural fields in 1930. 50 000 gallon (190 000 l) of water was needed to water the agricultural fields each day (Heyns 1987). Only two people were needed for this task. The mission supplied seeds for planting. Bilbe (2011) describes the 1930's as an intellectual shift through better communication with the outside world, radio, cinema, and the improvement of roads to Wupperthal although a lack of employment led increased alcoholism and illegitimate births (woman working in Cape Town). The effect of the loss of the farm Voelvlei (grazing land) to Heinie Strassberger in 1951 can still be seen today, with very few families with considerable livestock. In 1952 Dittmer took over management from Strassberger. He was more favourable to the well-being of the inhabitants of Wupperthal than Strassberger (Bilbe 2011:141).

Wupperthal's setup in totality (the Church and the 'institute') made it difficult to find a mission society that was willing to take over this burden, but when the Moravian Mission Society expressed interest, Wupperthal was handed over on 17 October 1965 (Heyns 1980: 187).

1965 The transition proved to be very difficult as Wupperthal was by that time a well-established mission station with its own way of doing things in such an isolated area. Heyns describes the first 15 years under Moravian management as "challenging to fit into the traditions and spiritual arena, but they did the best they could" (Heyns 1980:187).

By investigating the history of Wupperthal it is evident that the village has suffered under a series of droughts and diseases with its close dependence on nature for survival. Residents of Wupperthal for the majority of the time needed to find employment elsewhere. This resulted in a large fluxuation of residents in and out of Wupperthal. Anti-Afrikaner sentiment in the community was enhanced by the distrust they felt towards Strassberger and the other white farmers in the Cederberg. Although Strassberger was one individual in Wupperthal it boiled through to a general mistrust of the Rhenish Mission Society. Poor infrastructure implemented in Wupperthal led to unsustained development of the mission station. The Figures on the following pages indicate the physical documentation of the greater Wupperthal area.



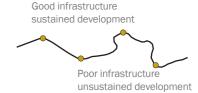
#### 01 NATURE AS RUTHLESS HOST



# 02 FLUXUATION OF RESIDENTS IN SEARCH OF EMPLOYMENT



# 03 LEADERSHIP IN WUPPERTHAL



**04 INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT** 



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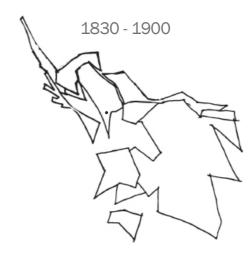


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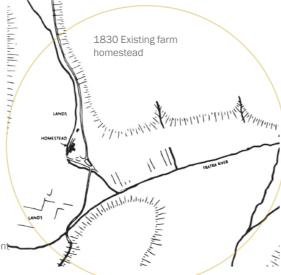
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# **WUPPERTHAL**

1830 - 2015 Author's interpretation of the timeline of Wupperthal on the existing base map (Fransen 1980)



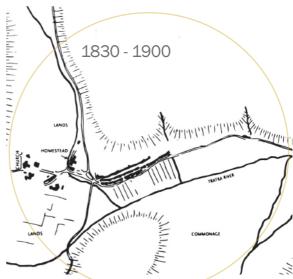
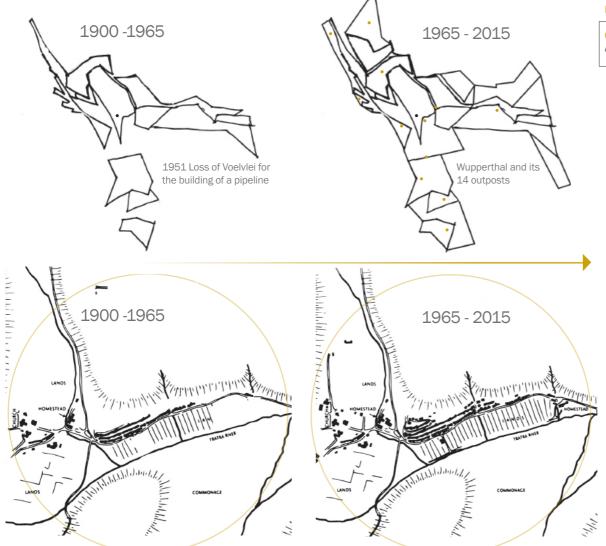


Fig. 5.16 Wupperthal Development sequence (Franklin 2015)





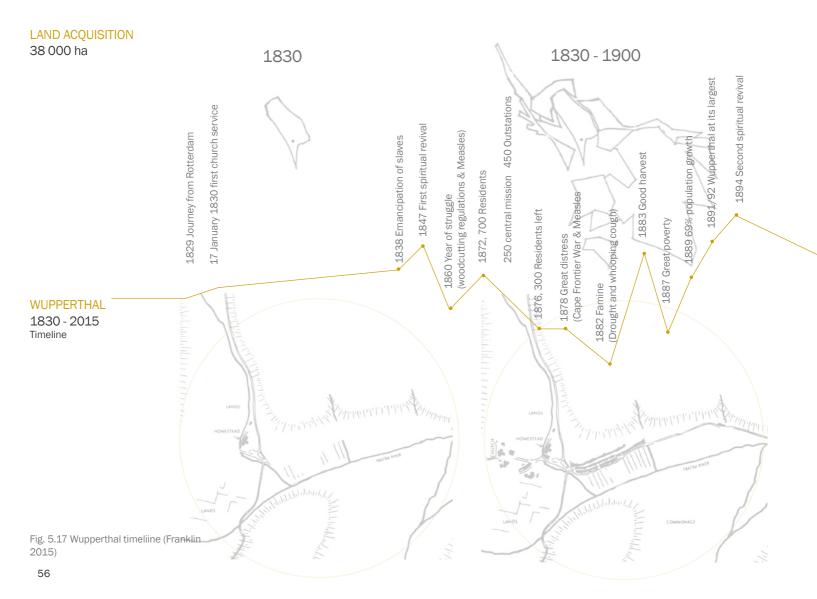
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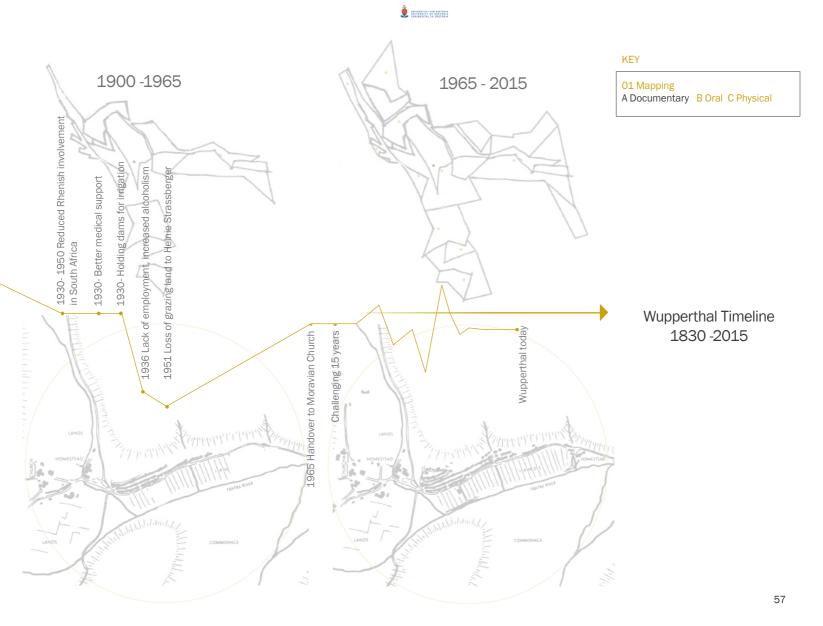
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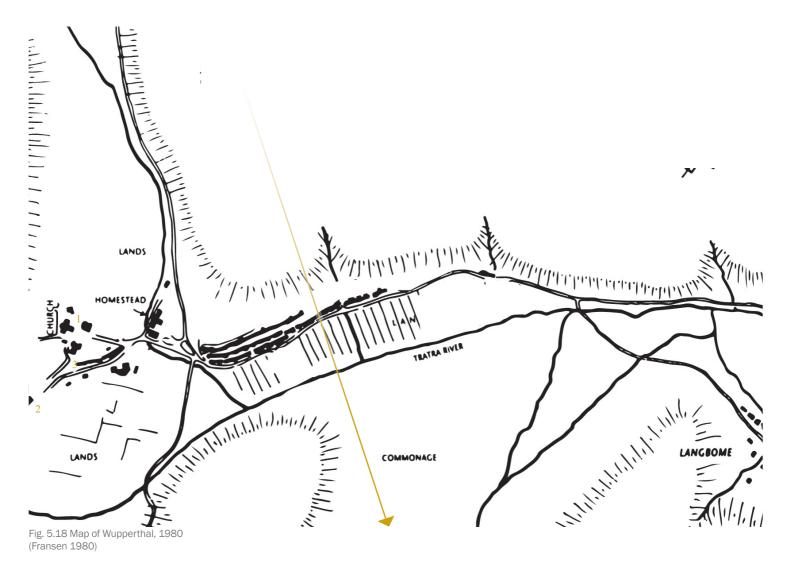
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# 5.4 WUPPERTHAL, 1980

36 000 ha

Ds. K. Schieffer in his preface to the remembrance of 150 years in Wupperthal describes the two faces to Wupperthal: The first "face" is the 2000 individuals that live here happily in its isolation. "Vir ons mense in Wupperthal, Heuningvlei en omliggende dorpies is dit 'n groot voorreg om te kan leef in ons traditionele leefwyses" (Interview with resident by Omang Productions 2012). It is the place where adults sit and talk to each other after a long day and where children still play undisturbed on the streets. A world of modesty and simplicity where people know and look out for each other. The visible testimony of this town lies in the beautiful church, the school, the factory buildings, the gardens (agricultural) next to the Tra-Tra River and the irrigation channel (Hevns 1980: 40). Figures 5.19-5.22 show these elements within Wupperthal.

The other "face" being one of poverty due to the large amount of unusable land-area and periodic dry seasons. Heyns (1980) compares the effect of human need in a place where people live so close to each other, to the same effect negative influences from outside could have on a community.

#### **KEY**

## 01 Mapping

A Documentary B Oral C Physical



Fig. 5.20 Church, 1830 (Franklin 2015)



lin 2015)



Fig. 5.22 Shoe factory, 1838 Aranklin 2015)



Agricultural fields





# 5.5 WUPPERTHAL, 2015

38 000 ha

After numerous site visits and immersing myself into the culture of Wupperthal, I was fortunate and unfortunate enough to see a glimpse of both the two faces Schieffer mentioned. Wupperthal has some of the most incredible displays of landscape in its rock formations, detailed fynbos plants of the Cederberg and the barren slopes of the Karoo Formations. The experience of this landscape is further amplified through interactions with its people: "Ek kan nog steeds nie glo dat die Here ons hier kom plaas het tussen hierdie mooi berge" (comment from resident, Jan 2015). Alcohol abuse does however play a large part to the other face of Wupperthal.

Over the years, strong traditions were formed that are still in use today. Potjiekos is a Sunday special and the baking of "asbrood" (Figure 5.23) by the women is noteworthy. In contrast to other traditional practices in Africa, it is not the women working in the fields, but the men that look after the crops (see Figure F30 for onions from these fields). Individuals live close to nature for their survival and the medicinal value of plants are well known. For example, rooibos tea was used as replacement for milk in the feeding of babies, although it is now contested by some (see Figures 5.25-5.26 for images of rooibos tea). "Rieldans" is a traditional dance with its root in both Khoi and colonial customs and represents the courtship between a man and a woman. The 'Graskoue Trappers' (Figure F33) one of the Rieldancing groups recently won a gold medal in Los Angelos under the category of ethnic dancing (Timeslive 2015). Rugby is a sport highly valued in Wupperthal and form part of their traditions. According to a resident of Wupperthal "Ons versmoor ons in onse talente" because they do not have a standard size rugby field (Comment from resident, Feb 2015).

"All Pay Day" is once a month and all the individuals of the larger Wupperthal Area gather in the historic core for collection of payment. This day is described as the day where one talks one's heart out with old friends ("dan praat ons ons harte uit" comment from resident, Feb 2015). Although most people here are very shy, their open-heartedness is remarkable.

Wupperthal is safe because everyone knows each other and observation is an important aspect of public life. Wupperthal has been used as refuge for several other individuals. It is rumoured that Heuningvlei, one of the outposts of Wupperthal where I usually stay during site visits, was first inhabited by a man accused of murder in the Netherlands (Bilbe 2011: 272). The Cederberg in the 1830's was an environmentally marginal zone; an island of black elite clans, squatters, runaways and thieves. In the long run it was that



Fig. 5.23 Asbrood (Franklin 2015)



Fig. 5.24 Onions from agricultural fields (Franklin 2015)



Fig. 5.25 Rooibos tea fields (Franklin 2015)



unique environment that most fundamentally shaped the social history of Wupperthal (Bilbe 2011: 272). Another more recent story is that of a Coloured journalist that took refuge in Wupperthal for a period in 1987 (Gardin 2015). People still regard Wupperthal as a sanctuary on the edge of the Cederberg, where visitors can find refuge from the hustle and bustle of everyday city life. Tourism is a valuable source of income for the individuals and has the potential to benefit an entire area when managed correctly.

The summary on pages 62-65 states the significance of the mapped features according to the six value lines developed by Roos (2007). These value lines include the historic, social, emotional, economic, ecological and aesthetic values. Each value activates an obligation to fulfil within the cultural landscape. The obligation is synonymous with an action that need to occur, and with the action a risk or responsibility that need to be managed (vulnerability). The landscape architectural response is diagrammatically included as an extension of the table on the adjacent page. The application of the response is integrated into one of the frameworks for Wupperthal.

#### KEY



Fig 5.26 Dried Rooibos tea (Franklin 2015)



Fig 5.27 Graskoue Trappers - Rieldancing group (Timeslive 2015)

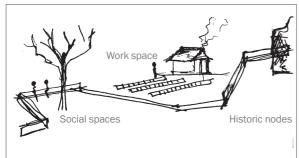


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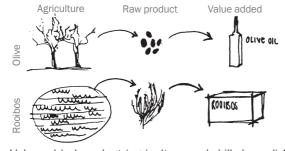
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• Bo-Martienarus  • Bo-Martienarus  • Wupperthal as nucleus	O4 Aesthetic value S: Diversity of landscape O: Valuable for eco tourism V: Over development of tourism destination	O5 Economic value S: Wupperthal, economic hub O: Restore as economic hub V: Change in historic character	O6 Ecological value S: Large area of biodiversity conserved over the years O: Conserve biodiversity V: N/A
Black rural elite (Agriculture based) O Unestook farming O Wood cutters O Robotosi industry	O1 Historic value S: Formation of traditions O: Enhance appreciation for traditions V: N/A	02 Social value S: Effects of slavery in SA O: Preserve mission station V: N/A	03 Emotional value S: Hierarchy of families O: N/A V: N/A
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I village I village boundary III Arabel land IV Pasture land V Woodland  German economic system	O4 Aesthetic value S: 'Unintentional aesthetic' O: Continue as a working landscape V: Loss of system that forms landscape	O5 Economic value  S: Heirloom seeds as a result of its isolation O: Establish seedbase for an economic opportunity V: Change in function of fields	O6 Ecological value  S: Sustainable living component (House on rock slope, fields on fertile soil) C: Expose visitor to this living unit V: Loss of character



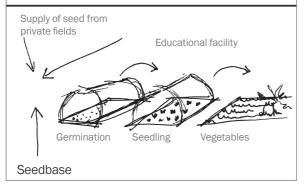
# **RESPONSE**



# Wupperthal as socio-economic hub



# Value added product (agriculture and skills based) '



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- 03 Prepare a statement of significance
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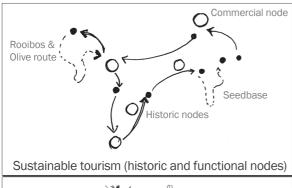
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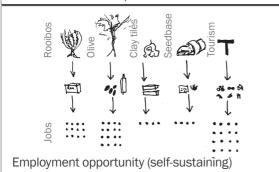


Table 5.1 Summary



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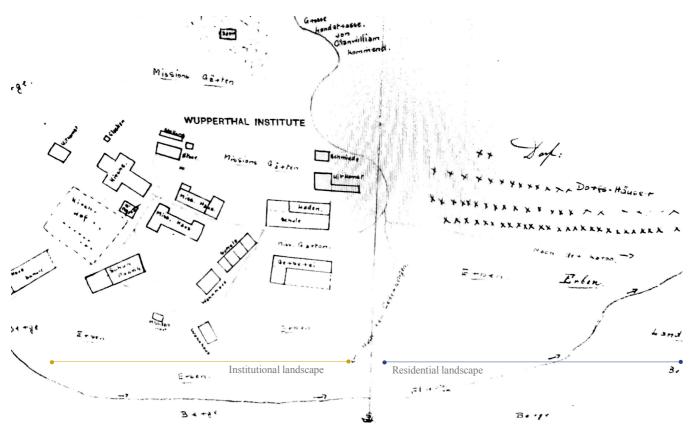




# **CHAPTER 6**

Mapping the physical





 $Fig.\ 6.2\ One\ of\ the\ few\ historically\ documented\ maps\ by\ a\ visiting\ German\ missionary\ (Bilbe\ 2011:\ 28)$ 



Mapping the physical forms part of the section on the documenting of the landscape. It is not only limited to the mapping of physical features, but also to the documentation of intangible elements within the landscape physically. This chapter will be based on the methodology described in Chapter 4 according to the physical elements highlighted by Jackson (1987). The list of elements to be documented by UNESCO was included under Jackson's categories.

# 6.1 OBLIGATIONS, guidelines for new work

As part of the assessment of value within the landscape, certain obligations revealed itself to the approach and implementation of the project. These obligations are informed by the guidelines developed in each of the Burra Charter and Historic Urban Landscape approach (HUL) for preservation and development within the culturally significant landscapes. According to Article 22 of the Burra Charter on *new work*, the outline of the boundary becomes important (see different definitions for work done in cultural landscapes). Boundaries are determined by the understanding of the significance of a component. When the uniformity of a component forms part of its significance (a row of houses), then the scale should be adjusted to include the entire row and not only the work on the 'missing tooth' (ICOMOS 2013). The investigation of the boundary is introduced under the first section of this chapter while the discussion on the scope of work will only be discussed in the development of the masterplan in Chapter 7.

Article 22 of the Burra Charter further comments on the design of new work in its context. If the new work forms part of a larger uniformity, 'missing tooth', then the work should follow existing buildings in bulk, form, character and complexity in detail, but the joinery or masonry should be modified to indicate new work. There are other areas with less contextual constraints on new work, in these areas the form and scale of the work will not affect the significance adversely. Article 15.1 states that the amount of change to a place and its use should be guided by the cultural significance of a place and its appropriate interpretation. The ICOMOS Charter for the conservation of historic towns and urban (HUL) areas states that "the introduction of contemporary elements in harmony with the surroundings should not be discouraged since such features can contribute to the enrichment of an area." (ICOMOS 1987)

The project will base its approach on these guidelines set by the Burra Charter and HUL for new work. In order to develop a contemporary architectural language, the analysis of typology and materiality within Wupperthal formed an important aspect of the physical mapping of the landscape (see Section 6.8 Mobilty and Immobility).

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# BURRA CHARTER DEFINITIONS (ICO-MOS 2013) CULTURAL SIGNIFICANCE

Aesthetic, historic, scientific or social value for past, present or future generations

#### **FABRIC**

Physical material of a place

#### PRESERVATION

Maintaining of the fabric of the place in its existing state and retarding deterioration

#### RESTORATION

Returning to its EXISTING fabric of a place to a known earlier state by removing accretions or by reassembling existing components without the introduction of new material

#### RECONSTRUCTION

Returning a place as nearly as possible to a known state by the introduction of new or old materials

#### **ADAPTION**

Modifying a place to suit proposed compatible uses

#### **COMPATIBLE USE**

Change to the culturally significant fabic, changes which are substantially reversible, or changes which require minimal impact



# **6.2 BOUNDARIES**

The general landscape is a web of boundaries (Figures 6.3- 6.4). Jackson defines two types of boundaries, one that is closely related to the function of the elements that form the boundary e.g. the agricultural fields in Wupperthal (drawn as closely as possible to the arable land). The other boundary is associated with the traditional political landscape and drawn with no relationship to topography or function but rather to isolate, protect and possibly even prevent contact (Jackson 1987: 14). The outside world is formalised in some way, through a gateway or structure. The standalone church or school (also evident in Wupperthal) proclaim its dignity and their legal system of autonomy (Jackson 1987: 14). Most prominent public space in Wupperthal finds itself here.

Jackson describes the difference between the political and residential landscape. The mapping of boundaries in Wupperthal focused gave way to the identification of land uses, clusters and patterns listed by UNESCO. While the political landscape and its associated boundaries take up a rather large area for the function it performs (Figure 6.11), it is in fact the residential landscape that carries the most significance within the cultural landscape as a sustainable land use unit (Figure 6.12).

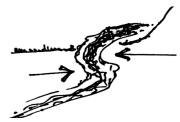


Fig. 6.3 Closely associated boundary (e.g. river, road) (Franklin 2015)



Fig. 6.4 Boundary as envelope (e.g. church) (Franklin 2015)



Fig. 6.5 Road as boundary (Franklin 2015)



Fig. 6.6 River as boundary (Franklin 2015)



Fig. 6.7 Agricultural fields as boundary (Franklin 2015)



A distinctive pattern developed from the composition of the agricultural fields as transition between the natural and build environment. River, buildings, and agricultural fields are the three building blocks for the formation of this composition in each of the fourteen outposts (see Figures 6.13).

The spatial organisation in Wupperthal follows a specific order. All 'inflow' functions implemented by the church to cater for its people sit against the foot of the Cederberg mountains (Heyns 1980: 150). These inflow functions are supported by 'enablers'. An example of this element in the landscape is the school (inflow) with the hostels (enabler) situated in the central area of the historic town. Any proposed functions that need to fulfil a specific purpose such as these should be located in the appropriate area.

# 6.3 Form follows function

Jackson draws direction here to the familiar, the social core, the plaza. The place where one engages with others and pass time. These spaces might be clearly defined or a mere open piece of land where individuals pass, a place of passive enjoyment (Jackson 1987: 16). Jackson believes that the greatest enjoyment for a tourist is to witness action in a public square which represents a true display of culture. He suggests that the lack of such examples in countries is a sign of social decadence. The plaza is the place where social

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Fig. 6.11 Road leading to church

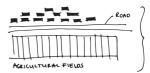
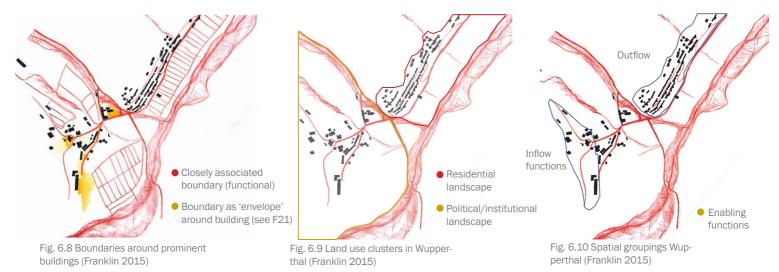


Fig. 6.12 Road between homes and



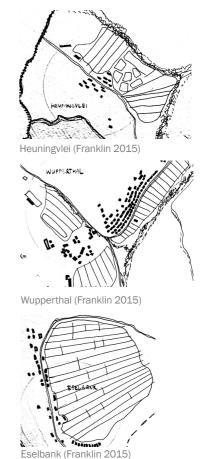




# WUPPERTHAL (38 000 ha)

# Fourteen outposts Distinct settlement and agriculture patterns within the greater Wupperthal area in the specific combination of river, agricultural fields and built structures. All sketches were traced from Google Earth.

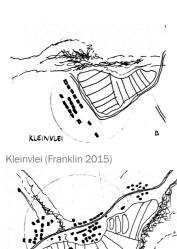




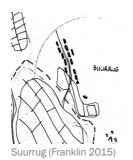


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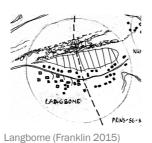


Grasvlei (Franklin 2015)

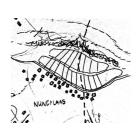












Nuweplaas (Franklin 2015)

Beukeskraal (Franklin 2015)







Martiensrus (Franklin 2015)

MARTIENSRUS

Langkloof (Franklin 2015)

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order is displayed, the community's relationship to the authority, and the individuals role in society is shown. Public space serves as a reminder of a communal responsibility of civic duty. Some of the most important public squares in history, thought to be celebrated as well-articulated public spaces, are in fact only periodic displays of events and the real public space occurred somewhere else.

Public space in Wupperthal displayed some of the same attributes Jackson discusses in this section. The plaza in Wupperthal is not the main area of public interface, but rather a larger market space used once a month on all pay day. Gathering space is rather found in the in-between spaces, on a small wall in front of the mission shop on the intersection of two roads. The agricultural fields close to the centre of town prove to be a space of passive enjoyment for the men working in the fields; observer without participatory obligation. The most important form of public space in fact occurs on the "stoepe" (verandas) of individual homes, relating to the intimacy of such a close-knit community in its isolation (see Figure 6.14).

# 6.4 ROADS

In ancient Greece, roads were sacred elements within the landscape. In mythology, they were mediators between the living and the dead. Today they still play the role of mediator, between urban and rural, public and secret space. The nucleus of the landscape was the point of intersection in roads, the *decomanus maximus* (east-west) and the *cardo maximus* (north-south). Grids were developed in Roman times around the town square and a traditionally sized piece of land (determined by use of oxen). In our modern age the road represents movement to a better sociable goal, the leaving of the family for a more stimulating place. The building of road also serve political and economic means, connecting agricultural fields with centres of distribution (Jackson 1987).

Wupperthal is dependent on the trade of products for its economic input into the community. Wupperthal is well-known for its sweet potatoes (Patats) in their tradition of bartering amongst other mission stations (informal discussion with ex-resident of Saron, January 2015). Leather shoes, Rooibos tea leaves and wood (*Widdrintonia cederbergenis*) formed part of the original traded products (Bilbe 2011). However, the trade of these products however have declined dramatically over the last decades. A large number of the community members leave Wupperthal in search for employment opportunities elsewhere.

The next spread depicts the experience of a typical visitor in Wupperthal. The user is only exposed to a limited view of Wupperthal. Roads in Wupperthal act both as a divider and connector within the cultural landscape (Figure 6.15). The main entrance road from Clanwilliam divides the political and residential



landscape, while the road into the valley forms the connection between the church and its people. There are areas in Wupperthal that cannot be accessed by a sedan as a result of the rough terrain. When tourists visit Wupperthal, they only gain access by taking a 50km gravel route through the Biedouw Valley leading to Wupperthal or a 4x4 route from the Cederberg. Visitors typically look for the church, the shoe factory and then what they can find to eat or drink and leave again (Figure 6.15). Only a few visitors take more interest in further exploring Wupperthal for its people, landscape and charm. The images marked with red show areas where the functional needs of Wupperthal detracts from the historic nodes. Improvement of these areas will address the functional needs (presence) and enhance the experience of Wupperthal (absence).

# 6.5 SPACES, sacred and profane

Every society forms its own set of social boundaries and spatial orientation. Currently we see a change in the traditional use of space to the creation of a more harmonious unit. For example, where eating was once a completely separate activity, eating and social space now tends to form part of the same unit. The simple family farmstead unit was frowned upon, moving to larger farms, now only to return again to the sustainable unit of harmonious living (Jackson 1987).

Wupperthal in its totality is a reference to the latter harmonious unit. This communal agricultural system of share-cropping that modern society tries to recreate and assimilate within our daily lives has been in existence in Wupperthal for more than 200 years. Today in South Africa very few examples still exists of such a continuing landscape. This forms part of the significance of the cultural landscape of Wupperthal and the lessons to be learnt from history. Views towards this harmonious unit expose the visitor to a different and communal way of life. The most significant view over this land unit can be found from Singkop. The mountainous terrain and the entrance to Wupperthal from Clanwilliam conceal this composition from the average tourist visiting Wupperthal. Singkop is also the place where Christmas carols are sung that form part of a sacred procession during the time of the Christian faith with celebration of the birth of their King. Another reference to a sacred place is Sneeukop, one of the highest peaks in the area ,seen in a distance behind the church. (See a poem written about Sneeukop in Chapter 4, page 32)

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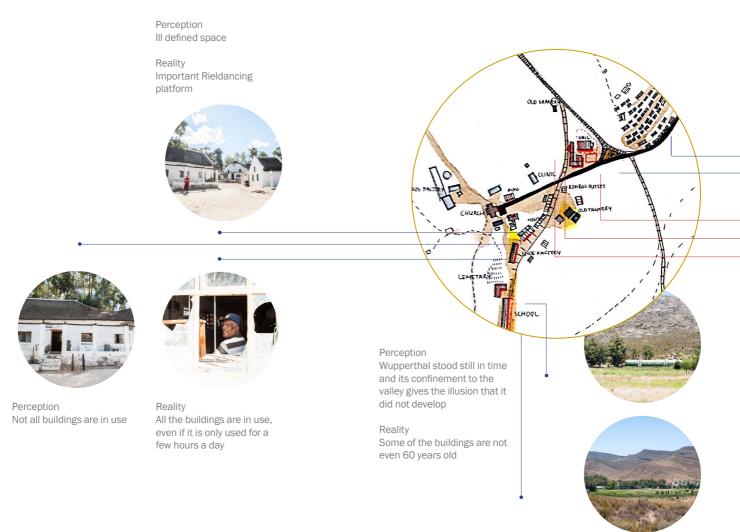


Fig. 6.14 Perceptions and public space in Wupperthal







# Perception The institutional landscape

form the most prominent unit within the cultural landscape,

# Reality

The most significant unit is the residential landscape with its agricultural fields

#### KEY

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Perception Wupperthal is the only town in the area.

#### Reality

Wupperthal consists of fourteen outposts over a diverse range of veld types (see F39 -42 for a discussion of the vegetation types)









Reality Gathering space is rather found in the in-between spaces, on a small wall in front of the mission shop on the intersection of two roads



Perception The agricultural fields close to the centre of town proved to be a space of passive enjoyment for the men working in the fields: observer without participatory obligation

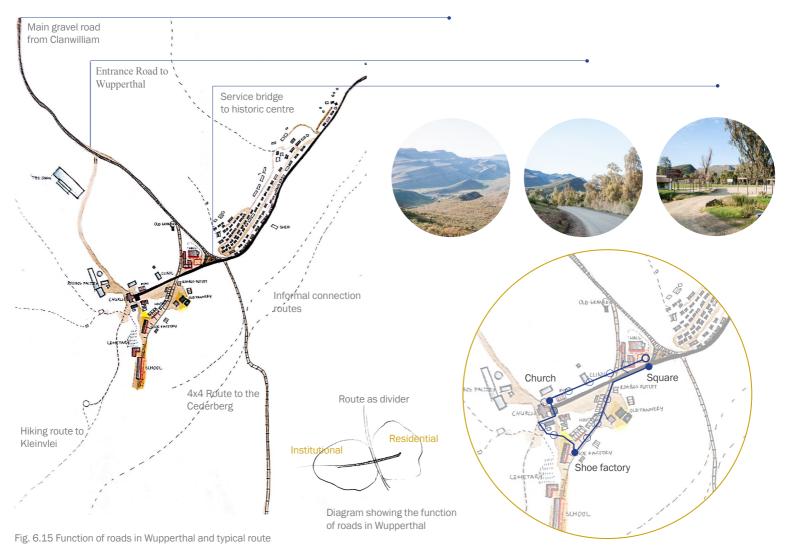


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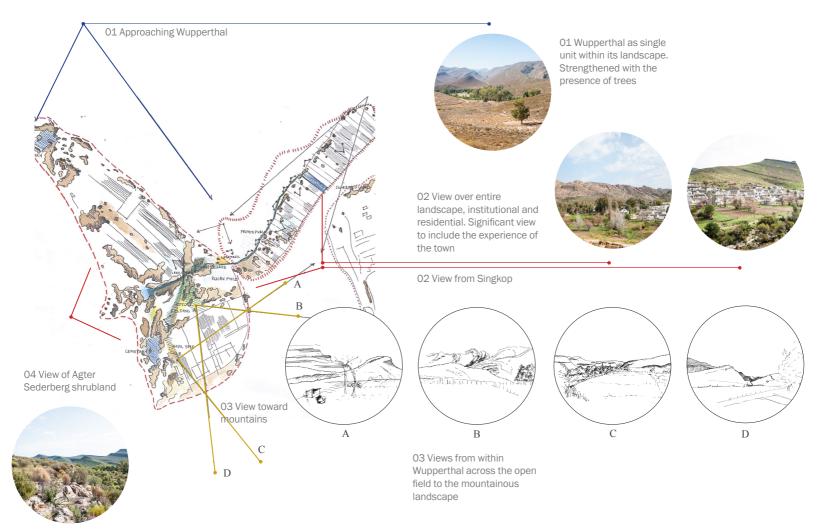


Fig. 6.16 Visibility within Wupperthal



6.6 VISIBILITY

Visibility has significance to the viewer. To the environmentalist – topography and vegetation will be visible; and to the architecture student – buildings. In the seen, one sees the commonplace of greatness. What is seen is also the material realisation of man's principles. Property makes man visible and accessible (Jackson 1987: 35).

Visibility on various levels informed the value of different elements within the landscape. From a distance Wupperthal is confined to the flat plains of the valley that gives it an oasis-like feel in the karoo landscape. Wupperthal is framed with trees, but allows glimpses into the workings of the town as one enters. The significance of the agricultural fields are realised in the continuation of this settlement pattern and transition between nature and the build environment

There are views from within Wupperthal where one is subtly reminded of the varied mountainous landscape. Visibility informed the development line in Wupperthal as part of the mission framework. There are areas where these views could be enhanced for the dramatic effect it creates when viewed in isolation. These 'positive' views are however affected by poor development and clutter that accumulated over the years (see Figure 6.15). Visibility plays an important role in safety and public space within Wupperthal. The entrance to the town needed to be reconsidered in terms of visibility while other views from within the town were noted as important.

#### KEY



# 6.7 NATURAL SPACES

# **A TOPOGRAPHY**

Wupperthal is situated on the edge of the Cederberg mountains and Karoo formations. The majority of land has low agricultural potential due to its mountainous terrain. The settlement pattern (Figure 6.13) is



Fig. 6.17 Larger Cederberg mountain range (Google Earth 2015)

Fig. 6.18 Wupperthal in its immediate mountainous context (Google Earth 2015)

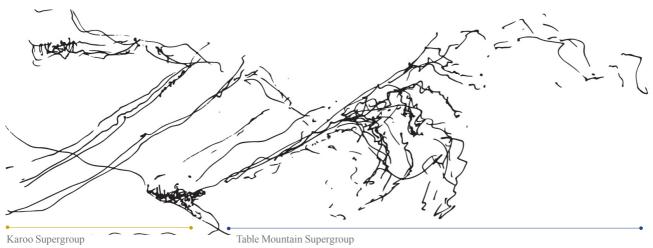


Fig. 6.19 Approaching Wupperthal. Karoo formations to the west and Cederberg mountains to the east (Franklin 2015)



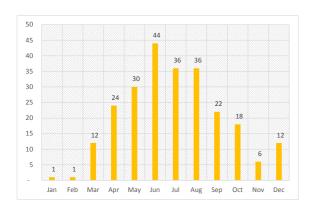
a direct influence of the topography and the location of settlement around the fertile valleys. The isolation of Wupperthal can further be ascribed to the poor road network installed in this terrain. The main gravel road to Wupperthal now lends more access to Wupperthal and can be seen in the number of day visitors visiting Wupperthal. The topography, soil properties and climate directly influence the planting communities within the greater Wupperthal area.

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## **B GEOLOGY**

Wupperthal sits on the edge of the 'Table Mountain supergroup' geological formation and 'Karoo supergroup'. The Cederberg in this area consists of predominently sandstone and shale in close proximity to Wupperthal.



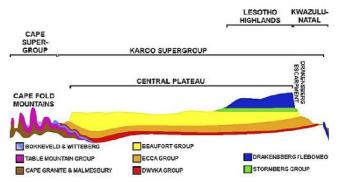


Fig 6.20 Average Rainfall for Wupperthal (Weather SA 2015)

Fig. 6.21 Geological formation in Wupperthal

#### **C CLIMATE**

Wupperthal receives winter rainfall with two extreme rainfall conditions; the Cederberg receives an average of 750mm of rain per year, while the lower lying Karoo only receives an average of 300mm per year. The climate influences the proposed material to be used and the way it is constructed.



#### D VEGETATION

The varied landscape of the Greater Wupperthal area allows for a rich plant palette. Figure 6.26 shows the different veld types according to Mucina and Rutherford (2006). FFb 1 Northern inland shale band FFs 4 Cederberg Sandstone Fynbos, Skv 3 Agter Sederberg Shrubland, Skv 5 Tanqua Karoo (Figures 6.22-6.25). The Cederberg is a centre of endemism and therefore no other species will be included in the proposed plant palette unless historically motivated or otherwise. Unfortunately there is limited information available for their ability to be commercially grown from seed or transplanted. Some of these species are very specific to their distribution where altitude, rainfall and soil type plays an important role. There are however plant families that are easily recognised and with known growth properties.

















Fig. 6.24 Skv 3 Agter Sederberg shrubland (Franklin 2015)

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Fig.6.25 Skv 5 Tanqua Karoo (Franklin 2015)

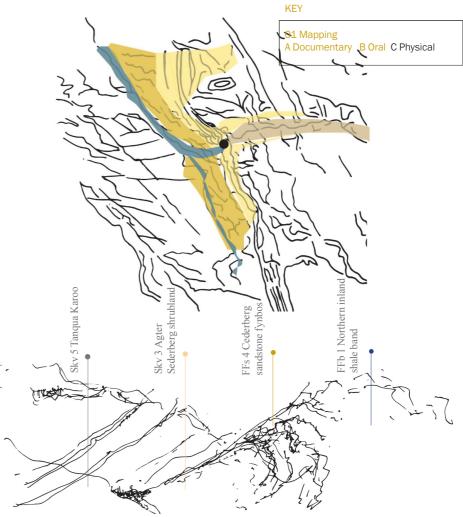


Fig. 6.26 Fourteen outposts of Wupperthal



#### 6.8 MOBILITY AND IMMOBILITY

In the traditional landscape, when walls and fences were not practical, long-life trees and stone markers were used. Jackson describes the fields as some of the most elusive elements of the landscape (Jackson 1987). In the inhabitant landscape certain spaces are designed for temporary use. When the use changes, so does the space. Where once cattle had right of way now lays a barren land. Movable and immobile elements differ from each village where trees would be seen as permanent but rock walls as movable. The visible often signified the immobile while the intangible elements were seen as movable.

Observations in Wupperthal were directed to find the intangible properties with the way land is used in order to understand the value associated with these areas. Seemingly insignificant areas turned out to be valuable areas for cultural practices. The area in front of the old shoe factory is not only a dusty platform, but in actual fact a 'Rieldancing' platform where traditional dances of Wupperthal are practiced. The understanding of space is further informed by Lefebvre's (1968) writing on public space. The series of photographs explains his concept (also discussed in more detail in Chapter 3). The spaces of representation directs attention to the 'imaginary' and the representation of space to the designed space; the avenue of trees. The formation of these spaces are ultimately formed through its spatial practice. Once the spatial practice changes, so does the spaces according to its need. It is important to understand the formation of space and the use thereof in order to tap into the systems that already exist and not take away from the vernacular landscape of Wupperthal and its community.

#### 6.9 HABITAT AND HABIT

Habit over the course of time resulted in the slow adaption of place. Customs form as part of the inhabited landscape. These customs and tradition remind us who we are and where we belong and the total immersion thereof the creation of a sense of place. The farmer needs to recognise the invisible potential of the land in order to bring it to its natural perfection. Wupperthal is associated with a strong sense of tradition in its isolation from the rest of the world. These traditions include the use of the Afrikaans language, traditional food such as *potjie*, *asbrood*, and the use of plants as medicine.

One of the traditions that formed is the use of white-washed walls. The white-washed rectangular house type was introduced to Wupperthal by the Rhenish mission society. These walls are painted white with the use of white clay from one of the outstations called Witwater. A study done by Alan Kaplan in 1980 proposed the use of a rich clay quarry for the manufacturing of tiles as economic means. Clay found in the

#### Mission church



Fig. 6.27 Moravian church (Franklin



Fig. 6.28 Dennelaan leading to church



Fig. 6.29 Interior of church (protestant) (Franklin 2015)



#### School

#### Shoe factory

#### Agricultural fields



Fig. 6.30 School building (Franklin 2015)



Fig. 6.33 Shoe factory building (Frank-



Fig. 6.36 Agricultural fields (Franklin



Fig. 6.31Fields in front of school (Franklin 2015)



Fig. 6.34 Old tannery foundations



Fig. 6.37 Irrigation channel (Franklin



Fig. 6.32 New toilets on school yard (Franklin 2015)



Fig. 6.35 Stoep of shoe factory (Franklin 2015)



Fig. 6.38 Onions from vegetable gardens (Franklin 2015)

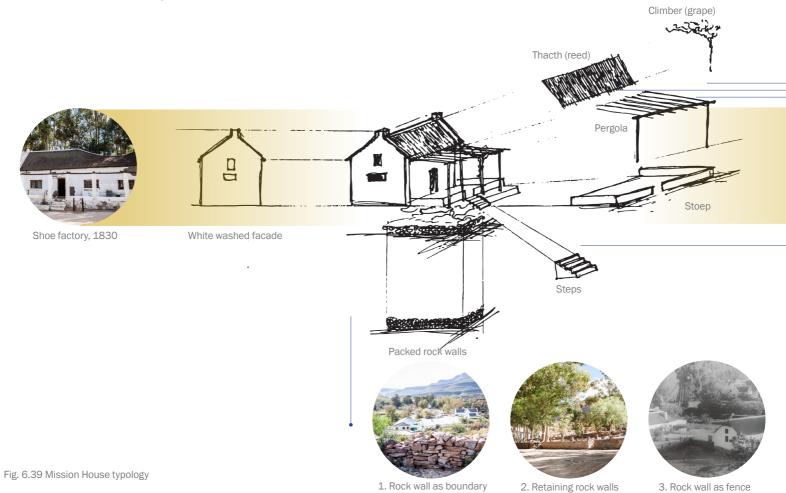
Representation of Space (Designed)

Spaces or Representation (Experience)

Spatial Practice (Perceived)



TYPOLOGY
Mission house type:
White washed walls with stoep











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Stoep of shoe factory



Steps at residential home

larger wupperthal area include red and yellow clay used for the making of clay bricks. This clay source could be a valuable economic driver for the people of Wupperthal.

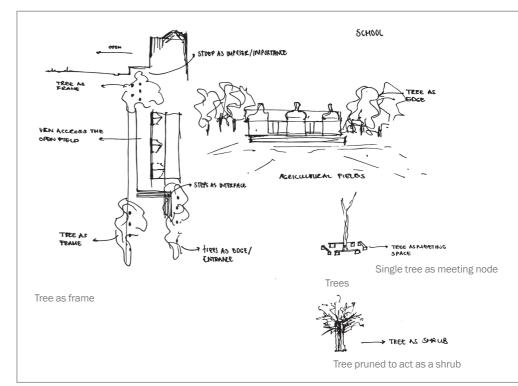
Rock walls in Wupperthal were used as fence lines and retaining walls. Retaining walls still feature according to their specific function in Wupperthal while rock walls as boundary or fence have been replaced by wire fence lines that are more adaptable to change in functions. Trees however are more permanent and accompany the historic core with a dusty void. Trees have been used in a variety of ways for specific functions. The analysis of the trees also placed attention on the buildings and the styles of the buildings that are not in line with the development of Wupperthal.

The typology within Wupperthal is linked to the formation of a community over 200 years; their customs, traditions and use of space influence the physical world in which they live. The spatial character of habitable structures documented enables one to understand the significance and use of space -by carrying a bed outside on the *stoep* with its pergola, during warm summer days, the stoep becomes an extension of the home. One tree becomes the meeting place and the discussion of important matters. The author chose to map these elements as 'presence' and 'absences' (described earlier in Chapter 3, concept development). Understanding the use of elements in the creation of space forms a vital investigation for the formation of an appropriate architectural language within Wupperthal. The interpretation of the understanding of the typology is discussed in the detail development chapter.



## **TYPOLOGY** 19th Century architecture and the use of trees and dusty voids Trees Structures Agriculture Natural systems

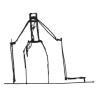
Fig. 6.40 Tree and facade











Church, 1830

Rectory, circa 1830

Post office, circa 1838

Residential unit, circa 1834

ARCHITECTURAL FACADE STYLE FROM 1830 - 2015



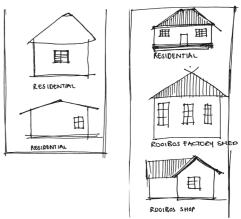
### TREES AS Tree as announcer Tree as backdrop to church Various use of trees within the Wupperthal cultural landscape (Franklin 2015) POST OFFICE TREE AS DIRECTOR TLEES AS BUFFER Tree as director Tree as buffer to post office on church yard

Old Farmstead, 1800

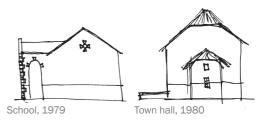
# Mission shop, 1870 Residential home Hostel, 1930

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Architectural styles not in line with standards for Wupperthal





#### 6.10 TYPOLOGY, summary

#### 1. Steps

Steps become an important device in the transition between spaces, threshold

#### 2 Thatch

The continuation of thatch in the architecture is important to prevent other styles from entering the Wupperthal cultural landscape

#### 3 Trees as buffer

The different uses of trees creates an interesting threshold device

#### 4. Tree as meeting place

The use of trees as markers for a meeting place is an important cultural phenomenon in Wupperthal and should continue to stimulate such spaces. The single street light in Wupperthal creates this same effect in the deserted town at night.

#### 5. Pergola structure

The juxtaposition of the light material against the solid white-washed walls is an interesting element in the creation of space in the areas classified as presences. This could possibly inform the architectural style to be proposed for infrastructural structures such as ablution facilities.

#### 6 Rock walls

Rock walls can be adapted to be used within the landscape to clearly define zones as per the historic feel of the town in different compartments

#### 7. Stoep

The typology of the stoep informed the use of low white-washed werf walls to define the extend of the boundary around ill-defined historic elements

#### 8. White-washed facade

Inform the bulk and character of new elements

#### 9. Tree as announcer

#### **PRESENCE**

#### ABSENCE



1. Steps



7. Stoep



2. Thatch



8. White







announcer

4. Tree as meeting place





6. Rock walls

SUMMARY OF TYPOLOGY



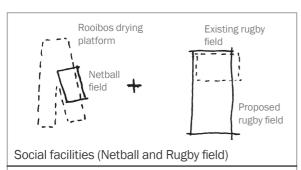


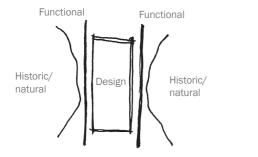
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Minima azera	S: Wupperthal operates as farm	S: Church, school	S: Afrikaans language		
WUPPERTHAL INSTITUTE	O: Continues to function as active	O: Provide support facilities (rugby,	O: Stimulate pride in the Afrikaans		
No service and Domest	farm yard	netball)	language (include poems)		
Manual Ma	V: N/A	V: Loss of character	V: Signage in a historical site		
	04 Aesthetic value	05 Economic value	06 Ecological value		
	S: Enhance historic areas	S: Daily tourism visitors	S: Devoid of nature in town		
Corn	O: Clear clutter, define areas of	O: Increase tourism facilities	O: Increase biodiversity in 'presence		
Bergi Bergi	'Absence'	V: Change in historic character	areas'		
01 Wupperthal, farm werf	V: Potential change in use of areas		V: N/A		
	01 Historic value	02 Social value	03 Emotional value		
	S: Mission station principles applied	S: Lack of social space	S: Remembrance tradition		
en milione of the committee of the commi	to landscape	O: Include social space as part of	O: Respect traditions		
	O: Find the interface	the public interface	V: <i>N/A</i>		
	V: N/A	V: Change in character			
	04 Aesthetic value	05 Economic value	06 Ecological value		
	S: Functional dividers	S: Economic opportunities are	S: Use of ornamental plants in		
	O: Use functionality as part of the	available	private holes		
	concept for development	O: Stimulate new economic drivers	O: Increase awareness of use of		
,	V: Loss of proposed implementation	in-between areas	indigenous plants in in-between		
02 Boundaries	if not attached to an additional	V: Change in character	areas		
02 Bouridaries	function		V: N/A		
	01 Historic value	02 Social value	03 Emotional value		
acusal Callin	S: Perceptions	S: Sensitive community	S: Strong sense of community		
	O: Tell the entire story of Wupperthal	O: Respect community order in the	O: Keep the community of		
	for personal interpretation	implementation of the project (PP)	Wupperthal as a closed community		
TO THE THE PARTY STATES	V: N/A	V: Rejection of project	V: Gentrification		
CHURCH	04 Aesthetic value	05 Economic value	06 Ecological value		
Buc marcus	S: Wupperthal stuck in time	S: Self- sustaining unit in isolation	S: Unique biodiversity		
CEMETARA	O: Preserve romance of Wupperthal	O: Preserve as self-sustaining unit	O: Increase awareness and		
Surgor.	V: Lack of development	V: N/A	appreciation for natural asset		
			V: N/A		
03 Perceptions, public space					

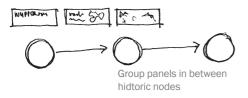






Functionality as part of concept

Signage development



Tell the story of Wupperthal (signage)

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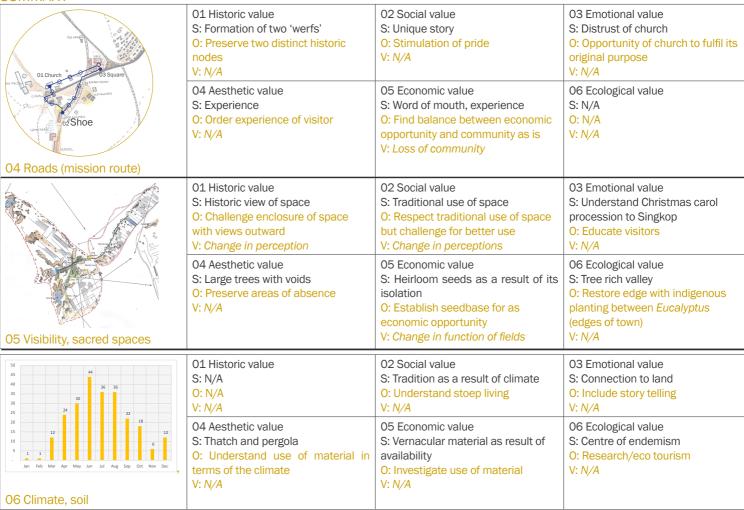
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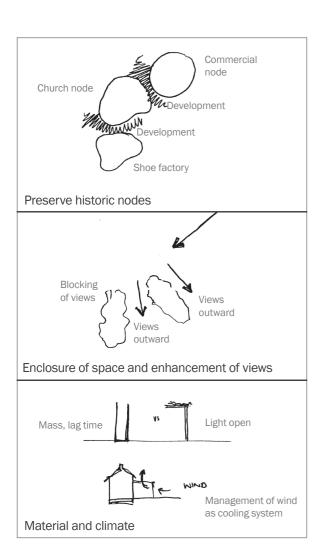
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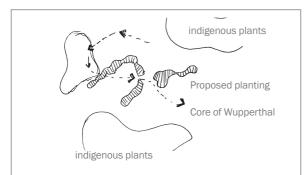
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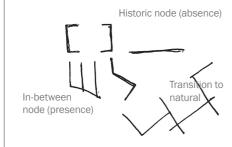
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O7 Vegetation	O1 Historic value S: Unique plant variety O: Preserve biodiversity V: N/A  O4 Aesthetic value S: Indigenous plants O: Increase use of indigenous plants as tool for place-making V: N/A	02 Social value S: Medicinal plants O: Expose visitors to plant properties V: N/A  05 Economic value S: Inherent plant species O: Establish nursery as part of seedbank V: N/A	03 Emotional value S: Harmonious living unit O: Educate visitors V: Over develop  06 Ecological value S: Carrying capacity of lands O: Preserve open areas and limit livestock farming V: N/A
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	O1 Historic value S: Vernacular elements O: Use these elements as design informants V: N/A  O4 Aesthetic value	O2 Social value S: Tree, pergola - social stimulants O: Continuation of the use of these stimulants within the landscape V: Lack of use  O5 Economic value	O3 Emotional value S: Pride in rock packing techniques O: Not necessary in line with look and feel appropriate for Wupperthal V: Insult O6 Ecological value
10 Typology	S: Uniformity of use O: Implement elements that could form part of a new vernacular V: Loss of character	S: N/A O: N/A V: N/A	S: N/A O: N/A V: N/A

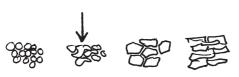




Increase use of indigenous plants in place-making



Re-instate rock wall as ordering device



Rock packing techniques in Wupeprthal

Uniform use of material within Wupperthal

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#### CHAPTER 7

Framework development

Fig. 7.1 Entrance to Wupperthal (Franklin 2015)





Chapter 7 discusses the formation of the frameworks based on the mapping and analysis of space and features in Wupperthal. These frameworks follow different scales, narrowing down to the masterplan. The overall water strategy as well as the rooibos drying platform will be discussed as part of the masterplan while the planting strategy will be discussed as part of the technical investigation in the next chapter leading up to the sketchplan.

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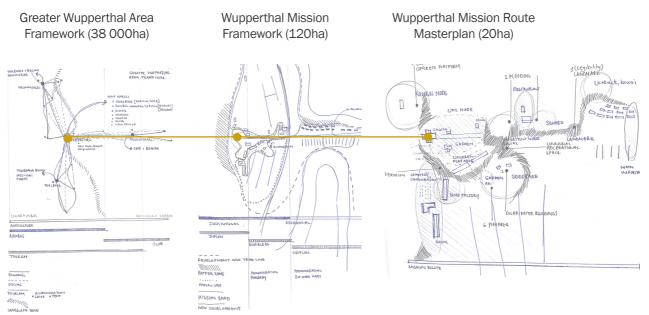


Fig. 7.3 Framework development diagrams (Franklin 2015)

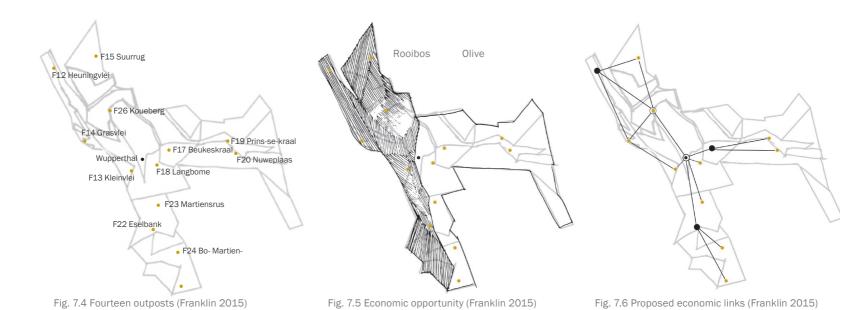


#### 7.1 GREATER WUPPERTHAL AREA FRAMEWORK

38 000 ha

The Greater Wupperthal Area Framework responds to the larger composition of Wupperthal and its fourteen outposts as it came into being over the years. The framework focuses on the economic landscape on which Wupperthal is based. In order to restore Wupperthal as socio-economic hub to its people this landscape needs to be understood in its totality. Wupperthal fulfils an important social role as central hub to the fourteen outposts.

The Greater Wupperthal Area is divided into two main landscape vegetation types. These vegetation types determine the spatial character of the area and the potential of the land. The Cederberg Sandstone Fynbos (Ceder formations) to the east and the Agter-Sederberg Shrubland (Karoo formations) to the west (see Chapter 6 for a more detailed description). Rooibos (*Aspalathus linearis*) is a dominant feature in the





larger area but only located in the Cederberg Sandstone Fynbos at altitudes between 300 – 1000m above sea level (Hawkins 2011). Three types of rooibos can be found in this area. They are classified according to their growth form and distribution. Two of the three rooibos plants are harvested as wild rooibos while the third is planted for small scale commercial use. Wupperthal produces a high quality organic variety used for blending in lower quality tea to increase its taste. The Cederberg is the only area in the world where rooibos is grows (Hawkins 2011). Rooibos is well-known for its health properties.

The Karoo formations comprise of a harsh climate with an average rainfall of only 300mm rain per year. These areas provide little value for stock farming or other agricultural activities apart from the private vegetable gardening. Heyns (1987) refers to a study done for the use of olive trees in the valley, but this proposal was never implemented. Olive trees (*Olea europeae*) are adapted to grow in harsh climates and poor soil conditions. As part of the framework olive trees are proposed as an industry to support economic activity in the drier Karoo landscape to the east.

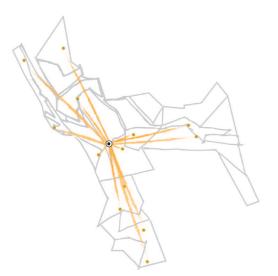


Fig. 7.7 Existing social network (Franklin 2015)

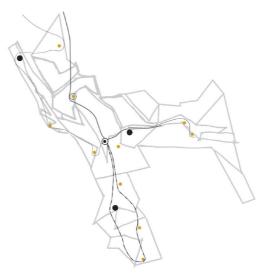
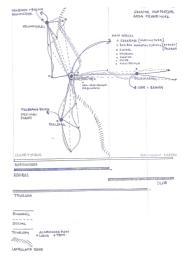


Fig.7.8 Proposed tourism network (Franklin 2015)

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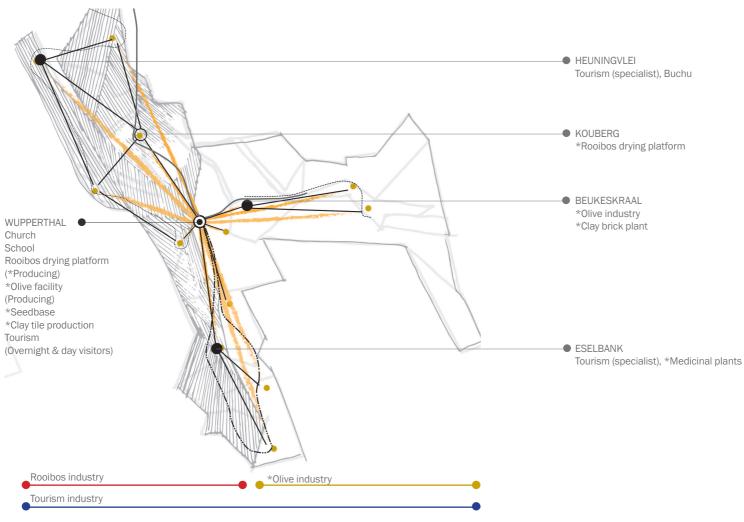


Fig. 7.9 Greater Wupperthal Area Framework (\*proposed) (Franklin 2015)



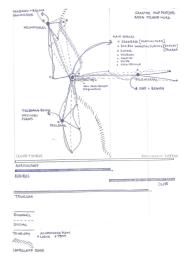
Tourism, as part of Cape Nature Heritage Route, comprises of hiking routes linking some of the smaller outposts. Accommodation, catering, donkey cart rides and the use of guides are some of the economic spin-offs that occur as a result of tourism. Tourism is not only limited to these hiking routes, but outposts can be reached as a destination in itself by gravel roads, mostly only accessible by high clearance vehicles. The isolation and condition of the roads dictates the 'specialist visitors' to the greater area while Wupperthal itself receives more day visitors. Specialist visitors have an interest in specific activities such as hiking, birding and botany.

Wupperthal as socio-economic hub to its people (including all fourteen outposts) needs to support and represent these functions. The social composition of Wupperthal as described in Figure 7.9 of this document helped to understand the role the church has to play as support structure. Wupperthal needs to support both agriculture and skills based activities in the larger context. A junction exists where skills and agriculture work together in value added products. Agriculture produces the raw material, but instead of selling it immediately value is added in the form of manufacturing, where rooibos is worked into tea bags and sold at a higher price. Wupperthal would also form part of a platform to sell these products to visiting tourists and even distribute to other areas. With this proposal, jobs are created by these skill based activities support agriculture in the larger area. This would also apply to the proposed olive industry.

#### Design considerations

- Review the current rooibos drying facility
- · Include proposed olive industry in Wupperthal, trees as well as oil pressing and bottling facility
- Explore sustainable tourism in Wupperthal

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#### 7.2 WUPPERTHAL MISSION FRAMEWORK

The Wupperthal mission framework includes a set of development lines and spatial organisation guidelines that originated from the analysis and ends in a proposal for an inclusion of a mission route as ordering device for the historic town of Wupperthal. This framework follows on the Greater Wupperthal area and continues into the Mission Route Masterplan.

The mapped images on the right stems out of the mapped features in Chapter 6. These mapped features included visibility, boundaries and roads as base layers. The concept of duality was tested on these base layers that directed the decisions with regards to the placement of development lines and buffers. The layers of dualities mapped include views, energy flow, and choice diagrams that were informed by the features evident in the cultural landscape.

The strong edge in Wupperthal gave way to the development line and the two buffer areas that need to be addressed as part of the Mission Framework. The inflow and outflow functions informed the second set of boundaries. Here inflow functions (church, school, rooibos facility) are located on the foot of the Cederberg mountain range. The area in between this inflow area and the outflow area (residential area) forms the enabling functions (see Chapter 6 page 71). The mapping of choices highlights the *werf*-like functioning of Wupperthal within its historic core. It is as a result of the lack in legibility that the mission route is proposed with a series of nodes.

The development line forms the outer edge of Wupperthal. This edge is mostly well-defined in terms of its border with rivers or roads. The problematic areas for the buffer is indicated in Figure 7.19. The buffer behind the church will be addressed in the masterplan with the placement of the rooibos platform while the other buffer is a matter of management. The kraal structures are appropriate functional buffers to the larger landscape. These structures will only be allowed to be built with rocks gathered in the area. No roof structures will be allowed. The building line indicates the line in which large buildings (with roof structures) can be placed. The building line is a response to the important transition between the larger natural area, agricultural fields and the build structures. Two areas are marked for development that touches on the historic nodes or 'absences', these edges form an interesting interface that will be explored in the sketchplan . The proposed tourism routes are indicated in Figure 7.19. The management of the routes will be discussed in the detail development chapter. Figure 7.22 shows the exploration of nodes and buffers in the development of the framework.



Fig 7.10 Views diagram (Franklin 2015)



Fig 7.11 Visibility analysis in Wupperthal (Franklin 2015)

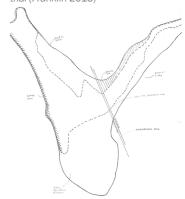


Fig 7.12 Development line, building line and buffer development (Franklin 2015)





Fig 7.13 Energy flow diagram (Franklin 2015)



Fig 7.14 Energy flow analysis in Wupperthal (Franklin 2015)

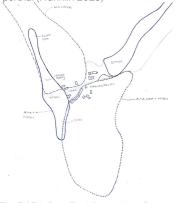


Fig. 7.15 Inflow, Enabling and outflow functions (Franklin 2015)

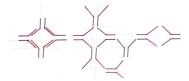


Fig 7.16 Choice diagram (Franklin 2015)



Fig 7.17 Diagram of choices applied to Wupperthal (Franklin 2015)

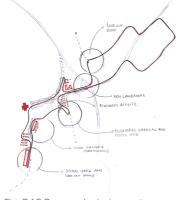
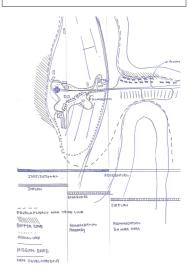


Fig. 7.18 Proposed mission route as master plan (Franklin 2015)

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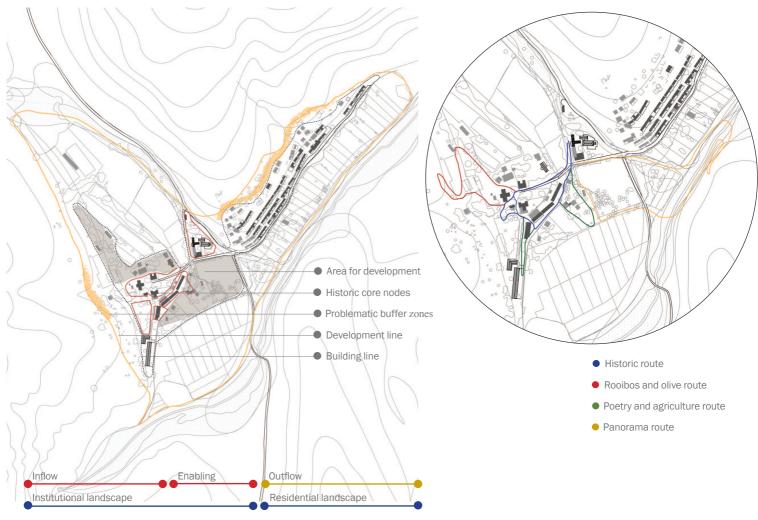
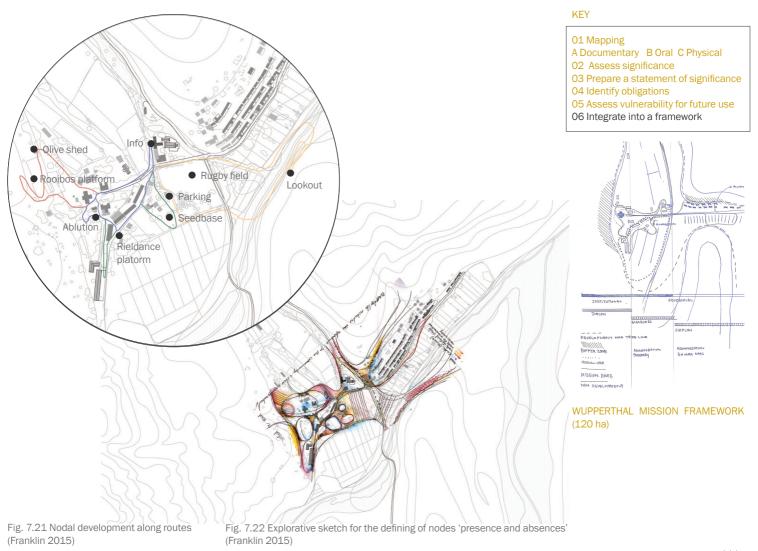


Fig. 7.19 Wupperthal Mission Framework (Franklin 2015)

Fig. 7.20 Proposed Tourism Route (Franklin 2015)







#### 7.3 WUPPERTHAL MISSION ROUTE MASTERPLAN

The masterplan was developed from the Mission Framework and proposed nodes along the tourism route. These nodes are mostly as a result of the facilities needed for the residents of Wupperthal as discussed throughout the development of the framework. This set of concept development sketches responds to some

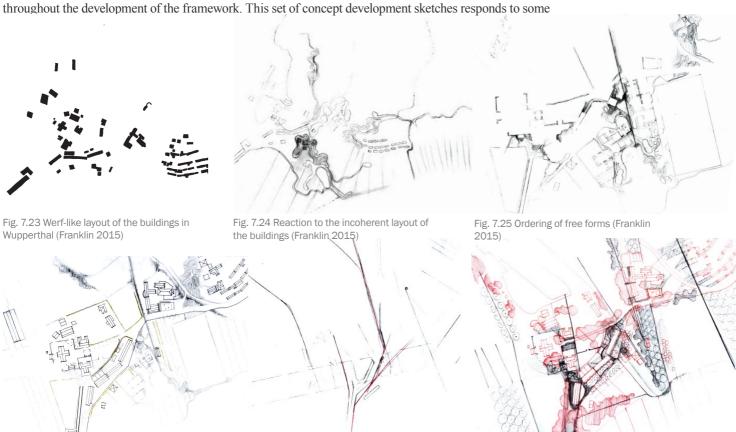


Fig. 7.26 Design development of masterplan (Franklin 2015)

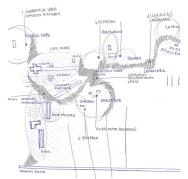
Fig. 7.27 Structuring lines derived from the existing condition (Franklin 2015)

Fig. 7.28 Intuitive sketch (doodle as overlay for masterplan (Franklin 2015)





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Fig. 7.29 Masterplan development (Franklin 2015)





Fig. 7.30 Wupperthal Mission Framework, existing plan with ordering device (Franklin 2015)



Fig. 7.31 Explorative rooibos platform model (Franklin 2015)



Fig. 7.32 Cut into steep slope (Franklin 2015)



Fig. 7.33 Rooibos drying platform investigation (Franklin 2015)



of design challenges within the cultural landscape. The fragmented nodes and the *werf*-like positions of buildings in Wupperthal added an unusual layer to the design. Conventional responses to the layout of the buildings were not possible and therefore the areas of 'presence' were explored as a means to bring order to the areas of absence. The ordering device (Figure 7.30) for the masterplan stems from an attempt to bring balance to the plan.

These lines are drawn from existing features within the landscape. The lines also followed an investigation for an alternative platform for the drying of rooibos tea.

#### A ROOIBOS DRYING PLATFORM

Rooibos drying courts are half a rugby field of concrete, usually situated on valuable agricultural fields, as the fertile valleys are often the only level area to be found. The rooibos platform was explored as a means to address the problematic buffer behind the church, and the growing need for the cultivation of rooibos in the landscape. The proposal here was to look at a way to integrate this large platform gently into the slope taking into account the minimum turning circle required for a tractor (20m). After visiting the site (due to variations in the slope) it was not suitable for the first proposal of the rooibos drying platform. Further investigation of the slope behind the church opened up a natural platform for this purpose.

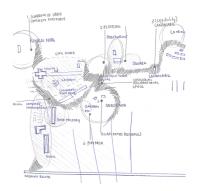
#### **B NODES**

The info office is currently situated at the church. This will be moved to the commercial node to be the first point of entry for any visitor from where the historic route starts and ends. All the historic nodes 'absences' will be cleared from clutter and broken features restored. Most of these nodes (especially the church) is in need of a clear boundary. Here the boundary will be reinstated by means of a simple whitewashed werf-wall.

#### C SEEDBASE AND CLAY TILE MANUFACTURING

A seedbase is positioned at one of the derelict area, where once the tannery could be found. This area borders the agricultural fields. The seedbase is a facility created to mainly stimulate the use of private agricultural fields (one of the most significant features of the cultural landscape). The seedbase will facilitate the buying and selling of vegetable seeds and function as an educational centre for the agricultural methods used in Wupperthal. A restaurant is proposed as part of this node to draw visitors to the seedbase. The seedbase forms part of the sketchplan and will be discussed as part of the technical investigation. A clay tile factory will also be placed in this area. In close proximity to the old foundations

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## 7.4 PLAN OF EXISTING CONDITION



Fig. 7.34 Finding an ordering device within the existing landscape (Franklin 2015)







LEGEND





Fig. 7.35 Users of Wupperthal; resident, visitor, donkey (Franklin 2015).



Fig. 7.38 Hierarchy in Wupperthal (Franklin 2015)



Fig. 7.41 Gateways exploration (Franklin 2015)



Fig. 7.36 Separation lines (Franklin 2015)

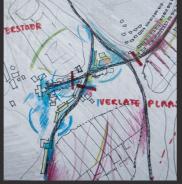


Fig. 7.39 Strangeness mapping (Franklin 2015)



Fig. 7.42 Historic node (Franklin 2015)



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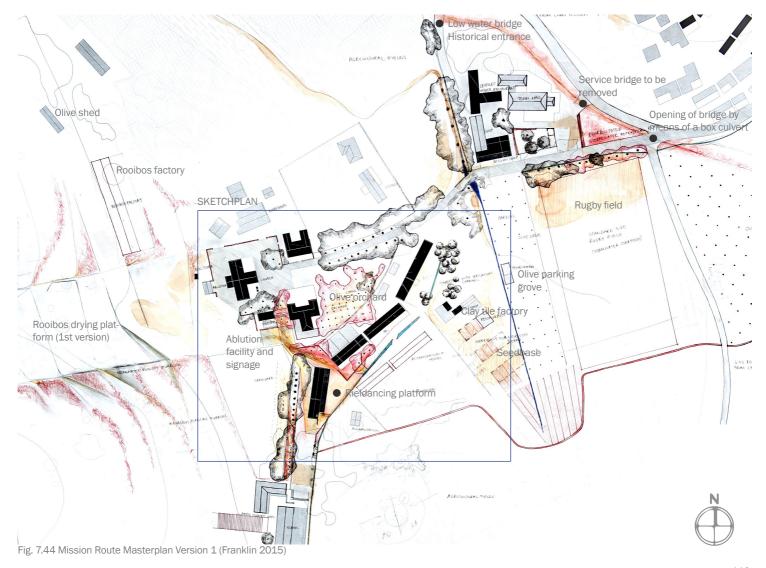


Fig. 7.40 Structure as gateway (Franklii 2015)



Fig. 7.43 Change in perspective (Franklin 2015)







of the tannery, a suitable area as it once formed part of the daily working space of the town.

#### D Rugby field

A standard size rugby field was one of the elements proposed during an informal talk with one of the residents and a 'parking market' for all pay day. The standard size rugby field could be added by redirecting one of the overflow streams and the removal of some of the palm trees (*Washingtonia's*). The rugby field will also function as an infiltration basin for the 1:100 year flood. The cut of the rugby field is used for fill of the parking area. The parking area proved to be a good solution to absorb a potential increase in tourism numbers, ensuring that the cars do not crowd the town entrance.

#### E Bridge structures

An obstruction in the open channel caused the flood events to occur much sooner, even at the 1:2 year flood. The proposal includes the removal of the added service bridge and rather include a low water bridge more appropriate to the historical entrance to the town. The bridge connecting the residents of Wupperthal to the historic town also needs to be opened up. Here a concrete box culvert is proposed to open the channel to its original size that allows for the 1:50 year flood to drain freely. This concrete culvert must be cladded with rock to fit into the cultural landscape.

#### F Olive grove

The olive industry has been introduced to the Greater Wupperthal Area Framework. Olive groves are introduced to the historic town to fulfil both a ordering as well as productive function. The parking grove is proposed with the use of olive trees and the historic fruit orchard of the rectory to be re-instated with a olive grove. The olive shed will facilitate the pressing of olive oil and processing of table olives and form part of the productive route in Wupperthal.

#### G Rieldancing platform

The rieldancing platform is part of the public open space in Wupperthal and the accentuation of the old shoe factory. Here the rieldancing platform, only a bare patch of soil will be framed with a raised edge enabling this area to function as a sedimentation basin for stormwater before it is released into the irrigation channel through a series of weepholes. The rest of the public space is provided with gathering areas under trees as part of a time line that tells the story of the intimate relationship between man and nature in such an isolated area (see sketchplan in the next chapter).

H Interpretation centre



The interpretation centre is situated next to the post office. This also forms part of an area in Wupperthal which is vital link for a circulation route. This link is currently the sloped backyard of the rectory and post office with signs of erosion. The backyard includes the functional components added to the historic building such as an ablution facility and shed. The response to these structures will be discussed in detail in the technical investigation chapter. Here a new structure will allow these functions to be integrated into historic fabric with the use of contrasting material showing the new additions. This structure will accommodate signage panels as part of the interpretation centre.

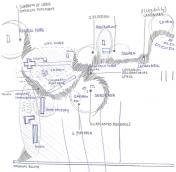
# 7.5 WATER STRATEGY

Water is the lifeblood of Wupperthal, the one element that enabled a community to settle in such isolation. Water from two perennial streams are intercepted and used for the irrigation of the agricultural fields before it is released back into the Tra-tra river. Four main aims for water strategy is discussed in the following pages.



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MISSION ROUTE MASTERPLAN (20 ha)

Fig. 7.45 Water in Wupperthal (Franklin 2015)





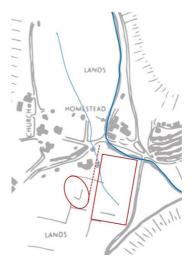


# 1. Management of occasional flooding

- Removal of service bridge
- Installation of low water bridge at historic entrance
- Implementation of concrete box culvert cladded with rock at bridge connecting to residential area

Fig. 7.46 Service bridge (Franklin 2015)





2. Redirection of overflow stream

- Rugby field to function as 1:100 year flood infiltration basin
- Redirection of stream to form edge between seedbase and parking area

Fig. 7.47 Redirection of overflow stream (Franklin 2015)

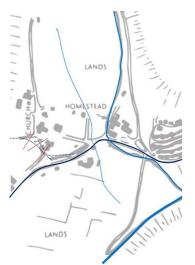




- 3. Treatment of greywater from ablution facilities.
- Separation of greywater and blackwater
- Greywater system to flow through a series of wetlands for cleaning
- The testing of plants endemic to the Cederberg for use in the wetlands



Fig. 7.48 Ablution facilities in Wupperthal (Franklin 2015)



# 4. Erosion control

 Erosion control for surface runoff to form part of the planting strategy

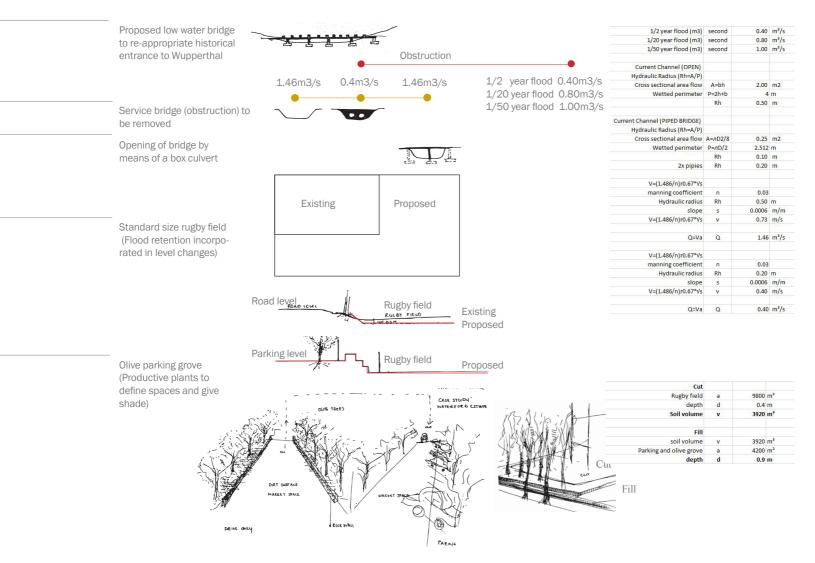


Fig. 7.49 Erosion next to post office (Franklin 2015)











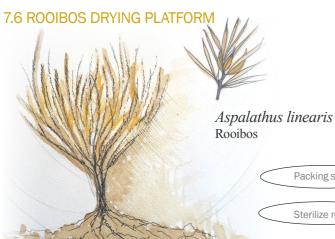




Fig. 7.51 Existing rooibos drying platform (Franklin 2015)



Fig. 7.52 Natural platforms on slope (Franklin 2015)

Packing shed

Sterilize room

Drying court

Packaging station

Min 20m width

Rooibos factory



**PROCESS** 1. Machine planted

2. Harvested by hand



# 3. Fermentation

- bruised and sprayed with water
- 12 hours in sun to dry









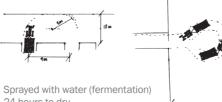


7. Packaged

8. Sold to customer

# Rugby field

Rooibos drying court January to March 24 hours to ferment



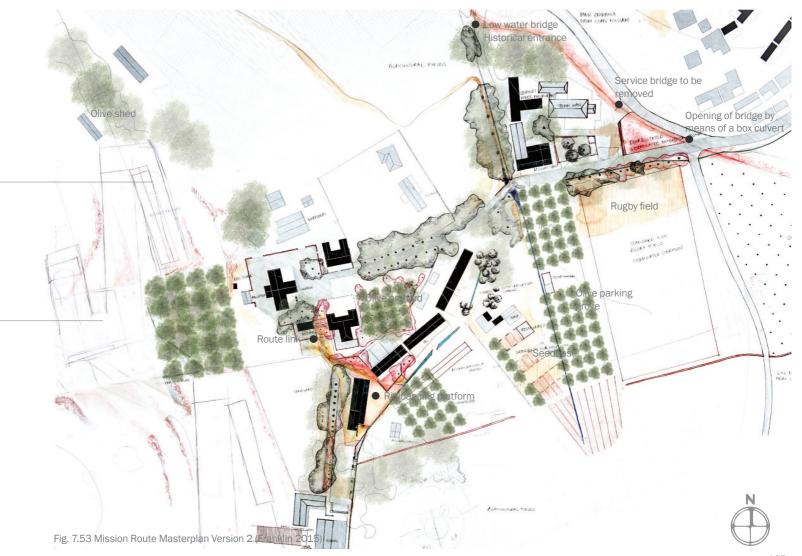
24 hours to dry Crushed (roller on concrete) Sweep from floor into bags Sterilized packaged

Rooibos drying platform

1/2 year flood (m3)	24h	115.94
1/20 year flood (m3)	24h	231.87
1/50 year flood (m3)	24h	289.84
1/2 year flood (m3)	second	0.03
1/20 year flood (m3)	second	0.06
1/50 year flood (m3)	second	0.08

The calculations done for stormwater runoff from such large platform proved not to be a problem for the month of the highest rainfall of 58mm spread over the entire month. Provision will be made for the runoff from a single flood event of 58mm.







# 7.7 FINAL MASTERPLAN



Fig. 7.54 Final Masterplan (Franklin 2015)





Existing

Proposed

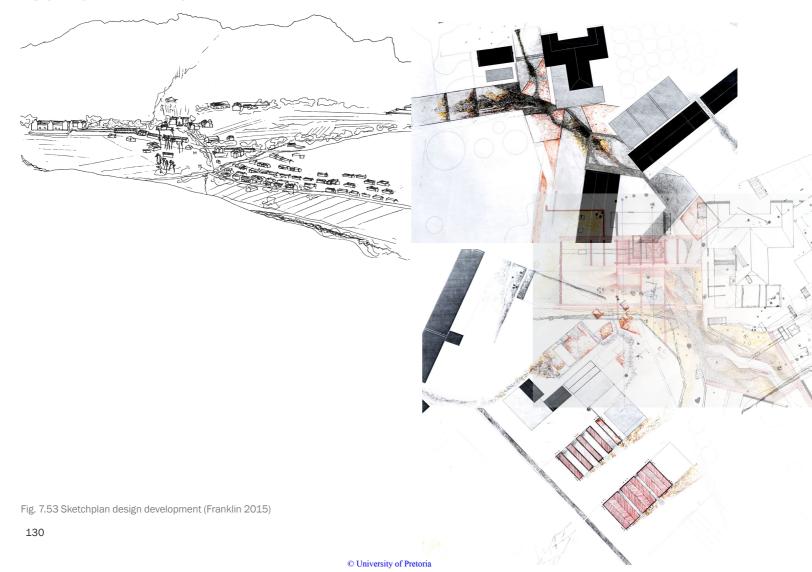
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# 7.8 SKETCHPLAN DEVELOPMENT





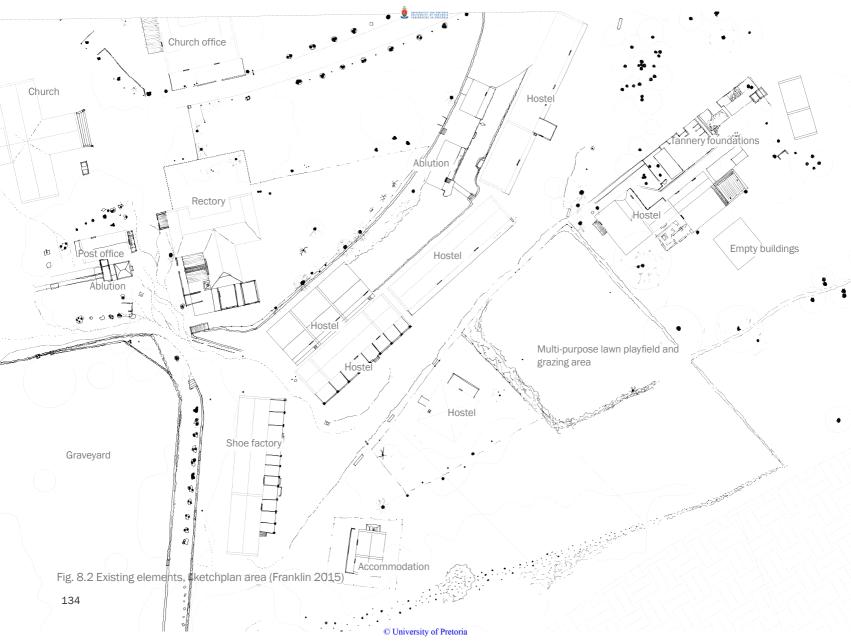






# CHAPTER 8

Technical investigation





This chapter will start with the planting strategy adopted in Wupperthal and move to the various industries investigated as part of the sketchplan. The sketchplan followed a different process to the traditional development of such a plan which formed part of the learning process of the author. The technical investigation preceded the development of the plan where the details and systems directed the design. Although the end product of the details and sketchplan may seem simple, it followed a rather complex investigation.

### 8.1 PLANTING STRATEGY

The planting strategy in Wupperthal stems from the mapping of the vegetation done in Chapter 6. The different vegetation types in the area allowed for an interesting use of plants within Wupperthal. Strict measures should be taken to ensure that only plants endemic to the Cederberg is used within the cultural landscape unless argued by historic importance. It is an important consideration that all plants are chosen from of the same drainage basin, ensuring that the Cederberg as a centre for specific endemism is maintained. The following strategies are applied to the historic town of Wupperthal; planting as restorative, place-making, and educational device.

#### A PLANTING AS RESTORATIVE DEVICE

The historic unit of Wupperthal is characterised by the large *Eucalyptus* trees and dusty voids. The restoration of this tree rich unit includes the substitution *Eucalyptus* with indigenous trees over a period of time. Although the Cederberg area with its various vegetation types does not include a wide range of larger trees, care was taken to select trees that does grow in the Cederberg. Species were selected on their growth form and character to ensure the continuation of the historic character of Wupperthal. Ten percent of the *Eucalyptus* trees will be replaced with these two species and they will in turn create a habitat for other indigenous species to establish themselves, some of the plants in Plant Palette A will be among these species. The *Rapanea* as well as the *Olinia* are found in the wetter kloof of the Cederberg. The edge of Wupperthal is framed by water. A part of the *Eucalyptus* forest will be maintained for the informal use of wood in the area

The stream that runs on the edge of Wupperthal will be restored by mimicking the habitat of streams in the area. A variety of species will be tested to increase the biodiversity and formation of a habitat within the area and ensure that a reasonable success rate is obtained for the cultivation and commercial use of some of these species.



Fig. 8.3 Entrance to Wupperthal (Franklin 2015)



Olinia ventosa (PlantZAfrica 2015)



Rapanea melanophloes (PlantZAfrica 2015)







Juncus species (Franklin 2015)



Restio festuciformis (PlanZAfrica 2015)



Watsonia stokoei (PlanZAfrica 2015)



Crassula dejecta (PlantZAfrica 2015)



Restio filliformis (Frankliln 2015)



Hymenolepis parviflora (Frankliln 2015)



Diosma hirsuta (Frankliln 2015)



Metalasia densa (PlantZAfrica 2015)



Calopsis paniculata (PlantZAfrica 2015)



Brachyleana neriiflora (PlantZAfrica 2015)



Stoebe plumose (Franklin 2015)



Elegia capensis (PlantZArica 2015)



Erica caffra (PlantZArica 2015)



Fig. 8.4 Perrenial stream border of Wupperthal (Franklin 2015)



Fig. 8.5 Restored stream habitat (Franklin 2015)

PLANT PALETTE A Water habitat mix





Ficus cordata (Franklin 2015)



Euclea tomentosa (PlantZAfrica 2015)



Othonna coronopifolia (Franklin 2015)

Cotelydon orbiculata

(PlantZAfrica 2015)

Aristea africana

(PlantZAfrica 2015)

Dodonaea viscosa

(PlantZAfrica 2015)



Euphorbia mauritanica (Franklin 2015)



Rhus undulata (Franklin 2015)



Pelargonium magneteum (Franklin 2015)



Felicia fruticosa (Franklin 2015)



Honeybush cyclopia (PlantZAfrica 2015)



Euryops spesiosissimus (PlantZAfrica 2015)



Fig. 8.6 Backyard link between church and shoe factory (Franklin 2015)



Fig. 8.7 Use of plants in change of awareness and scale (Franklin 2015)

PLANT PALETTE B
Agter Sederberg shrubland mix



#### B PLANTS AS PLACE-MAKING DEVICE

A great appreciation for flowering plants exists in the cultural landscape of Wuppertal (Informal discussion with more than one resident, April 2015). Most of these plants are exotic species that were commonly used in traditional gardening. Plastic flower plants can be found on the graves. Although a number of indigenous flowering species exist within the area, few have been adopted in the creation of space. In the areas of absence, these plants will be used to contrast the large trees and voids with the indigenous shrub typology (Figure 8.8- 8.9) enhancing the experience of the historic nodes. Plants can be used as a privacy device, where it could be used as a low screen for workspaces. The distribution of stormwater in the creation of habitat will be tested (Figure 8.11).

#### C PLANTS AS EDUCATIONAL

It is proposed that medicinal plants be incorporated at the interpretation centre for educational purposes. The medicinal value of plants is well-known in the area and still assists the people of Wupperthal in some of their needs. The inclusion of these plants will need to be developed in conjunction with the community of Wupperthal in order to understand the value of each of the plants and the representation thereof in the landscape. The same applies for the development of the seedbank where plants fulfil an educational role within the landscape. This knowledge base is however limited to oral traditions and use of the agricultural fields. It was not possible during the time frame of this project to get a complete understanding of this system; a more integrated process will be needed to develop this part of the seedbase. Where the author could play an important role was in the layout of the proposed facilities to enable the trading of seeds including the germination and seedling stations (see sketchplan development).

# 8.2 OLIVE INDUSTRY

The olive industry was analysed for its spatial impact for the placement of trees within the landscape and the production of table olives and oil. The Mission Olive (*Olea Europaea*) was selected for this purpose and also for its ability to withstand cold. The three different styles of planting were investigated and the high density olive tree planting system proved to be the most appropriate. This system is commonly used for planting in this area. The graph to the right shows the time when olives should be harvested in order to produce the highest quality or most oil. The benefit of this industry is the amount of work created with the pruning of the trees and the harvesting of the olives by hand. The pressing of oil and processing of olives will also create employment opportunities. The production of olives enable the private individual to become a producer of the raw product and in such a way generate income from a single tree. Trees produce their first olives three years after planting.



Fig. 8.8 Contrast in scale (Franklin 2015)

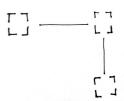


Fig. 8.9 Historic nodes (absences) in-between (presence) (Franklin 2015)



Fig. 8.10 Planting as privacy device (Franklin 2015)

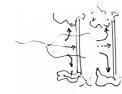


Fig. 8.11 Stormwater dispersal (Franklin 2015)



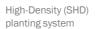


# Super-High-Density (SHD) planting system

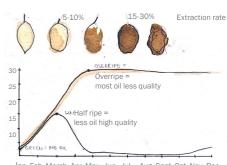


Traditional dry-farmed Olive tree planting system (commonly used on other farms in the area)





# OIL QUALITY vs RIPENESS



Jan Feb March Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sept Oct Nov Dec

Harvest: April - June (produce olives 3 years after planting, full bearing after 7 years)

Yield: 10t/ha (1ton = 170l @ 18% extraction rate)

Cooled to 14°C before pressed

Do not plant close to water

100kg nitrogen/ha + potassium + barum (legume, cover crop and manure)

## **PROCESS**

- 1. Pressed
- 2. Separated (Olives + oil)
- 3. Filtered
- 4. Bottled





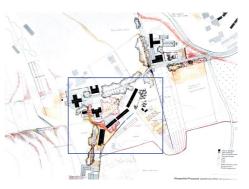
 Low white washed werf-wall
Clay tile production facility
Olive orchard Restaurant Seedbase
Interpretation centre with proposed ablution structure
Public space and time line development Olive shed
Rieldancing platform

### 8.3 SKETCPLAN

The sketchplan is included here after the discussion of the planting strategy and olive industry which applies to the masterplan and the sketchplan. All items indicated in black is existing, while the red includes the proposed elements.

The majority of the buildings are currently dedicated to functions related to with the hostels. It is proposed that these functions area is consolidated to the three main hostel buildings. Two proposed buildings are in need of an upgrade. These facilities will include extra rooms, kitchen facility and study room that takes place in the other buildings. These buildings will provide space for an olive shed, the production of clay, a seedbase and a restaurant as part of the proposal.

Here one can easily see the different application of the design to the historic nodes 'absences' and the areas of 'presence' or in-between nodes (discussed in Chapter 3 concept development). The in-between areas show a reduction in scale with the use of planting in order to enhance the experience of the historic nodes, with minimal intervention. A transition can be found between the public space in front of the hostel and the agricultural fields. Even as one walks here you would be confronted with open views and bordered (trees) walkways. The development of the timeline directs the placement of the trees and the direction of the paving (to be discussed in more detail in the November crit).



Reference masterplan



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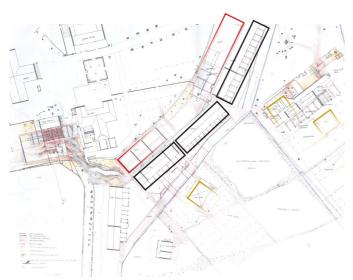


Fig. 8.13 Appropriation of hostel buildings (Franklin 2015)

Main hostel buildingsProposed (additional) hostel buildingsBuildings for proposed industries



Fig. 8.14 Absences and presences development (Franklin 2015)

☐ 'Absences', historic nodes☐ 'Presences' functional



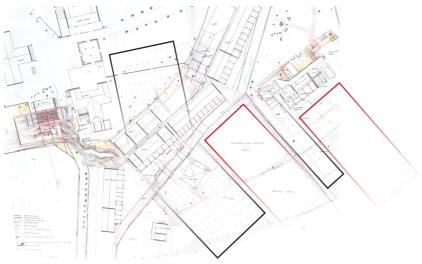


Fig. 8.15 Open views and closed orchards (Franklin 2015)

- Olive orchardOpen views to landscape



Reference sketchplan



2. Interpretation centre 1. Church werf (Absence) (Presence) Fig. 8.16 Section through areas of absence and areas of presence (Franklin 2015) © University of Pretoria



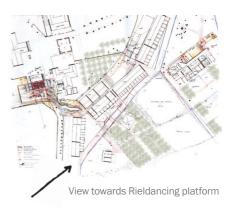
# 3. Shoe factory (Absence)





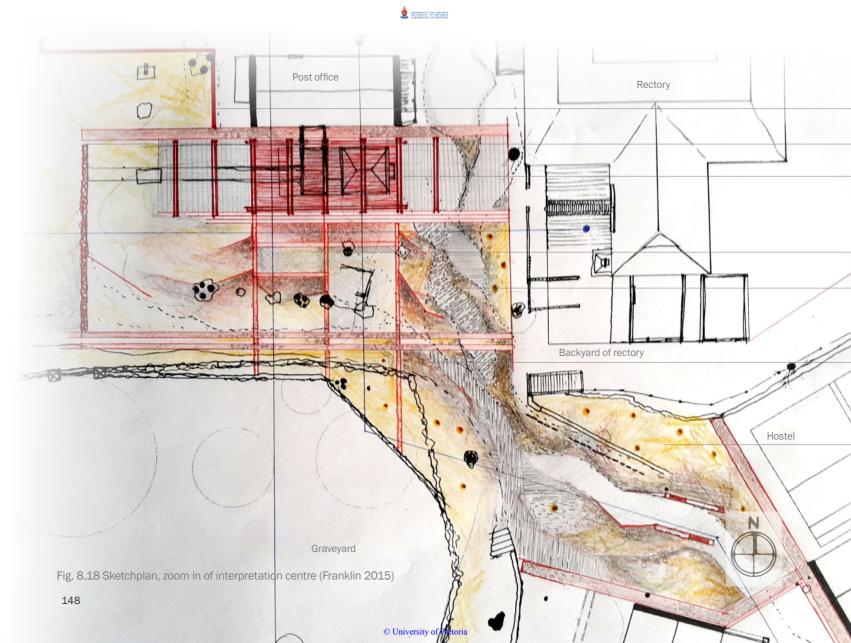








Full perspective image





# Low white washed werf-wall Low dry-packed rock wall Proposed ablution structure (Existing in black) Greywater (from handwash basin) recycling system Paving pattern with locally manufactured clay tiles Planting established as part of habitat formation through packing of rocks Proposed planting edge as privacy device

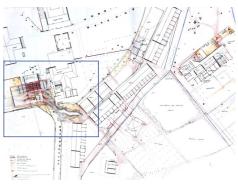
### 8.4 INTERPRETATION CENTRE

The proposed interpretation centre is located next to the post office. The interpretation centre stems out of a need for ablution facilities to be added to historic buildings. This shows the effect of development on the historic town. A new typology is proposed in Section 8.6 for the development of these added structures. Here it forms part of the functional requirements of Wupperthal, located in an in-between area and should therefore contrast the existing building in mass and material, showing it as an added building while being designed to fit into the landscape and enhance the historic features (see guidelines for new build in Chapter 6 page 69).

The greywater and blackwater from the ablution facility is separated and recycled through a series of wetlands discussed in Section 8.7

The interpretation centre include a series of signage panels that tells the story of Wupperthal. These signs should be developed in close association with the residents. They will be developed on clay tiles manufactured in Wupperthal (proposal on page 152). The manufacturing of clay pavers is also proposed for outdoor use. This paving pattern will be developed further for the November exam

The werf-wall is interpreted within the landscape and clearly defines the edges while at other times it acts as storm water distributors within the landscape. Planting decreases the scale for better appreciation of the historic nodes.



Refernce sketchplan



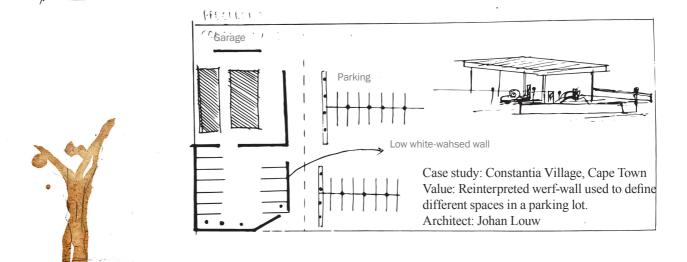
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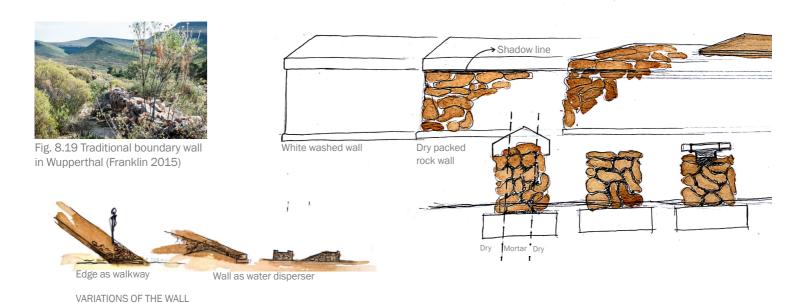
The traditional werf-wall is used to define space. Although most of these walls in Wupperthal has diminished over the years, some of them acting as retaining walls have remained intact. The use of the wall will be re-instated as a device for spatial definition. At some of the historic nodes a low whitewashed wall will be introduced. An investigation into the use of white-washed walls in the Rhenish core of Stellenbosch revealed the strength of such an element within the landscape. Different heights of these walls fulfill a different function, either as fence or boundary.

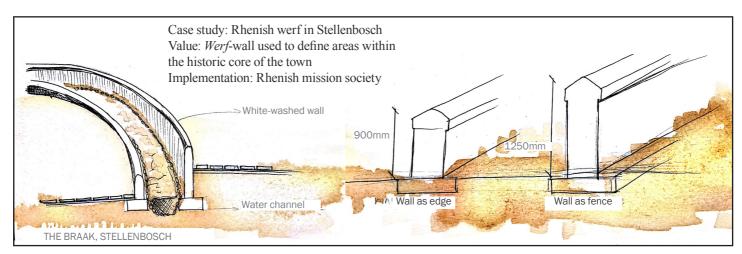


Seating in the garden of the NG-Moederge-

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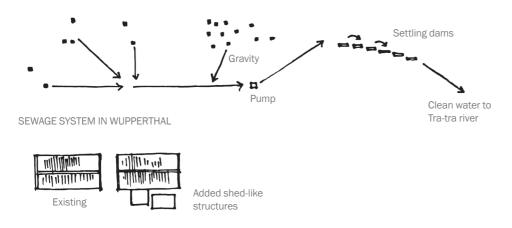




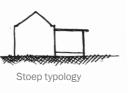
### 8.6 ABLUTION STRUCTURE

Ablution facilities in Wupperthal form part of infrastructural development that came with an advancement in technology (see Chapter 5 for mapped ablution facilities). The sewage in Wupperthal is gathered by means of gravitation from where it is pumped to a series of settling dams before being released back into the Tra-tra river. A new architectural typology is proposed for these structures and that area added to the existing historic building. The architectural guidelines propose that it follows the stoep typology in contrast to the mass of the solid white-washed wall facade.

These guidelines are informed by the Burra and HUL charter discussed in Chapter 6, page 69. Any new building should follow the traditional mass of the building in Wupperthal. The proposed ablution facility of the post office will be a pergola type structure cladded with thatch panels, that can open and close. Signage will be included on these panels that tells the story of Wupperthal for individual interpretation. Greywater will be treated in a series of wetlands next to the facility, thereby lessening the load on the sewage system.









separated from building

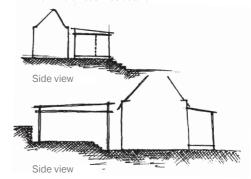




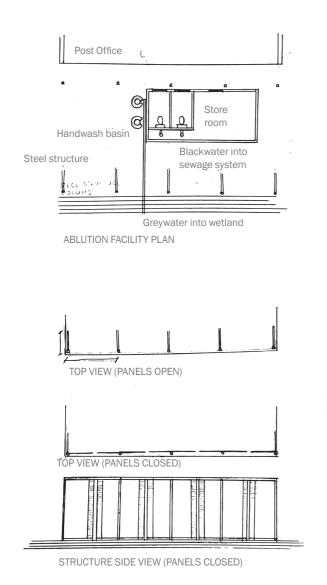
Side view

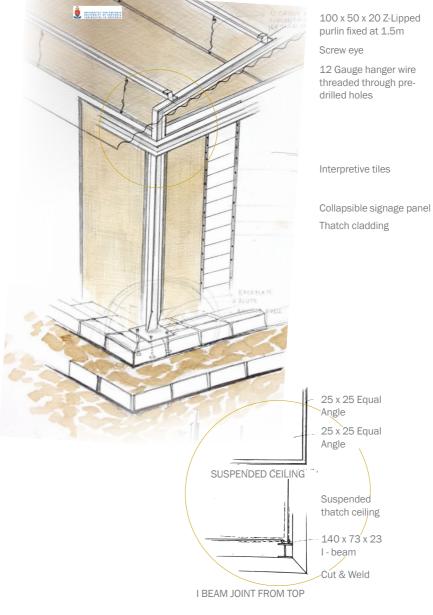
Light structure in contrast to solid white-washed walls

Wall line offset in structure



PROPOSED ARCHITECTURAL TYPOLOGY FOR ABLUTION FACILITY





Greywater produced											
ABLUTION A & B											
Application	water	unit	Amount	people served	Total (L)				Size of pond		
Handbasin A	8 to 15	L/person served/day	2	3	90						
Handbasin B	8 to 15	L/person served/day	4	12	720						
					810	L/day	0.81	m³	1.62	m³	
									6.48	m³	4 day lag time







Calopsis paniculata (PlantZAfrica 2015)



Elegia capensis (PlantZArica 2015)



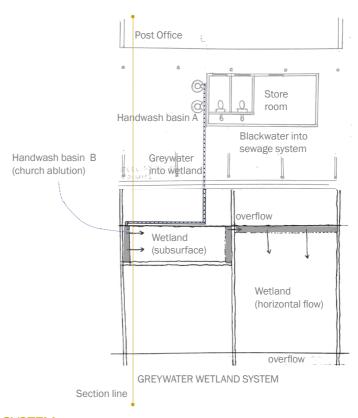
Typha capensis (PlanZAfrica 2015)



Juncus species (Franklin 2015)



(Frankliln 2015)





Greywater is all water generated from a household without faecal contamination. Greywater is easier to clean as it contains fewer pathogens and can be used for irrigation after treatment. Water in Wupperthal will be treated with a series of wetlands, the first a subsurface flow wetland to ensure contact with the root area, its overflow to a horisontal flow wetland system. The traditional use of *Phagmites* in the first wetland will be tested with the *Elegia capensis* that grows in the area in its ability to extract nitrates from the water. The second wetland will include the typical use of *Typha* and *Juncus*. The species selected are done to be able to continue growing should be system not receive any greywater to recycle.



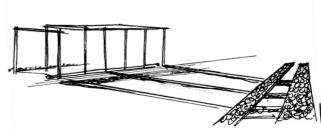




Components applied to site







1. Werf-wall

2. Steel structure

3. Dry-pack wall variation





# 8.8 ABLUTION STRUCTURE COMPONENTS (INTERPRETATION CENTRE)

The images and sections below shows the different components that make up this part of the design and the kind of form it can take on when applied to a site. Each site will have a different interpretation of the technical investigation and the proposed components.

## 8.9 LIGHTING

Lighting in Wupperthal: Three existing light posts in the historic town (purely functional); on the main square, in front of the hostel and in front of the church. These single lights has the same effect at night as a tree representing a gathering place during the day.

Proproposed use of lighting to remain functional, but in a different form. Uplighters under a tree or building provide the necessary light, while providing spaces for gathering at night.



4. Greywater recycling system and planting applied to site



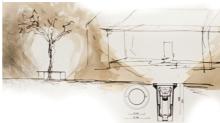
Existing use of lights in Wupperthal



Proposed use of lights in Wupperthal



Existing lights in Wupperthal (functional)



Proposed use of lighting in Wupperthal (functional)







View towards Interpretation centre



Full perspective image





Proposed hostel kitchen, ablution and additional rooms needed

Proposed ablution structure (Existing in black)

Play area behind hostel building

Seedbase

Public space

Wetland (irrigation overflow)

Olive trees

## 8.10 SEEDBASE

The seedbase and clay tile manufacturing area is located in the same area the tanney used to be (now only the foundations of the tannery left). The clay tile manufacturing adds the same spirit to the place that the tannery added to the space.

Clay from the outposts will be supplied to Wupperthal for the processing into the various clay tile products. The processing of the clay is in need of the following facilities indicated on the plan:

- Storage room (raw clay)
- Greenware workhop
- Greenware drying facility (no wind)
- Kiln firing facility
- Cooling platform
- Painting and glazing workshop

The seedbase is discussed on page 154. The seedbase functions as an educational facility that expose some of the intangible processes that shape the land within the Greater Wupperthal Area. The seedbase consist of three main areas. The germination, seedling and planting area each with their different requirements. The components of the seedbase will be discussed in more detail for the povember exam





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## 8.11 CLAY TILE MANUFACTURING

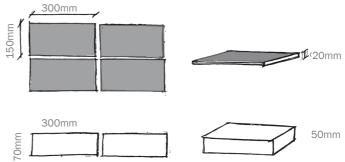
Wupperthal has a rich clay deposit in the larger landscape, as discussed in Chapter 6 and again as part of the Greater Wupperthal Area Framework in Chapter 7. It is proposed that this form part of an economic initiative in the historic core. A simple clay tile (red clay) with a black finish is to be used as surface under the steel structures. The black will complement the thatch of the roofs of the historic buildings and contrast against the white walls. The black finish is obtained from a process of a low-firing process and a reduction in air contact. The proposed kiln is built to be adaptable to different firing functions indicated in the diagram to the right. Once a year the area adjacent to the tannery is used for cooking for the church bazaar or festival. During these times the kilns will be used as the traditional oven with the removal of a few clay bricks. Clay tile pavers (yellow clay) with a thickness of 50mm will be used for outdoor paving, blending in with the dust surfaces. Clay is bagged and transported to Wupperthal for product development. Other products to consider include plates, and bottles for olive oil etc. An integrated process needs to be followed to involve the development of the products in close association with the community of Wupperthal.



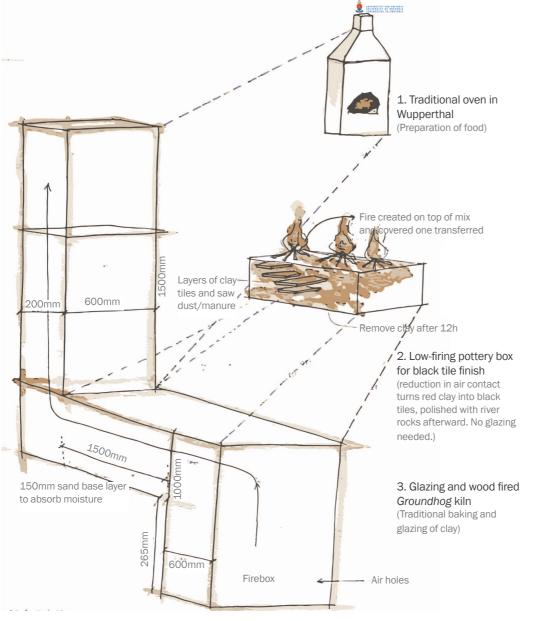
5. Settle for 24h, remove clear water CLAY PRODUCTION PROCESS

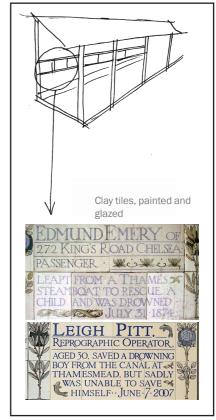
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CLAY PAVER AND TILE SIZES





Case study: Postman's Park London

Memorial to heroic sacrifice.

Value: Use of clay tiles for memorial

plates

Architect: Ernst George

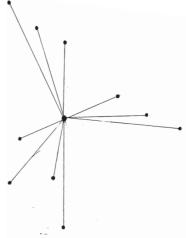
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#### 8.12 SEEDBASE DEVELOPMENT

The seedbase is a proposal that follows the isolation of Wupperthal and the use of their seed in the agricultural gardens in the larger cultural landscape. The seedbase is developed for the trade of Heirloom seeds building up a larger seedbase free from genetic manipulation. Heirloom means to pass onto next generations. Wupperthal will form the centre for trade of these seeds. Although seeds can be kept for long periods of time the best growth vigour is obtained for planting within a few months of storing. Different seed types need to be stored under different conditions. These conditions differ from seed to seed. Two categories exist, dessication-tolerant and dessication-intolerant seeds. Dessication-tolerant seeds can be prepared for long term dry storage, while dessication-intolerant seeds prefer moist cool places. Most of the seeds fall within the first category.

The seedbase forms part of the planting strategy for the educational use of plants. Part of the seedbase is also to show the germination of seeds and the development through to seedlings before they are transplanted for growing vegetables and the production of seed. The germination and seedling production both have different requirements for the conditions they need. The designing of the structure forms part of the technical investigation. The complete set of technical details will be presented as part of the final crit.



Stimulate seed production and use of agricultural fields in fourteen outposts

Case study: Oranjezicht Community Farm

Value: Integration of active farm into the urban fabric and

surrounding community

Landscape Architect: Tanya de Villiers





Fig. 8.23 Oranjezicht Community Farm (Franklin 2015)



#### 1. Germination

- Soak overnight
- Light
- Bottom heat
- Cool conditions

## 2. Seedling

Hardening (increased expose to sunlight):

- 1-3 day (3 hours sunlight)
- 4-7 days (5 hours sunlight)
- 8-10 days (full day sunlight)

## 3. Vegetable plants

Hardening (increased expose to sunlight):

- 1-3 day (3 hours sunlight)
- 4-7 days (5 hours sunlight)
- 8-10 days (full day sunlight)

## DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS Heat from kilns

DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS Structure that allows sun exposure to plants with different requirements

Draw people in to move through the plants (hardening of plant structure by simulating movement of animals though plants)

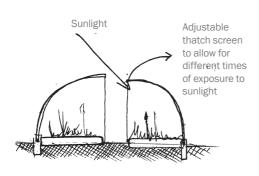
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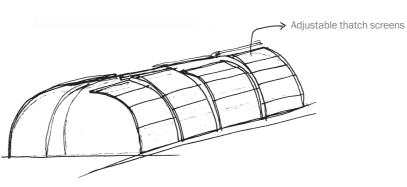
Educate visitor on traditional ways of agriculture management in Wupperthal:

E.g. Use of manure:

- Onions- pig manure
- Potatoes Cow manure

To be developed in close relation to the people of Wupperthal and their traditional ways







## 8.13 FINAL SKETCHPLAN







LEGEND





## 8.14 FINAL PRESENTATION















## REFLECTION

Through Landscape Architecture, the complexities in Wupperthal could be comprehended in a way that was sensitive enough to the elements that make up the vernacular landscape, yet bold enough to react to the invisible properties of the land. The difficulty of dealing with cultural landscapes are emphasised by the comprehensive process followed through this study and the time it took to be able to make design decisions. Although Landscape Architecture has the ability to engage with different aspects of the land in a unique way, the study would have been more successful if it formed part of a multi-disciplinary team focusing on Wupperthal.

The study would not have been possible without the engagement with the people of Wupperthal and their shy passion for their land. In the same breath, for this design proposal to succeed, the implementation of the project will need to form part of an iterative design process with close cooperation of the community in the development of this design.

The study of the cultural landscapes has opened my eyes to man's close relationship with nature. Understanding this relationship inevitably informs tomorrow's journey...

Arm was ek gister, en nou is ek ryk.- C.Louis Leipold (Geskryf oor Wupperthal)





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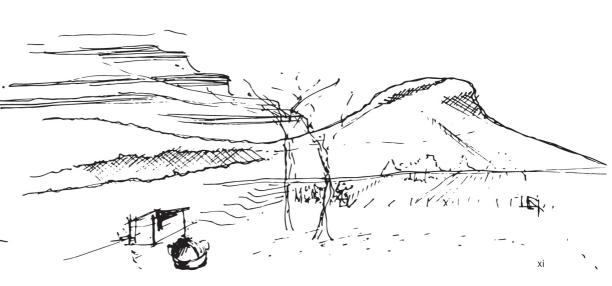
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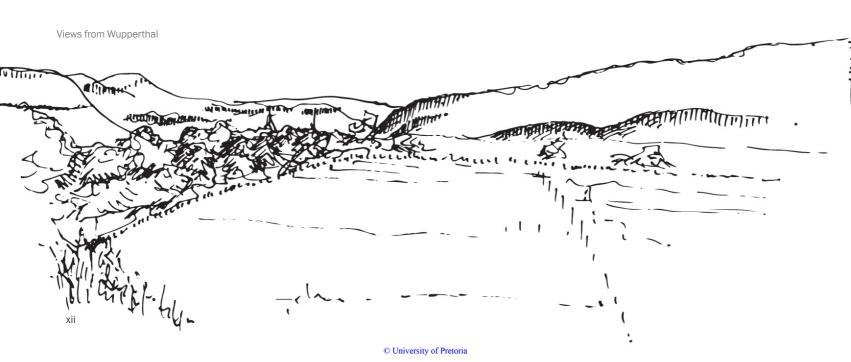
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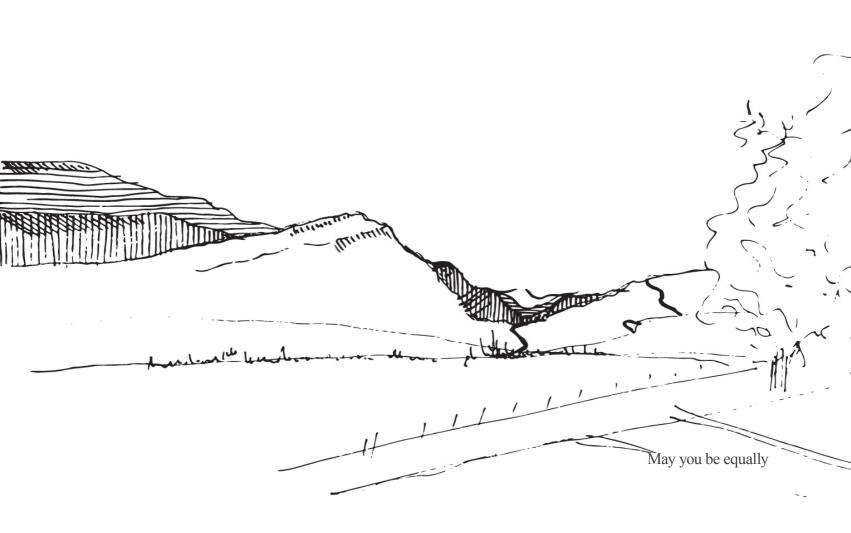
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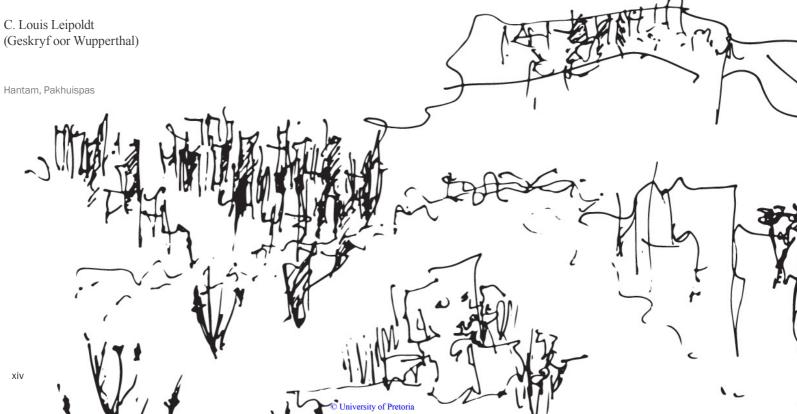








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