

## FISH HOEK VALLEY TIMELINE

(BP – Before Present, other dates CE (Common Era) or AD (*Anno Domini*, Latin for ‘in the year of our Lord’))

1,000,000	BP	Fish Hoek Valley underwater due to higher sea levels
100,000	BP	Fish Hoek Valley included all of False Bay, due to lower sea levels
12,000	BP	Fish Hoek man lived in the Fish Hoek Valley
3,000	BP	Phoenician galleys sailed past, or even stopped in, Kommetjie and Fish Hoek
1487		Bartolomeu Dias, the Portuguese navigator, sailed past Kommetjie
1497		Vasco Da Gama sailed past Kommetjie and False Bay
1687	Before	First road built in southern Peninsula from Fish Hoek to the silver-mines
1687		Post House to control fishing, built by the Dutch East India Company in Fish Hoek
1690		Simon van der Stel granted fishing rights in Fish Hoek Bay
1700s		Farming began in Noordhoek
1725		Pirates on Fish Hoek beach
1740	From	Fish Hoek valley used to provide vegetables to Simon’s Town Garrison
1760	About	Slangkop Farm (now Imhoff’s Gift) built
1786		Wreck of <i>Holland</i> north of where Imhoff’s Gift is now
1794	About	The Dutch built a 2-gun battery at Clovelly
1795		British occupation of the Cape
1800	About	Last Cape Lion shot in the Peninsula
1806		Second British occupation of the Cape
1818	25 June	Grant of lease of Vischhoek Farm and fishing rights to Andries Bruyns (after doing so for 12 years)
1822		Slangkop Farm then owned by Pierre Rocher
1822	About	Original Visch Hoek farmhouse built
1825	About	Commercial whaling in False Bay, began
1827	23 Feb	Part of Vischhoek Farm then belonged to James Richardson
1827	23 Feb	Great Fishery (part of Vischhoek farm) sold to John Osmond Sr
1827	16 Mar	Klein Tuin (a part of Vischhoek Farm) sold to Jacob Arnoldus Hurter
1830		Salt was marketed commercially from Noordhoek Salt Pan
1832	24 Jan	Hester Sophia de Villiers (née de Kock) born
1837	19 Aug	Jacob Isaac de Villiers born
1838		Final emancipation of freed slaves
1839	22 Jan	Harring Fishery sold to brothers Johannes Hendrik and John Marthinus Muller
1842	29 Mar	<i>St Antonio</i> ran ashore off Noordhoek – no loss of life
1842	04 Nov	Great Fishery sold to brothers Johannes Hendrik and John Marthinus Muller
1847		The ship <i>Montagu</i> washed ashore off Noordhoek, all hands lost
1857	17 Jun	Government and business agreed that South Africa would build railways
1863	10 Apr	Colonial screw steam tug <i>Albatross</i> sank in 10 minutes after hitting Albatross Rock, Olifantsbos Point
1865		Amelia Ball (née Adkins) was born – she made ‘Mrs Ball Chutney’ in Fish Hoek
1868		The CSSM movement (Children’s Special Service Mission), that was popular for many years on Fish Hoek beach, began in Wales
1870		Last leopard in the Peninsula shot
1885		Seven fishermen rumoured to be buried under ‘ <i>Sewe Mense Klip</i> ’
1985		Mr Delbridge began the Fish Hoek Quarry
1889		First bridge built over the Silvermine River
1899-1902	11 Oct	Boer [farmers’] War
1890	01 Dec	First railway train in Fish Hoek
1890		Build-up of sand-hills in Fish Hoek began because of the railway
1892		Kommetjie Estates Ltd formed
1896		Stone from Fish Hoek quarry sent to Wellington to build a training college
1897	Feb	South Africa’s first motor cars, three Benz Voiturettes arrived in Cape Town

1900	25 May	<i>Kakapo</i> wrecked on Kommetjie beach
1901	08 Jun	Hester Sophia de Kock married Jacob Isaac de Villiers
1901	15 Aug	All road tolls in the Cape ceased
1902		Clovelly quarry began, private railway spur built
1902		Bus service between Muizenberg, Kommetjie, and Simonstown via Fish Hoek started
1903		First four houses built at Kommetjie
1903		Clovelly Private Railway built by Mr Colyn to export stone from his quarry
1903		Act 14 of 1903 authorised the construction of Fish Hoek to Kommetjie railway line
1905	02 July	<i>Clan Munroe</i> wrecked at Kommetjie
1905	10 Aug	Sale of goods salvaged from <i>Clan Munroe</i>
1905		About Fish Hoek Quarry closed
1906		First shop opened in Noordhoek by the de Villiers family
1908	10 Mar	Slangkop Public School (now Kommetjie Primary School), opened
1909	4 Aug	SS <i>Maori</i> wrecked off Noordhoek
1909	15 Sept	SS <i>Umhlali</i> struck Albatross Rock and sank
1913		Slangkop wireless station established
1914-1918 (or 1919)		First World War
1914	01 Nov	Slangkop Lighthouse should have begun operating but delayed until after the First World War
1915		Early Work on construction of Hout Bay Road (Chapman's Peak Drive) begun at Hout Bay
1915		Red Hill road to Kommetjie and Witsands completed
1916	June	Work on Hout Bay Road (later Chapman's Peak Drive) started from Noordhoek end
1917		British troops convalesce in Fish Hoek
1917	18 Sept	Swedish steam freighter <i>Bia</i> hit Albatross Rock and sank
1919	12 April	Fish Hoek's new railway station completed
1919		Slangkop Lighthouse began operating
1919	Sept	Hout Bay end of Chapman's Peak Drive opened (5,6 km)
1921		Wesleyan Church in Fish Hoek (now Methodist) started
1922		Telephones first installed in Fish Hoek
1922		Clovelly 9-hole golf course began
1922		A public convenience [toilet] was provided on the foreshore, Fish Hoek
1923	15 May	Electric lights installed at Fish Hoek railway station
1924	31 July	First electric street lights in Fish Hoek turned on
1928		Electrification of the railway line through Fish Hoek
1928		Fish Hoek new railway station built
1928	June	A P Jones' first shop opened
1928		Fish Hoek's Community Chest, a charitable organisation, began
1928	24 Dec	More than 100 False Killer Whales stranded on Longbeach, Kommetjie
1930		Noordhoek Salt Pan used for motorbike and motor car races
1931		Dogs required to wear license disks
1933	09 Jan	Fish Hoek's 'Catwalk' fully completed
1933		Fish Hoek's Municipal Offices built
1933		Peter and Ivor Cronwright opened the Valley's first commercial dairy with their herd of 400 cows
1935		Mrs Ball's chutney factory began production in Fish Hoek
1935		Noordhoek's Post Office opened
1935		Rooikrantz imported from Australia planted to bind the sand-dunes
1939-1945		Second World War
1940	May	80 Fish Hoek volunteers became Police Reservists
1940	June	Water-borne sewage began service in Fish Hoek
1940		Skildergat Cave renamed Peers Cave
1940		First donkey rides on Fish Hoek beach
1942	27 Nov	Liberty ship <i>Thomas T Tucker</i> ran ashore at Olifantsbos
1954		<i>Camera Obscura</i> on Fish Hoek beach
1958	Jan	Fish Hoek's first Mardi Gras
1958	Mar	Fish Hoek Surf Lifesavers (or sometimes 'Lifesaving') Club began
1958		Donkeys banned from Fish Hoek beach
1959	27 Oct	Herman Scott Jager made the first Freeman of Fish Hoek

1965	06 Mar	Fish Hoek Hospital opened
1965	30 April	Dutch coaster <i>Nolloth</i> hit Albatross Rock and became a wreck
1965	11 May	New decimal coinage for South Africa introduced
1966	08 Mar	South Africa's new coins, R1 and 50c, in circulation
1968	11 Dec	<i>Ou Kaapse Weg</i> [a road] officially opened
1972		Khoisan middins, stone implements, and skeletons found in Kommetjie
1976	05 Jan	First day of South Africa's national television service
1977		Silversands Drive-In, Noordhoek, closed down
1979	11 Jul	<i>Fish Hoek Echo</i> , the free newspaper, to cost 10c per issue or R3 per year, postage included
1979	31 Dec	A P Jones retires after nearly 52 years in his shop
1982	02 Jan	Death of Fish Hoek's Mardi Gras marked by procession with a mock coffin
1983	Apr	Boswell Wilkie circus comes to Fish Hoek
	May	Fish Hoek Meals on Wheels began
1985	Jul	Fish Hoek business areas open to all races
1985		Godfrey Mocke broke the world record in the 800 m freestyle swimming 40-44 years age group with a time of 11 minutes 21,74 secs
1985		Ann Lottriets of Fish Hoek becomes South Africa's new national under-12 squash champion
1986		Mountain View established as a temporary accommodation area
1987		Statue of three dolphins erected in memory of Caddy Greenland (Dolphin)
1988	23 Mar	' <i>Conquest</i> ', 32-ton twin-hulled tunny-boat ran aground at Kommetjie, sank after being towed to deep water
1989	Nov	Masiphumelele (Xhosa: 'We will succeed'), formally 'Site 5' in Noordhoek - Cape Town's first so-called 'black spot' in a White Group Area
1991	Jan	Several Fish Hoek schools become multi-racial
1991	Mar	93 squatter households moved to 'Site 5' (40 dwelling already there)
1991	16 Nov	First 3 squatter communities in the False Bay area moved into Site 5 (later Masiphumelele)
1993	Nov	Site 5's Ukhanya School opened
1994	Oct	Masiphumelele Craft Market thatched huts completed
1996	May	Original seawall in Kommetjie demolished
1996	12 Jul	Fire destroyed Fish Hoek's three cinemas, a restaurant, and offices
1997	02 May	President Mandela in Masiphumelele
1997	10 Oct	Kommetjie Community Hall officially opened
1997	31 Oct	Ocean View Multi-purpose Centre, opened
1999	Sept	Emergency Control Centre (ECC) at Fish Hoek Police Station, staffed by volunteers, opened
2000	09 Sept	Fish Hoek fire station on fire
2001	05 Sept	Singapore cargo ship <i>Ikan Tanda</i> ran aground off Scarborough
2003	July	Eden Park, a 'green lung' for Masiphumelele planted at the Baptist Church
2002		Hokisa Home, Masiphumelele, 'Door of Hope' for AIDS/HIV children, began
2002	Aug	Flame Lily Lunch Club began in Fish Hoek to support Rhodesian pensioners
2002	Oct	Fish Hoek Driver's Licence Test Centre closed
2002	25 Oct	Fish Hoek Drug Counselling [or Crisis] and Information Centre opened
2003	16 April	The Welcome Food Aid Project in Ocean View began
2003	June	First Cape Buffalo calf born in Peninsula for 300 years at Solole Game Reserve
2003	05 Sept	Life Development Cycling Project began in Masiphumelele
2003	Sept	Masiphumelele Disaster Management Volunteer [fire fighting] Unit began
2003	07 Sept	Naomi House, 1 <sup>st</sup> Avenue, Fish Hoek, a commune for the elderly, opened
2003		Fish Hoek Senior's Centre Formation, opened
2003		Stepping Stones, Kommetjie, won the national Hospital Association of South Africa Award for Excellence in Healthcare
2003	02 Dec	Siphosethu Feeding Project of Ocean View and Masiphumelele's The Valley Development Project, launched
2004		Ocean View and Masiphumelele's Food For Work Programme began issuing their own money called 'Oceans' and 'Ikamva' respectively - only redeemable in the two townships
2004	Sept	Donkeys Greedy Guts and Juliette were 'married' at Imhoff's Farm, Kommetjie
2004	Oct	'Wanda', 13-m full-scale model of a sperm whale installed at Parmalat Education Centre, Soetwater - initially for a year
2004	14 Nov	Ralph Mossop, who donated the 'Mossop Collection' of stone artefacts to Fish Hoek Museum, died, aged 91

2004	18 Nov	Fish Hoek long-time resident, Tyna Webb, 77, eaten by a great white shark just off Jager Walk, only her bathing hat was found
2004	Nov	Ocean View's Gladys Thomas received an award for her contribution to art, culture, and heritage from the Minister of Arts and Culture
2004	27 Nov	Fish Hoek Baptist Church's R3 million hospice at the Living Hope Community Centre, Capri, opened (venue was previously the Croaking Frog pub and restaurant)
2005	Nov	The Ocean View Living Hope Community Centre, 21 Columba Road, officially opened
2005	18 Nov	HOKISA (Homes for Kids in South Africa)'s Peace House, Masiphumelele, opened
2005	Nov	Masiphumelele Library won the Western Cape Arts and Culture Award
2005	03 Dec	First eMzantsi [In the South] Carnival held in Kommetjie Road, Noordhoek
2005	Dec	Fish Hoek's Margaret Finlay awarded the Hamlet Place of Hope Achievement Award for many years of service to the disabled community
2007	3&4 Mar	For R1,000 the public can abseil down Kommetjie's Slangkop Lighthouse
2008	Sept	Fish Hoek's Jager Walk 'closed indefinitely' after severe storm damage
2009	Jan	St John's Eye Clinic opened in Fish Hoek
2009	Feb	Seven computers with free internet access for use by Fish Hoek Library users installed