

LAHS NEWSLETTER

5 Sept 2026

Please diarise the following LAHS dates:

THURSDAY, 17 SEPTEMBER 2026

Indoor meeting.

Venue: Don Powis Hall, Settlers Park Retirement Village, Port Alfred

Time: 9:30 for 10am

Speaker: Attie Niemann, CEO 43 Air School

Topic: The History of 43 Air School: *World War II to the New Generation.*

VISITORS WELCOME

Meeting Fee: Members: R5.00pp Visitors: R10.00pp.

THURSDAY, 15 OCTOBER 2026

Outing: Local.

Drive About, Port Alfred. Stop at places of historic interest.

Details to be given in October Newsletter.

THURSDAY 29 and FRIDAY 30 OCTOBER

TWO-DAY OUTING TO DORDRECHT

Dave Hawkins is the **outing coordinator**. Dave and Delene went on the three-day outing to Dordrecht organised by the Border Historical Society in April this year.

In reporting back to BHS, Dr Patrick Hutchinson, of Border Historical Society wrote: 'that if one ever has the chance to be shown around Dordrecht by Ben MacLennan, grab it with both hands.'

Dave has organised a **two-day** tour for LAHS members for the end of October 2026.

Ben MacLennan, journalist and author, is the curator of the Anderson Museum, Dordrecht. The museum collections are housed in a grand old sandstone building, a bequest of the Anderson family.

Ben and the governing board have done a magnificent job in preserving and presenting the cultural and natural history of this once vibrant farming community.

Dordrecht was founded in 1857 by the Rev. Andrew Murray.

THURSDAY, 29th to Friday, 30th OCTOBER 2026

Members will be leaving home early, not later than 8am.

Travelling along R67 from Port Alfred via Bathurst to N2.

Travel over bridge and turn right onto N2.(East)

Travel approximately 8kms to turn off to KwaMaqoma (Fort Beaufort).

Travel via Ecca Pass and Fort Brown to T-junction of R67 and R63.

Turn right onto R63.3kms at T-junction of R63 and R67, turn left onto R67.

10am stop at Baddaford Farm Stall for tea and comfort break.

From Baddaford turn right back onto R67.

Continue up R67 until roundabout R61. Turn right to Komani (Queenstown)

Komani to Dordrecht via R392 71.5kms.

13h00 Picnic lunch in Dordrecht.

Book into accommodation. Lisa Greyling's booked accommodation in town.

Visit Dordrecht Museum with Ben MacLennan. Supper at Lisa Greyling's restaurant.

FRIDAY 30 OCTOBER

Friday morning, after breakfast visit town of Dordrecht with guide Piet Greyling, a local businessman and history enthusiast with many family anecdotes to tell

Post Office tiles, Dutch Reformed Church, Hartley's Hotel, and other points of interest.

Tea in Dordrecht before leaving for home.

On road home stop to see ruins of Munnik Castle on Botha's Hoek farm. George Munnik became the first Judge President of the Republic of the Transkei and later Judge President of the Western Cape.

Costs

Accommodation-Lisa Greyling in town.

Total cost: R750.00 pp **sharing** for dinner, bed and breakfast, museum entry

Total cost R1000 pp **-single** accommodation, bed and breakfast, museum entry.

Bring own lunches and teas.

Fuel-own cost -share where possible.

Distance-380kms Port Alfred to Dordrecht and same Dordrecht to Port Alfred.

If you are interested in going on this outing, please email me with your first name/s and surname, able to offer lifts or require a lift by **Thursday, 17 September**.

Email: Margaret at robmar.snod@igen.co.za

Number of persons going restricted to availability of accommodation with Lisa Greyling.

THURSDAY, 19 NOVEMBER

Indoor meeting. **Last LAHS** meeting of the year.

Speaker: **Alan Weyer**

Topic: **To be announced in November newsletter.**

Thank you,

Margaret Snodgrass(LAHS newsletter scribe