

DURBAN & COASTAL BRANCH

At the first meeting in January we elected mostly a new committee as follows;

Chairman - Jaq BENADIE

Treasurer – Shirley RICHARDSON

Secretary – Judy LETARD

Librarian – Dawn VAN NIEKERK

Our thanks and appreciation to the previous committee and especially for Nigel and his wife Cynthia who had carried the committee for several years. We would also want to thank the Family History Centre and Director Jenny HARRIES in particular for allowing us to use their library for our montly meetings.

Most of the year was spent on personal research meetings.

Ricky NORTJE addressed us in May on his work on the South African War Graves Project.

In August we visited the archive in Pietermaritzburg and in September we were back in Pietermaritzburg to visit some of the various genealogy presentations.

During the year membership remained more or less static with a few new members joining. Our Secretary produced four newsletters for our members interest.

In addition, we as a Branch decided as a ‘thank you’ to the Family History Centre to undertake a “Resources Indexing Project” on their behalf where all stock items are to be indexed under certain headings. This is still ongoing. The team involved in this is, Nigel and Cynthia McFerran, Brian and Shirley Richardson, Matthys and Dawn van Niekerk, Lynn Paul and Joan Rachmann.

We had a number of books etc. generously donated to our local library and these were all documented and listed in or newsletters.

Our meetings were generally well attended.

Jaq BENADIE
Chairman 2006.