

# Sundial



The Durbanville sundial is one of Durbanville's most significant artefacts. It forms the bridge between the old VOC, Colonial Britain, the Union of South Africa and the Republic.

This artefact once graced the site around the Civic centre and was later moved to the front of the library. Later it was unceremoniously removed when the library was enlarged, resulting in the destruction of most of this artefact.

The sundial was erected in 1960 as part of the ceremonies all over the country to commemorate the 50 year existence of the Union of South Africa. A memorabilia plaque was added to the bottom of the sundial in 1961 to voice the celebrations of becoming a republic.

This sundial base (to be rebuilt) should also echo the voice of the new South Africa by adding an additional plaque highlighting the change in 1994. It is therefore important that this artefact should be relocated to the heritage site at the Outspan.

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