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We are pleased to announce that The Second Watercourse History Festival in Plettenberg Bay will take place on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> and Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February, 2021

Developed on the theme “War and Peace”, we have lined up a fine set of academics and popular historians, as well as experienced peace-workers, to share something of their insights in the field of human conflict in Southern Africa and elsewhere on the African Continent.

## Thursday 25th February

Piesang Valley Community Hall

(entrance per session R150)

09h00: Professor Ruben Richards will talk about early Khoikhoi resistance to colonisation by the Dutch East India Company.

10h00: TEA

10h30: Former editor of *Getaway* magazine, David Bristow, will talk about “War or Peace: From Free Burghers to Trekboers”.

11h30: TEA

12h00: David Hilton-Barber will talk about the 1820 Settlers and conflict in the Eastern Cape.

13h00: LUNCH

14h00: “Finding Each Other Again”: a workshop hosted by Fatima Swartz of the Institute for the Healing of Memories.

15h30: TEA

16h00: Convenor of the Watercourse History Festival and long-standing anti-nuclear activist Mike Kantey will talk about the history of the South African Nuclear Bomb Programme.



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**Friday 26th February**

**Piesang Valley Community Hall**

**(entrance per session R150)**

09h00: Kevin Vos will speak on the topic “Salute the Eagle: My National Service as a Paratrooper during Operation Savannah in Angola, 1975-76”.

10h00: TEA

10h30: Knysna military historian and former Councillor Ian Uys will talk about some citations and honours among SADF combatants in Angola.

11h30: TEA

12h30: Dr Anthony Turton will speak on the topic, “Understanding the Battle of Cuito Cuanavale in its Strategic Context”.

13h00: LUNCH

14h00: “False Promises, Wasted Opportunities – Reflections on South Africa’s Truth & Reconciliation Commission (the TRC)” – former participants Piers Pigou and Zenzile Khoisan in dialogue.

15h30: TEA

16h00: Well-known Anthropology Professor and author Mike de Jongh will discuss “The Human, the Humane, and even the Humorous – Untold stories from the Anglo-Boer War in the Karoo” – and reflect on what drives humans to war and how we might find each other again in peacetime.



*Excerpt from Thomas Baines’ “Attack on Maqoma’s Stronghold at Fuller’s Hoek in October 1851” (William Febr Collection)*