



Media Statement

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TO ALL EDITORS

NHC OPENS NOMINATIONS FOR THE 2025 GOLDEN SHIELD HERITAGE AWARDS

The National Heritage Council of South Africa (NHC) is pleased to announce the call for 2025 Golden Shield Heritage Awards (GOSHA) nominations. These prestigious awards celebrate and honour South Africa's rich and diverse heritage by recognizing individuals, organisations, and institutions contributing to its preservation and promotion.

The closing date for submission of nominations is 31 July 2025.

The Golden Shield Heritage Awards acknowledge exemplary research, strategies, techniques and globally accepted best practices in bequeathing heritage for current and future generations.

Launched over a decade ago, the Golden Shield Heritage Awards were inspired by insights gathered through seminars, lectures, and conferences that accentuated a lack of formal recognition for excellence and innovation in the heritage and cultural sector. These awards aim to bridge that gap and serve as a meaningful intervention in nation-building, fostering pride and transformation of the heritage landscape.

In the past two years, the awards have been hosted in the Western Cape province. For the first time, since its inception, the awards will be hosted in the Mpumalanga province, in Mbombela.

The categories for this year's awards are as follows:

- § Preferred Heritage Destination
- § Young Heritage Activist
- § Voice of Heritage
- § Heritage Journalism
- § Corporate Heritage Management
- § Liberation Heritage Steward
- § Heritage Education
- § Heritage Social Media Influencer
- § National Living Treasure

“I encourage all South African heritage activists, knowledge-bearers and community members to submit entries or nominate deserving candidates for recognition and advancement within the heritage sector. These awards are a vital opportunity to honour those who selflessly contribute to preserving our nation’s cultural legacy,” says Dr Thabo Manetsi, the Chief Executive Officer of the NHC.

Entry forms are available for download on the NHC website: www.nhc.org.za

Completed forms and supporting documents must be submitted via email to: gosha@nhc.org.za

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