

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING 31/12/2025.

I am pleased to report that we have had a very successful year of events. Since the last AGM on the 16th of April 2025 we have presented the following:

- 35 video documentary viewings with 1880 attendees, covering music, history, travel, art and nature;
- 9 outings with 280 attendees, covering local history, Stanley Island, polo, archery and gin, and
- 14 talks with 725 attendees, mainly covering health, travel, science, art, history and nature.

I think everyone would agree that Andrew Marr's BBC series on Making of Modern Britain stood out as a fascinating and well presented video presentation.

We had the most fun at the outing to our local Robberg Distillery, and by far the most interesting and enjoyable outing we have had in a long time was the History and Fossil trip to Graaf-Reinet.

We had some superb talks during the year of which the highlight was Marsel van Oosten's talk on his photojournalism career. Jonathan Ancer's talk on his book BULLSHIT – 50 Fibs That Made South Africa was also a highlight.

You may be interested to know that we had 223 members at year end.

I must again thank the members of the committee for the enthusiasm and dedication with which they tackled their various tasks. In particular:

Peter Grube for handling the membership, DVD and events database and collating members interests.

Ivan Boardman for volunteering to look after our money matters.

Andre van der Merwe for volunteering to co-ordinate our DVD presentations.

Beth Hackland for so ably organising our superb outings and carrying out various secretarial duties.

Anne Clarke for organising all our wonderful Wednesday morning speakers.

Basil van Rooyen for volunteering to help with the website and for his general advice and support at our committee meetings.

Philip Murton for his regular newsletter and WhatsApp notices.

Beth has advised that due to frequent travels she will be standing down at the end of this year. We made a call for volunteer committee members and are thankful to those who have put up their hands. We will present our new volunteers to you at the AGM.

At the last meeting of the 2025, we thanked the various FGV staff for their help in hosting our meetings.

We had a fun annual lunch at the Ouland Royale. Philip Murton won a nice prize form the best short quiz run by Barry Ricketts. Rumours of insider collusion with Barrie are false.

Our current membership stands at a healthy 155. We look forward to some exciting meetings, presentations, and outings this year.

Finally, I and the committee wish you another year of edification, discovery, and friendship.

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