

## Refurbishment of 12 pdr breech loader cannons

After 18 months of completing documents and nearly giving up, at last the Overberg Municipality appointed Martin Venter (Chairman of CAOSA) as the main contractor to refurbish the two 12 pdr breech loader cannons standing at the Cenotaph above the old harbour in Hermanus.

The cannons were picked up on 5 May 2015. Martin with help from another company worked under tremendous pressure to complete the task before 30 June 2015.

Finally the two cannons were returned to their original position the morning of 30 June 2015, under the scrutiny of approximately 100 local residents and a local newspaper reporter. Not only are the cannons looking beautiful, but they were also made safe for the little hands normally climbing all over them, waiting for their parents to take that special photo.

When you visit Hermanus again, please go to the old harbour stand tall and say: "Yes I am part of CAOSA and proud of it", as the work done on these cannons is proof of what we as an Association strive for:

**"To refurbish and preserve our country's heritage".**



That is how we found them



Being loaded on to platform trailer



Being prepared for paint job



Finished painting



Ready for offloading



Fully restored and back in original positions



From left to right: Martin Venter Chairman of CAOSA, Imran Hendricks, acting Mayor of the Overberg municipality Cllr Rudolph Smith and Brian Viljoen

If you know of historical cannons who need attention please contact CAOSA at [info@caosa.org.za](mailto:info@caosa.org.za)