

CANNONS & CARRIAGES NEEDING FIRST AID

Jurg Zimmermann and I went to survey the two cannons (Durr 74 and 75) outside the museum in the Gardens in Cape Town. The guns are in fair condition but the carriages, which were made about 40 years ago, are showing signs of rot and some pieces are missing. We are examining the options and possibilities for repair.



While in the Gardens we took the opportunity to locate, examine and measure the 300 year old cannon (Durr 980) that was unearthed in Orange Street about two years ago.

After all the press coverage and bluster that followed the location of the gun, nothing has been done to or for it in the two years that have passed. Jurg has fixed a bayonet to his pen and is going to cause a stir somewhere.



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