



## Friends of the Albany Museum

### What is the Albany Museum?

Established in 1855, it is the second oldest museum in South Africa. The core block was built in 1899 and added to over the years. The History Museum was built in 1965, and the Observatory was restored by De Beers Consolidated Mines in 1983.

The Albany Museum Complex consists of the Museum and Heritage sites:

- Natural Sciences Museum
- History Museum
- Observatory Museum
- Fort Selwyn on Gunfire Hill
- Old Provost Prison
- Priest's House

### What does the museum do?

The core purpose of the museum is to make people aware of the world around them, through its collections, research, education, exhibitions and publication programmes.

The collections are the foundation on which all these activities are built. They include:

- The largest collection of freshwater invertebrates in Africa
- The largest collection of stinging wasps and bees in the country
- The fourth largest herbarium in the country
- The earliest Stone Age collections
- Palaeontology collections dating back to the Devonian
- Historical collections, including artworks

These collections underpin unique research across many disciplines, and are used widely by our own staff as well as by university students and researchers from all over the world.

### Why join?

Do you want to engage with your local museums? Would you like to be part of the exciting vision for new exhibitions, or volunteer to help keep doors open to the public over weekends? Help us to make the Albany Museum and its satellites a world class institution by becoming a "friend of the museum".

You can support the different Museums of the Albany Museum Complex in many ways, practically and financially. Participate in the Volunteer Programme and help with a variety of interesting tasks, such as by assisting in a specific department or taking groups to see specific displays.

Others donate to the Members Fund which is used for specific Museum programmes.

### How do I join the "Friends of the Albany Museum"?

#### What benefits do members have?

- Free admission to all museums
- Five complimentary tickets a year for your friends
- An electronic copy of the museum's newsletter
- Invitations to special functions and exhibition openings

#### You can also become a volunteer:

Members of the Museum's Volunteer Programme can work in many of the museum's sections on a voluntary basis. Here they do valuable work as varied as cataloguing books and journals in the library; inputting collections records onto computer, mending costumes and cleaning furniture, teaching school children or guiding visitors through exhibits.

All volunteers are screened to ensure they will be happy in a particular place in the museum, and are given training and instructions where necessary. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, please indicate on the application form in what field(s) you are interested in and we will contact you.



# MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

## As a member you:

- Contribute to the growth of the second oldest museum of South Africa.
- Help people understand each other's cultures and histories, and the world around us.
- Help the museum provide ever better education programmes for all the Eastern Cape's young people.
- Form part of a growing community of people who, through their generosity, are actively preserving our natural and cultural treasures for future generations.



I wish to become a member of the Albany Museum as indicated below:

Individual	R30
Senior Citizen	R25
Student	R25 (valid student card)
Family	R50
Patron	R250 or more

Please indicate by ticking the relevant box:

Age	Gender
21-35	<input type="checkbox"/> F
36-60	<input type="checkbox"/> M
61 and above	<input type="checkbox"/>

Name.....

Current Occupation .....

Address.....

Cell.....

Email.....

Post Code.....

Telephone.....

Children's Name/s (if family membership)

..... Age.....

..... Age.....

..... Age.....

Date.....

Total amount of R..... enclosed payable to the Albany Museum.

Bank : Standard Bank  
 Account No : 081 999 321  
 Branch Code : 050917  
 Type : Current account

Send the completed form, with proof of payment to:

The Membership Coordinator  
 Albany Museum  
 Somerset Street  
 Grahamstown  
 6139  
 Telephone: +27 46 622 2312  
 Fax: +27 46 622 2398  
 E-mail: info@am.org.za  
 Web: http://www.ru.ac.za/albanymuseum/

Yes, I would like to be a volunteer.

My preference is:

- History
- Genealogy
- Archaeology
- Anthropology
- Insects
- Fossils
- Birds
- Plants
- General Conservation
- Exhibitions & Displays
- Media & Public Relations
- Education & Outreach
- Information Technology
- Leading guided tours

## FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:

Membership Co-ordinator:
Date.....
Amount.....
Memb. No.....