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Environmental consultant, Marinda le Roux, tells us how a historical fountain was moved from the site of

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Few people remember Hallsdorp, or Holtzdorp, a tiny diggers' town on the farm Byenestpoort, named after



The fountain in the derelict area that used to be Hallsdorp

However, the fountain built in about 1943 by Italian prisoners of war interred in the nearby Zonderw

Zonderwater was the biggest detention camp built by the Allies during World War II. From April 1941



An information plaque was erected in the garden of the McHardy House museum

The Zonderwater human adventure started in a tent city in 1941. In 1943 it was transformed into the

There were 14 blocks, each of them normally made up by four camps. Each camp hosted 2 000 men



Lifting the fountain



Installing the fountain in the garden at the McHardy House Museum

Much had been written about the art and craft of these Italian prisoners of war and their work can today still be seen in and around Cullinan. The forgotten fountain they built at Hallsdorp was located by John Lincoln from the Cullinan Heritage Society. John applied for permission to move it to an area where it could be appreciated by the many visitors to the village of Cullinan.

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Marinda le Roux at the old area in Haledorn where the fountain was removed



Marinda le Roux at the Vlakfontein House Museum



Map showing the location of the fountain in the Premier Mine (Cullinan) area