



History of Okahandja

1800: Nomadic Herero people in search of better grazing land arrive in the area that is later to become the town of Okahandja under the leadership of Chiefs Tjamuaha (father of Maharero) and Kahitjene.

1827: Okahandja is renamed to 'Schelenverwachting' by the first white German Pastor, Heinrich Schmelen.

1830: Chiefs Tjamuaha and Kahitjene settle themselves in Okahandja while chief Riarua settles in Osona.

1844: Okahandja is mentioned for the first time in history books! This occurs when Rhenish Mission sends two missionaries, Hugo Hahn and Heinrich Kleinschmidt, to Okahandja.

1846: The Gross Barmen centre is constructed after a hot spring is discovered in the area.

1850: 23 August is known as 'Blood bath of Okahandja'. Nama and Herero people fight each other at 'Moord-koppie'. This hill can be seen on the right-hand side of the highway, which runs through Okahandja on the way to Karibib.

1854: Jonker Afrikaner moves to Okahandja. He spends the remainder of his life here.

1870: The first school is established in Okahandja by Rhenish Missionaries.

1892: Wecke & Voigts (business) is opened in Okahandja.

1894: 25 June is regarded as the official birth of Okahandja when Governor Leutwein announces the opening of a military station here.

1895: A postal service is established by making use of camels.

1896: The first post office is officially opened.

1904: 12 January marks the Herero uprising against German colonial occupation.

1905: 9 November sees the former Rhenish school reopened as Augustinum Training College.

1906: The first town Mayor, Dr Fock, is appointed.

1907: A tobacco research station is opened.

1909: Okahandja's first railway station is built and telephone connections are set up for the first time.

1932: The town swimming pool (still open today) is built.

1940: The Zoo Park is first opened as a central place for all to observe various caged animals.

1948: South West Creamery is opened in Okahandja and becomes one of the biggest factories to be established in the town.

1952: The municipal building (still being used today) is constructed.

1958: Construction workers who squatted around Von Bach Dam are forcefully removed and relocated to three areas: the western side of Okahandja which community members called Nau – Aib, meaning 'On the Other Side'; Ovitoto, an area 30km south of Okahandja; and the area known as Five Rand Camp.

1962: The Okahandja Coat of Arms is revised to reflect the unique vegetation encompassing the town, hence it being known as 'The Garden Town'. African Meat Cannery is established in the town. In the same year Martin Neib is appointed as the first black man to represent black people on the Advisory Committee of the Town Council until 1991. The main street is later named after him in 1992.

1970: Construction on the Von Bach Dam commences. It later becomes the largest water supplier and purification centre to Okahandja and to surrounding towns as far as Windhoek. It was completed in 1973.

1979: The country's biggest factory of chairs, desks and beds, supplying mainly to the government, is reopened in Okahandja on the premises of the old Südwest Möbelfabrik. The factory is referred to as the Metal Kitchen Unit (MKU) as registered in Windhoek originally.

1982: The official registration of all settlers at Otjiwa farm takes place. The owner, Andreas Pretorius, charged settlers five South African rand each for renting on his land, hence the name of the settlement, 'Five Rand Camp'. The Zoo Park is taken over by its last owner, Mr Kristof Schultz, who runs it until its closure.

1992: Josephat Tjinae, a school teacher by profession, is elected as the first black mayor of Okahandja.

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