

## SIR LOWRY'S PASS TOURISM INITIATIVE



village of flowers & wine

The logo of our Tourism Initiative combines certain elements of historical and current importance to the Community of Sir Lowry's Pass Village & surrounds. You will observe the following :

➤ **The Wild Gladiolus :**

Legend has it that the V.O.C (Dutch East India Company) collected these bulbs and took them to Holland where they were cultivated to produce the commercial gladiolus we know today. The gladiolus, which flowers in October, has been identified as *CARNEUS BLANDUS* and is to be seen in the lower left corner of the logo

➤ **The Fynbos & Proteas :**

Formerly these covered the Mountain Range over which the Pass traverses and which the provided an important source of income for the Village Community in years gone by.

➤ **The Old Wesleyan Chapel :**

Built in 1847 by the Reverend Barnabas Shaw, and originally named the Terrington Chapel, this Historic Chapel is reported to be the oldest Wesleyan Chapel in the country. It is an important part of the fabric of our Community's Cultural Heritage and is symbolic also of the Background and values of the people of the Mission Ground. The Methodist Mission Station formed a material part of the Sir Lowry's Pass Village for many years and most of the current residents are descendants of the original inhabitants.

➤ **Sir Lowry's Pass :**

Completed on 6<sup>th</sup> July 1830, at a cost of £7 011, by Sir Lowry Cole this Pass was an important advance in the field of transport. Sir Lowry's Cole was able to negotiate the new Road over the Pass in a Cape Cart with two horses. Previously travelers over the *Gantouw* (Elands Path) were obliged to go by Ox Wagon with up to 56 oxen pulling the load. Definitely an important contribution to life at the Cape.

➤ **Vineyards & Wines :**

It has long been acknowledged that the SLP Village area is *Good Red Wine Country*. Today much of the land has been planted to vines (mostly red varieties) and to date five Local Wineries are in Production - with others being planned for the near future.