

GRAHAMSTOWN CIVIC ASSOCIATION (GRACA)

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3 September 1984

Mr J.P. Celliers

RHINI TOWN COUNCIL

Grahamstown

Dear Mr Celliers

Re: Refusal of access to community halls

Ever since GRACA's inception your Council has incessantly refused this association access to community halls without stating any reasons thereof.

GRACA booked the following dates for permission to use the Neluthando and Albert Halls, but Mr Loots kept on turning down all our applications: 15 th, 16 th and 17 th of August 1984  
22nd and 24 th September 1984

GRACA views this as a sheer and naked abuse of power by your Council which claims to be serving our community with dedication and commitment. But your Council forgets one important thing: Graca is a civic body and, as such, it enjoys an overwhelming support of the so-called ledgers, rates and rent-payers, youth and students and the community at large. This implies that GRACA has a legitimate right to use the community halls and other public amenities.

Let us remind you that the Blacks of Grahamstown feed your Councillors and other officials of the Rhini Council including constables and clerks and not excluding Mr Loots and other Superintendents of this Council of yours. Let us also remind you that part of the service charges which are meant for oppression and exploitation of the poor and voiceless Blacks of Grahamstown goes into paying for sport and recreation, and that the community halls were built out of public funds. Further, we demand for humane and urgent answers to all our petitions and letters which you received ever since GRACA was formed—THE SOONER, THE BETTER.

Lastly, we ask your Council to review and reconsider its powers which it has delegated to Mr Loots who is hated and rejected by our community because of his treatment of the Black people of Grahamstown which feed him and his family. We believe that this Mr Loots is grossly abusing the duties and powers delegated to him by your Council and that he has no respect for human dignity.

Hoping to hear from you very soon.

Yours sincerely

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