

KZN Coal Indaba 2009

A review of the coal and anthracite industry in KwaZulu-Natal

25-26 June 2009

The annual FFF KZN Coal Indaba was held this year in Dundee. 72 people travelled to the heart of the KwaZulu-Natal battlefields braving the cold and the winds on the way. The journey was highlighted by the view of the snow capped Drakensberg in the distance.

A splendid day was had by the bus load of participants on the field trip of 25 June. Willie Lemmer had produced an interesting hand out for everyone, showing both the geological formations and the historic sites, viewed on the days outing. The field trip was kindly sponsored by Slater Coal (Pty) Ltd.

Keaton Energy Holdings hosted a special dinner for everyone in the evening and we were delighted with the colourful spectacle of the "Die Hards", the Dundee team formed in 1999 to re-enact engagements of the Anglo-Boer War. They wear identical uniforms to those worn by British soldiers a hundred years ago and carry (and fire very loudly) blank ammunition.

The formal conference was held in a pleasant conference room at Battlefields Lodge on 26 June with an outstanding academic programme, covering Geology and Exploration, Mining, Beneficiation and Utilisation and importantly environmental issues.

FFF was proud to host an international speaker, Vincent Donato, a specialist engineering consultant working in the fields of energy and the environment.

CD's of the KZN Coal Indaba 2009 are available for purchase from Mrs Jenny Firth projects@fossilfuel.co.za.

Willie Lemmer guiding field



The "Die Hards" on parade



The "Die Hards" firing a noisy salvo

