



UITENHAGE RAILWAY MUSEUM:

Balise Mvoko, Curator of the Uitenhage Historical Museums pointing at the old railway station or Doll's House which will be renovated. PHOTO:HEILIE COMBRINCK

Major restoration on the way

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THE Uitenhage Railway Museum buildings will be restored at an estimated cost of nearly R17 million which will include a few new additions as well as its own parking area off the busy Market Street.

"I am ecstatic. It has been a long time waiting for the Uitenhage Railway Museum to be revamped and restored to its former glory," said Balise Mvoko, Curator of the Uitenhage Historical Museums. According to her, the Department of Arts and Culture applied to National Treasury for the renovation of the museum and li-

aised with the Department of Public Works, which in return provided the expertise of architects and engineers and through tenders, appointed a contractor registered on its central data base. "The project includes the revamping of all the existing buildings. This is urgently needed as the roof structures are dilapidat-

ed and leaking everywhere damaging artifacts. Furthermore, the plumbing is old, and blockages are a huge problem. There also is some constructional damage due to the roots of trees adjacent to the buildings," said Mvoko.

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