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NEWS BRIEF – 039 – Emily Hobhouse Update to the Invitation from Highway Heritage Society

Adams Booksellers will have a limited number of Dr Eales Book on sale at a discounted price of R260 a copy so members who have booked may wish to avail themselves of this offer. Adams will also have a card machine for purchasers use.

Bookings are almost closed for the address but we understand there are one or two seats still available as of this morning Tuesday 3rd May 2016.

Subject: *The Compassionate Englishwoman: Emily Hobhouse in the Boer War, the author's introduction.*

Speaker: **Dr Robert Eales who is on a flying visit from Sydney Australia.**

Date & time: **Saturday 7 May 2016 at 14h00** (2.00 p.m.) Please ensure that you arrive at least 15 minutes before this time in case you have to sign-in at the gate and for the collection of meeting fees.

Venue: **High School Staff Lounge, Thomas More College, Sykes Road, KLOOF.** (directions may be obtained from Marie)

Meeting Fees: Members **R15**; Visitors **R20**; which, as usual, includes refreshments and eats. **(No change will be given for R100 & R200 notes!)**

Note that Highway Heritage has kindly extended the R15 entry fee to SANS Members so please print a copy of this News Brief and bring it along as proof of SANS membership! And please book early as this may well be a sell-out event.

R.S.V.P. to Marie Gurr on 031-7053122 (or marinev.gurr@gmail.com) **by 20h00 on Thursday 5 May 2016**, to facilitate catering. **Booking is essential as we will only put out seats for those who have given us their names.** If you do book and are unable to attend, please let us know in good time as otherwise you may be requested to pay, to cover the Society costs (catering, venue & speaker fee).

The Compassionate Englishwoman: Emily Hobhouse in the Boer War

The year 1900 is an era in which few women made a mark on their time. Emily Hobhouse was an exceptional person who did. This courageous woman went to southern Africa during the Boer War to investigate stories that women and children were having a difficult time in the conflict. With considerable difficulty she threaded her way through the war, all on her own and undaunted by the danger. What she found was very disturbing.

She privately urged the authorities to act, first in southern Africa, then in Britain – to no avail. As civilian deaths increased, her campaign escalated. But the government did not want anyone to hear her story and they made life very difficult for her. In the meantime, what she had discovered on the veld turned into a major tragedy. Eventually, her work saved many lives. If she were alive today, Hobhouse's courageous and committed work would be acclaimed around the world. The book reveals a slice of history as it has not been told before and gives this remarkable woman the credit she is due but never received in her lifetime.

We have taken steps to ensure that copies of *The Compassionate Englishwoman: Emily Hobhouse in the Boer War* are available for purchase at the meeting, and Dr Eales will be able to sign your copy after the meeting. The special members price is R260.