

NEW DURBAN CENTRAL CITY LIBRARY RESEARCH HUB

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Client: EtheKwini Libraries & Heritage Department

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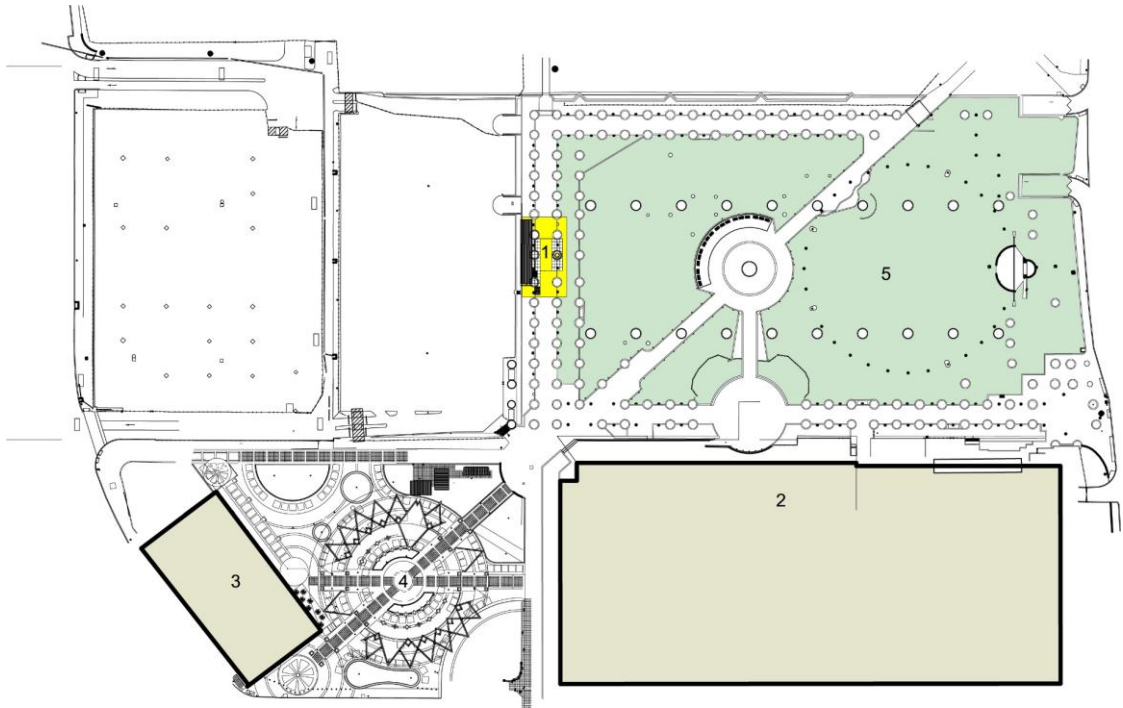
Contract Value: R500 million

The New Durban Central City (NDCC) Library constitutes an investment of approximately R500m by both local and provincial government. A project of this magnitude has clear catalytic spin-offs for the City.

To be located in the 'heart' of Durban's CBD, the Centrum, the NDCC Library is seen as an instrument for the regeneration of the Inner City.

The exhibition serves a very important role: as an exhibit showcasing the library development, point of contact for the public and stakeholders, the area for community participation to occur, as well as the public interface to view progress of the library. The selected location overlooks the NDCC Library site, and is placed to catch the attention of passing pedestrians. Shipping containers offered a quick temporary solution and provides a mini library, views over the construction site and to house an ever changing update of models and drawings of the planned NDCC Library.

Benches and tables made of timber palettes provide a place to sit, with a palette tower of 'books' adding a vertical beacon and light source. The bright colours promote a vibrant association with learning and giant sized book graphics provide viewers with an indication of what this is about from afar.



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1. RESEARCH HUB
2. THE WORKSHOP
3. VIRGIN ACTIVE
4. LOCO PLAZA MARKET
5. GUGU DLAMINI PARK

