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- 2014

This project re-imagines an abandoned fish-factory port, embracing the history of Elands Bay with a new museum and restaurant.

It explores variation in light versus heavy structure to evoke excitement and comfort respectively. It optimizes views and circulation, using the walkway to tie the project together, as a threshold, an invitation, a bridge, and a viewing platform.









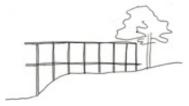
■ ECO HOUSE

- Location: Tiffindell, Drakensberg

This home is situated in an extremely cold climate, in the Southern Drakensberg. It is intended to be a tiny, off-the-grid home.

It uses strawbale walls for maximum insulation, a small sun room to trap the heat of the sun and narrow, vertical windows to maximize light and minimize heat-loss. The house uses natural materials in a contemporary way and encourages compact living.

floating floor - nature untouched

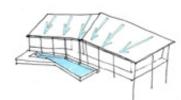


adaptable facades



rain water

- directed to reflection pool



vertical lines

- order & peace
- abstraction of forest

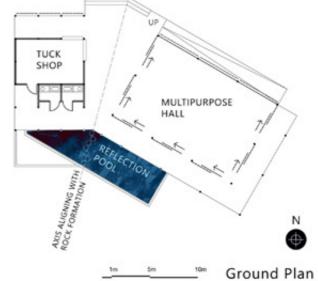


airflow beneath floors

- moderating temperature



South Elevation North Elevation East Elevation



■ CHRYSALIS

- 2015
- Location: Tokai, Cape Town

Chrysalis is a rehabilitation centre that equips people with the necessary skills, qualifications and attitudes to move forward in life after troubled backgrounds.

Coincidentally we were given this project after the mountain fires had burnt down part of the forest above Chrysalis ground. Hence, the site we were given was mostly in ashes.

We found, therein, the symbolism of turning "ashes into beauty" which applies both to the way the architecture brings new life to its landscape, and the way in which it contributes to the development of the people using the space.

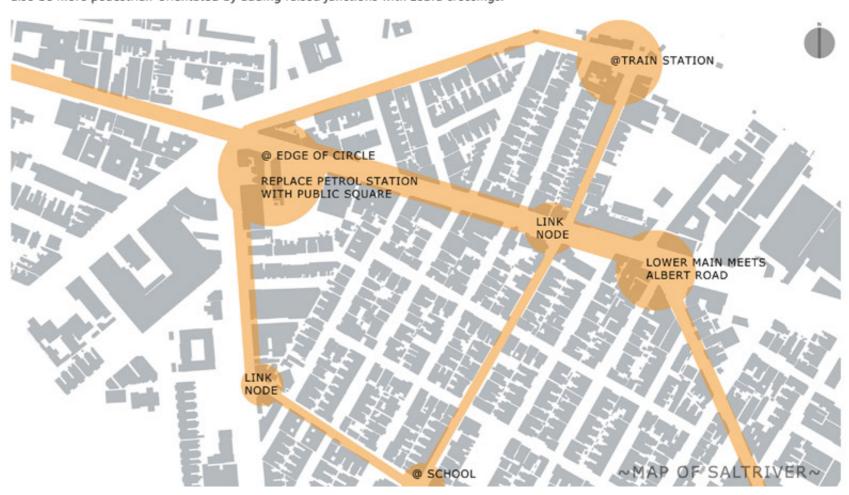


■ ENVISIONED CITY

- 2015
- Location: Salt River, Cape Town

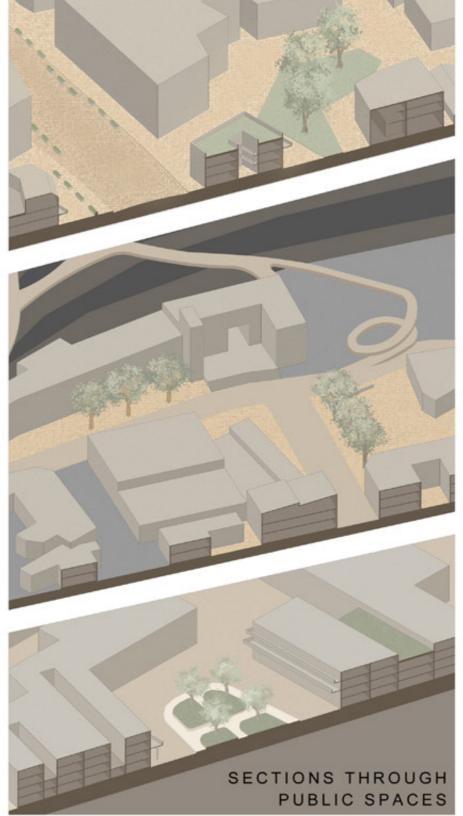


The diagram below shows opportunities for nodes such as public squares and parks, along with the possible desirable/ busy routes to connect the nodes. Desirable routes could be made with special paving, trees & vegetation, small shops along the route, etc. These routes would also be more pedestrian-orientated by adding raised junctions with zebra crossings.









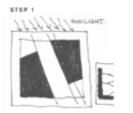


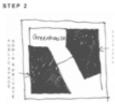






The Envisaged City explores the ideas of linked nodes of public activity and the decentralisation of built up city spaces. The mapping exercises highlight important public routes along Lower Main and Voortrekker roads and the link between the train station and the school. The Salt River circle is re-imagined as a more pedestrianfriendly intersection.

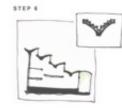












■ HYDROPONIC AMENITY CENTRE

- Location: Salt River, Cape Town

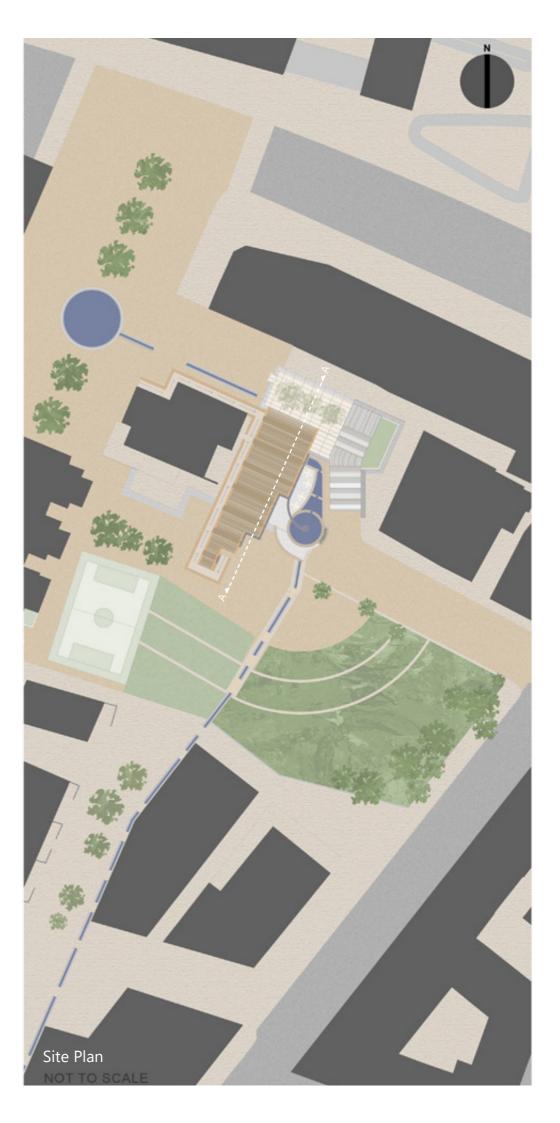
Continuing the investigations in the Envisioned City (pg 4 + 5), this project deals with the site in a way that reflects the envisioned city as well as the immediate context. It seeks to make the block more permeable for pedestrians and aims to have a positive environmental impact on the surrounding area, especially regarding water management and by transforming the adjacent park into a natural wetland.

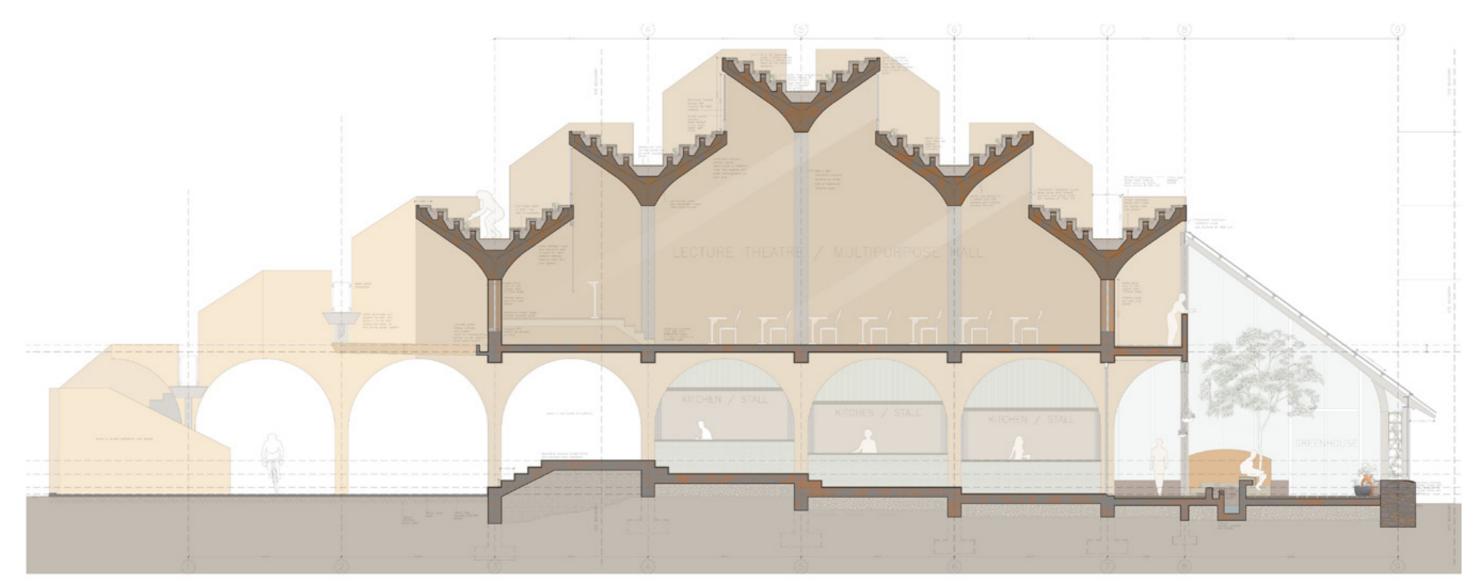
The roof system is the highlight of the project. It consists of stepped hydroponic modules which house plants and allow water to be pumped through them. These modules also form the roof of the building, and can be walked on for maintenance of the hydroponics.

The project is about accessibility, a permeable city as well as celebrating water and educating the public about water management.



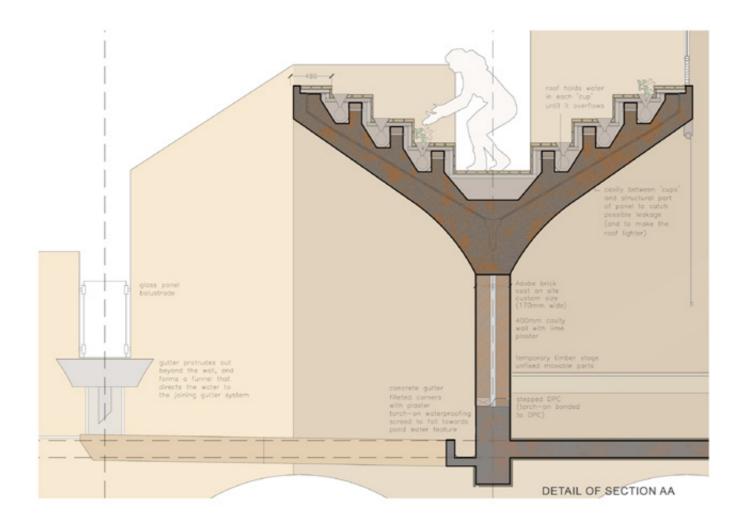
Perspective from park



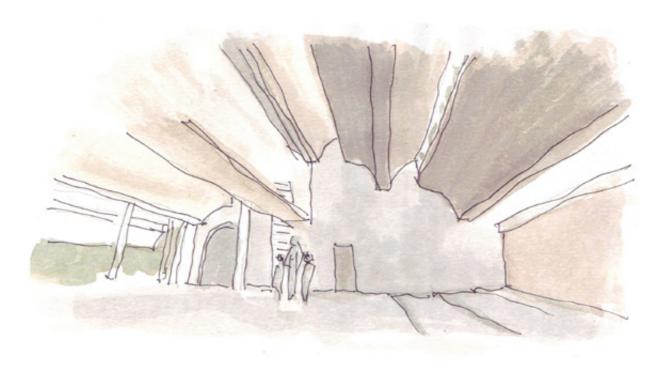


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SECTION AA







Perspective inside hall







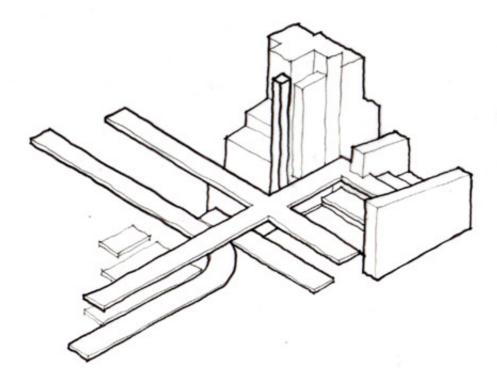


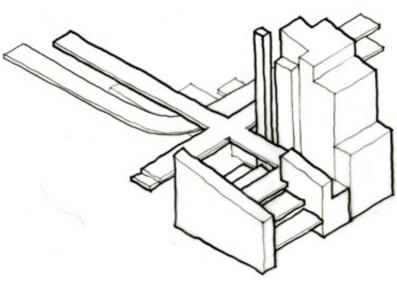
Concept model

■ HYDROPONIC AMENITY CENTRE - AMENDED

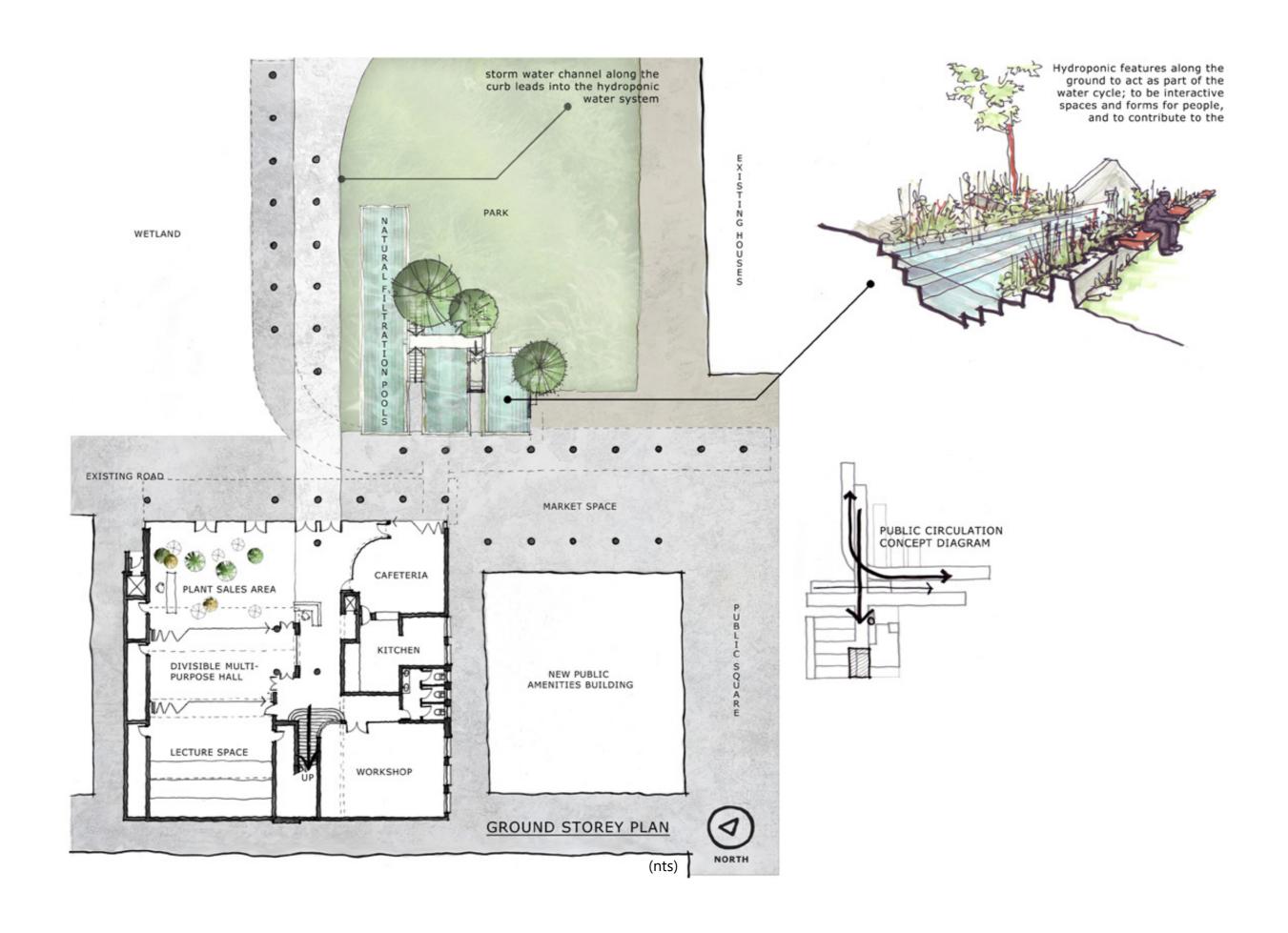
- 2017 amended
- Location: Salt River, Cape Town

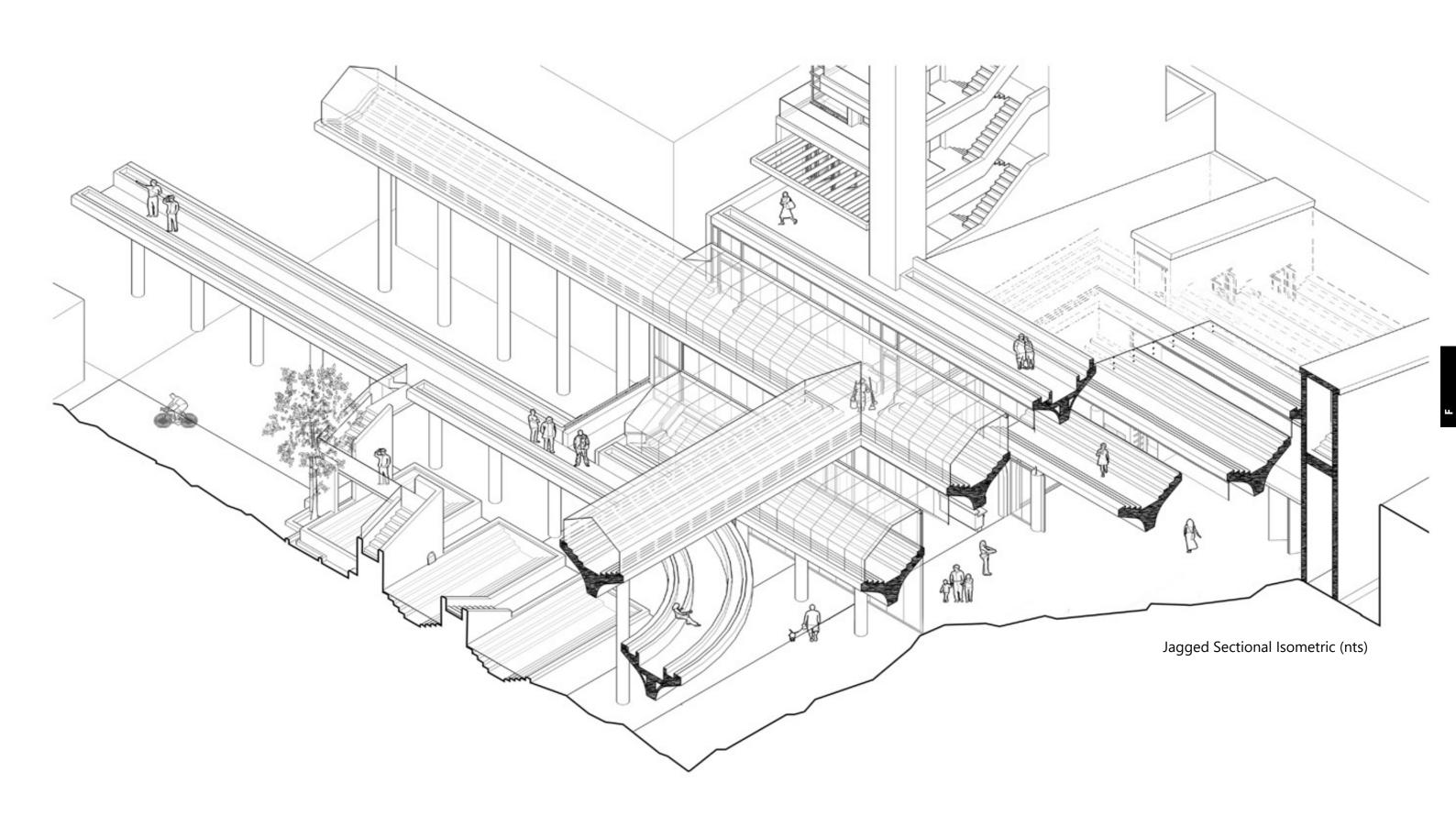
The amended design improves the circulation and the distribution of programme to make the whole building more integrated and accessible. The relationship with the public realm is improved through the use of interactive ground-level hydroponic systems. The new design celebrates these systems as part of the programme as well as a sculptural feature.





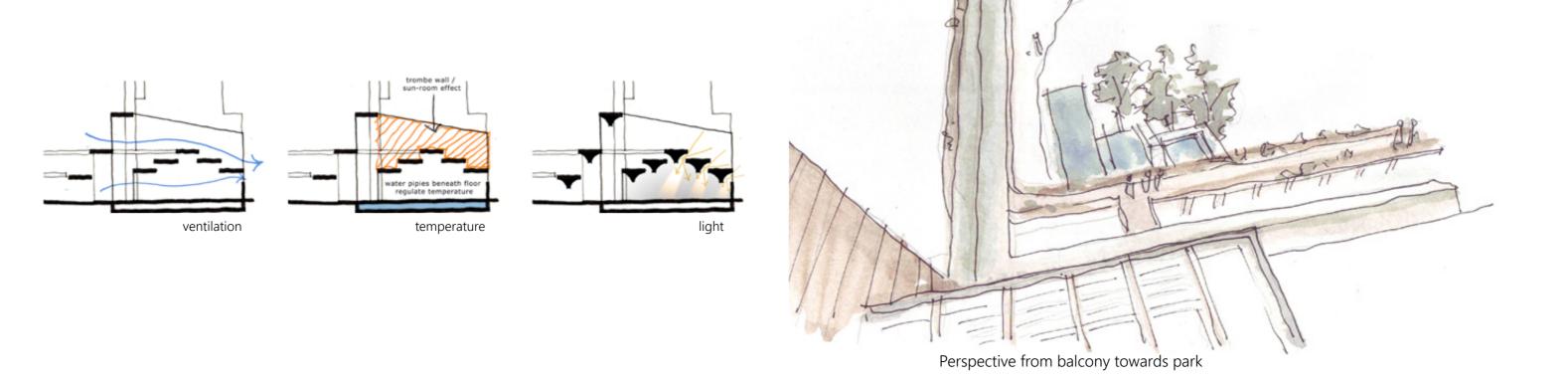
3D of new design

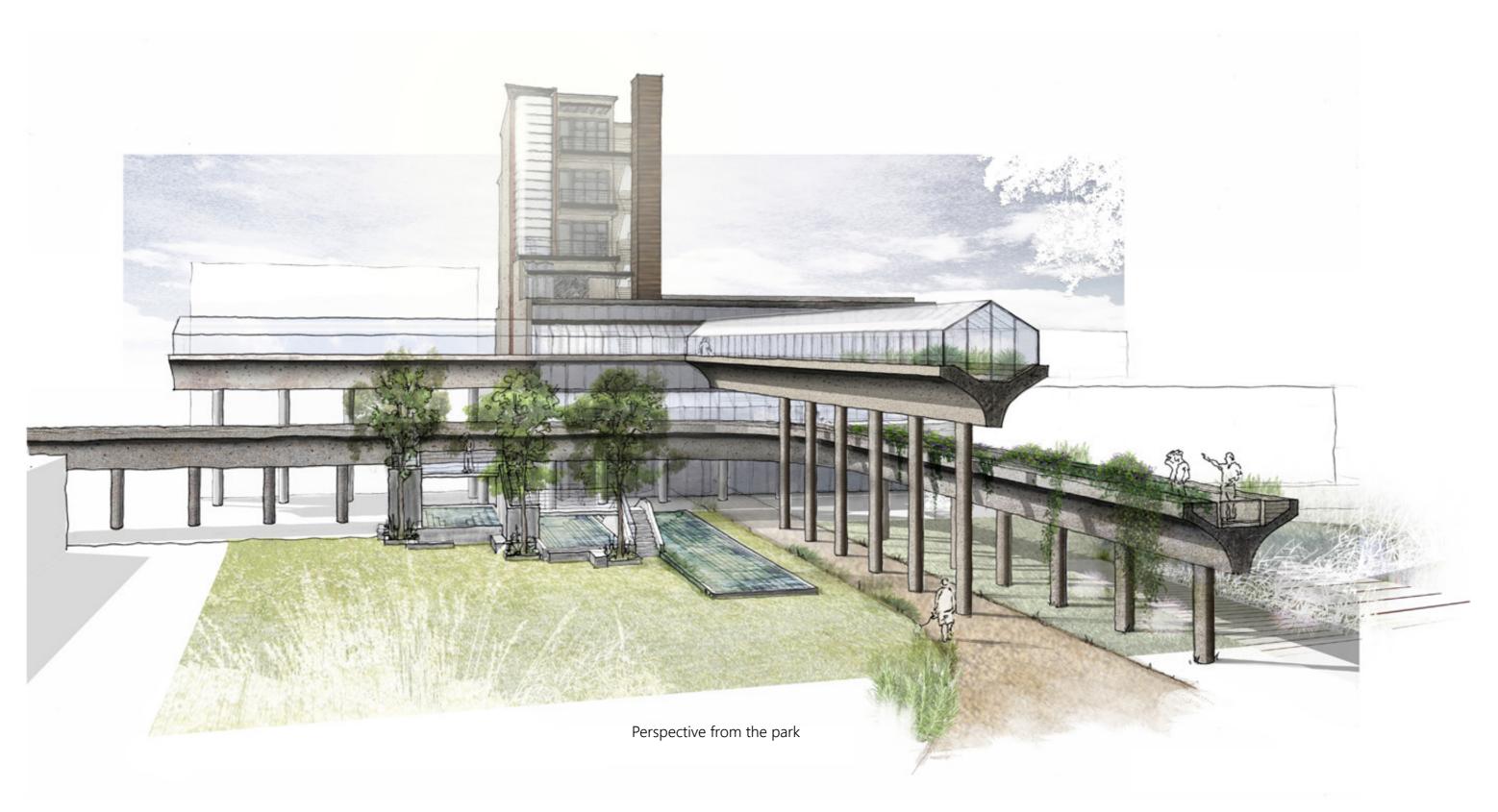






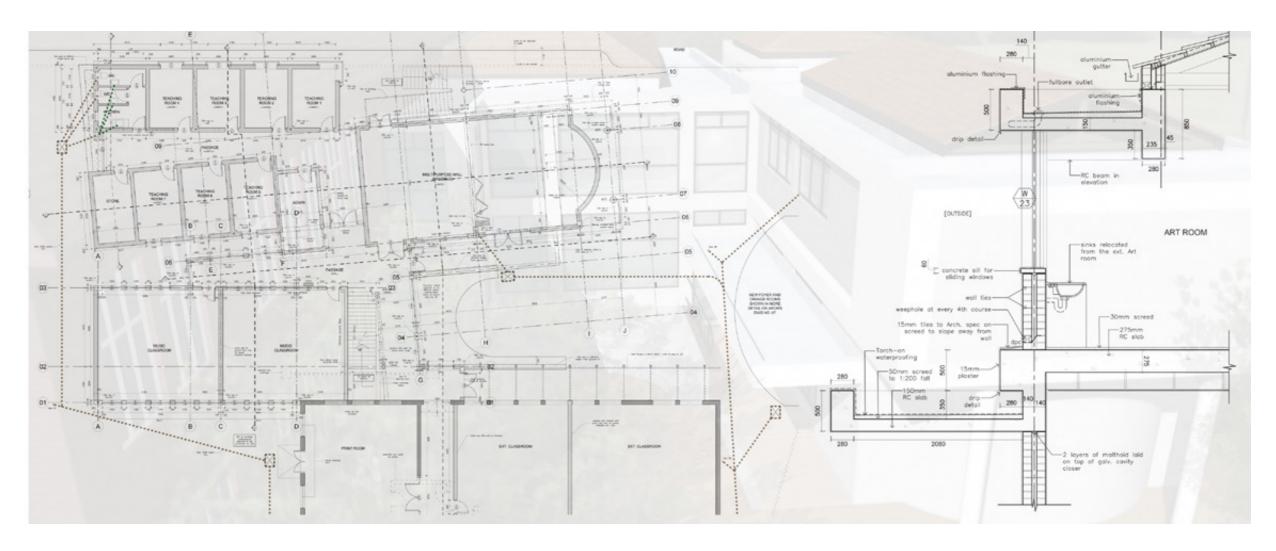
Longitudinal Section (nts)





■ BERGVLIET **HIGH SCHOOL** - NEW ARTS **CENTRE**

(the highlight of my work experience at Burmeister Architects 2016+2017)

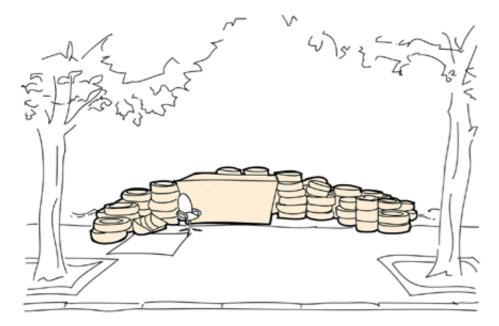


Working at Burmeister Architects gave me experience at various stages of conception, design, application and construction.

I was privileged to be part of meetings with clients and with professionals, and to be involved in all of the digital drawing and documentation and to build a model for the project shown here.

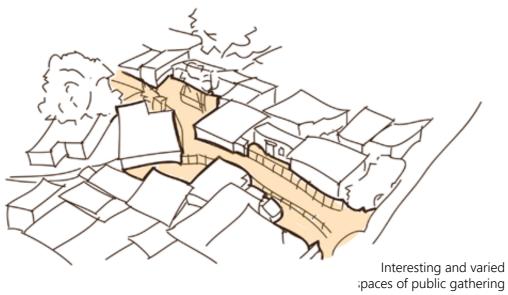


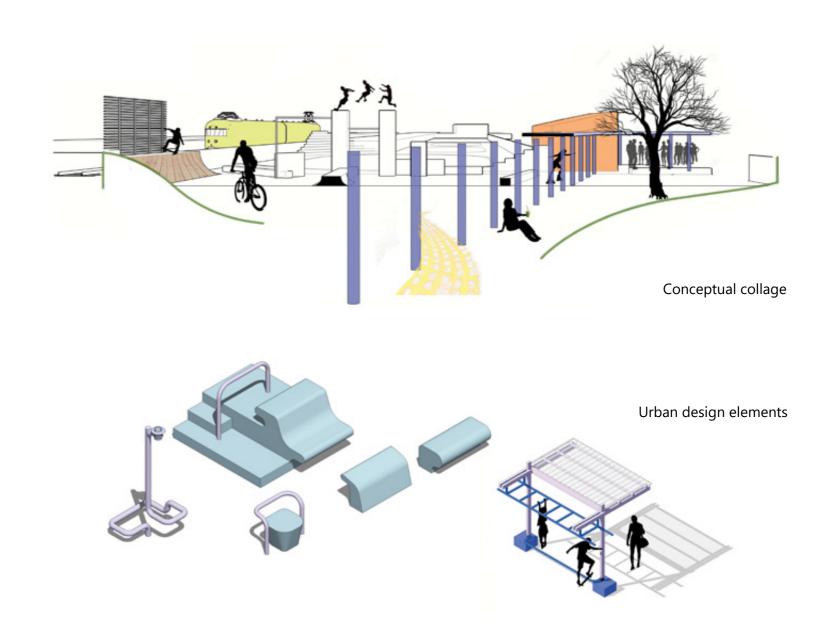
Digital and physical models of the additions to Bergvliet High



Challenging the norms of walls and boundaries







■ DYNAMICS

- 2018
- -Location: Gugulethu, Cape Town

This project is a public park with a counselling centre for recovering drug addicts. The primary focus of the project is the activation of the public spaces through presenting opportunities for relaxation and play - and specifically, skating.

The existing site is used as a thoroughfare between two streets as well as across the railway line. Adding the counselling facility and some public amenities to the site would activate the space and thus make it a safer and more desirable space to walk through.

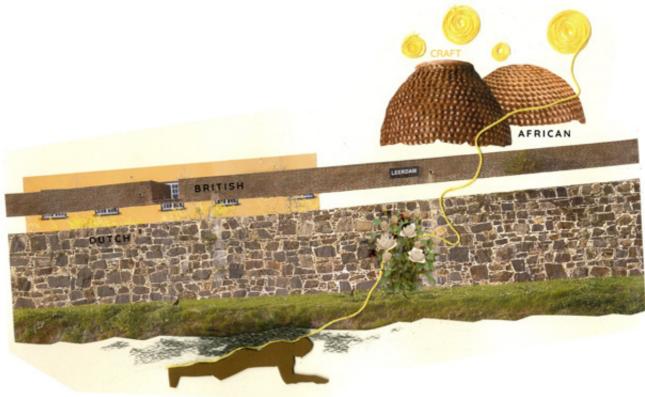
The project aims to create a sense of enclosure without obstructing visibility or ease of access through the site.

The skating and cycling space spills out onto the railway reserve as a way of utilizing a currently dead space. This introduces the idea of permanent and temporary landscape and architecture.

There are minimal permanent forms in the project, and it is designed so that if the temporary parts were taken away, the permanent forms could still be interpreted and utilized.







There is not a natural public transition between the surrounding city activities and the Castle [the Castle was not intended to be an accessible public building]

This can be seen as an opportunity to override the fortified nature of the castle as a public invitation, or it could be an opportunity to embrace the separateness that could be a sanctuary amongst busy city life.

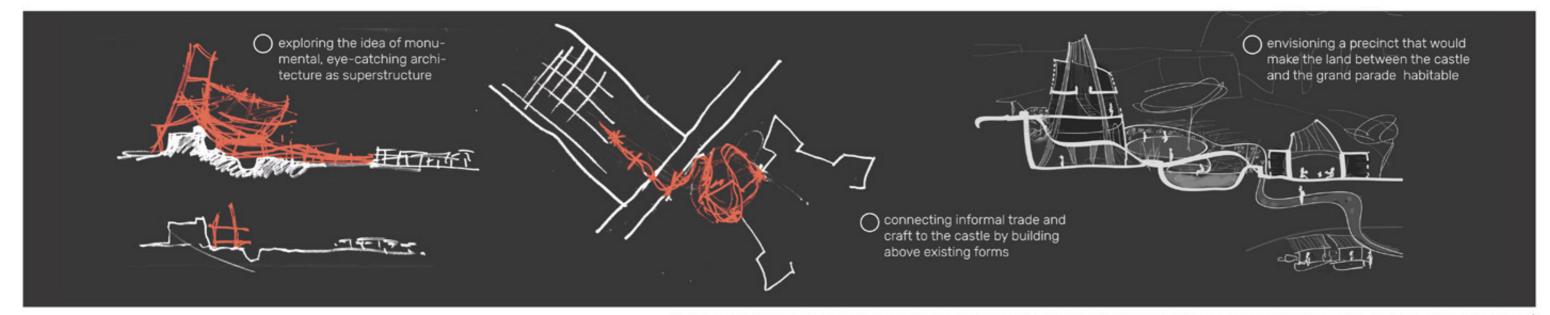
The Castle has potential to be a place of reflection and healing in contrast to the conflicted histories it holds.

The layers of history are visibly evident in the walls of the Castle - with the exclusion of the African narrative.

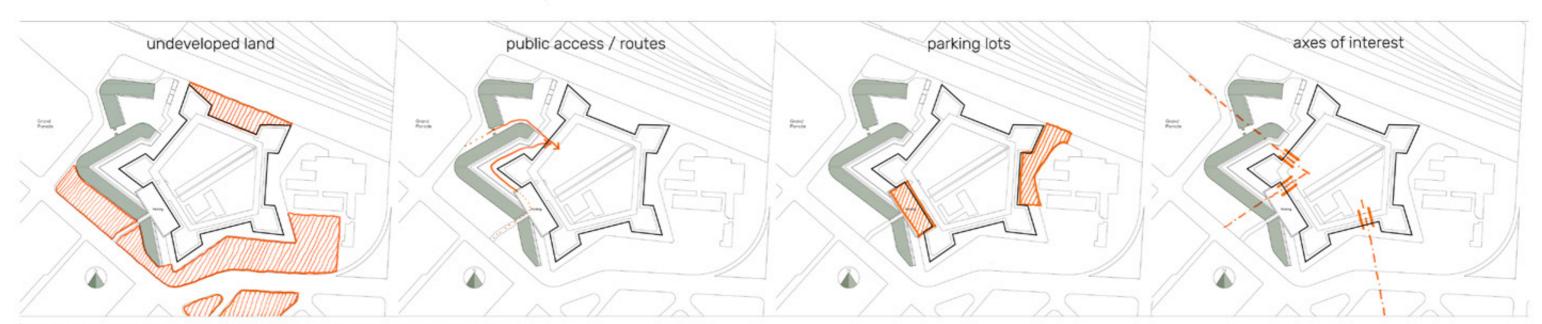
The Castle has been altered over time, each phase highlighting a part of its identity. There is an opportunity here to build upon those layers and speak to a new identity, where the historical "other" is acknowledged and celebrated.

■ THE CASTLE (individual)

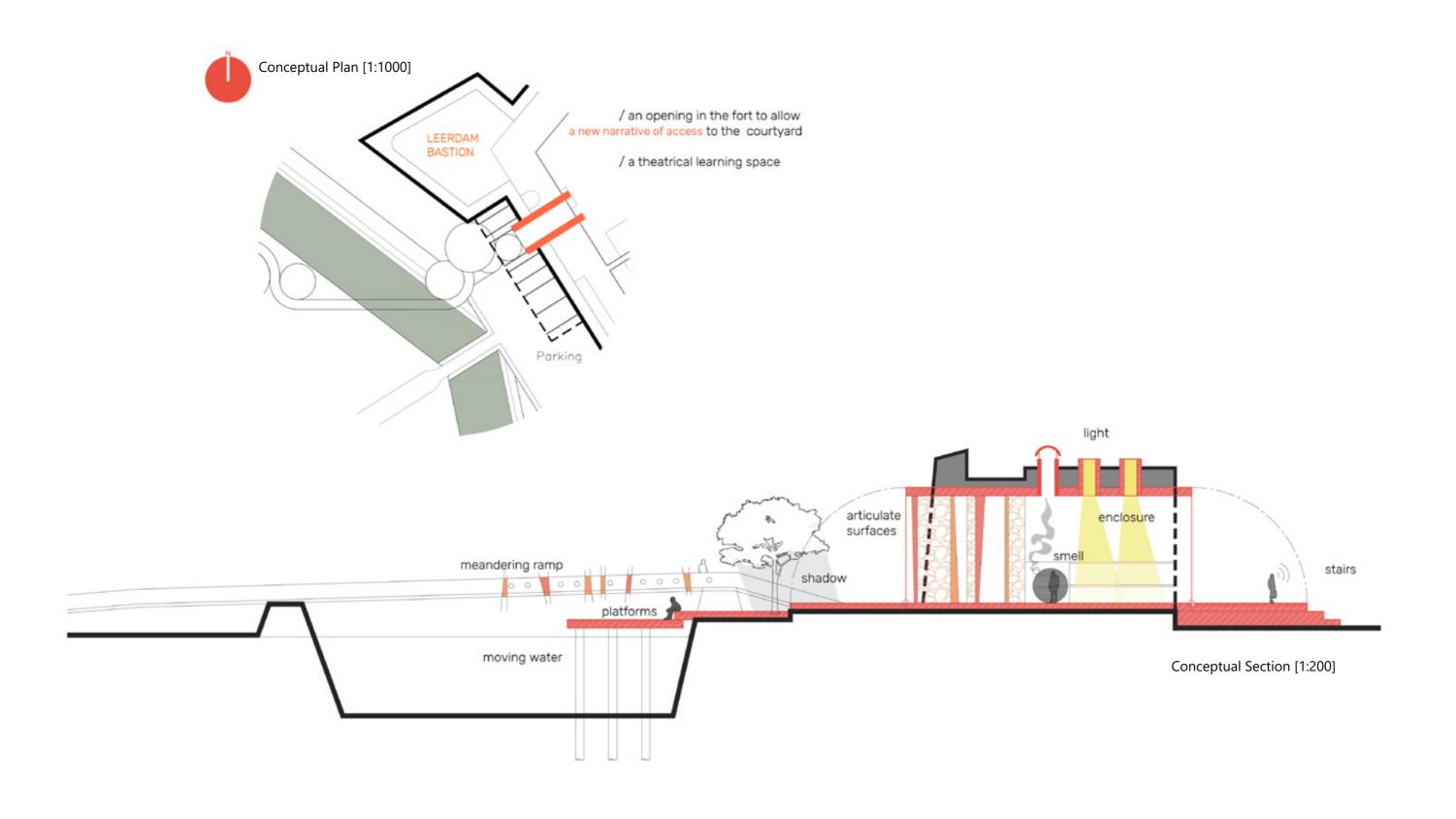
- Honours, second semester, 2018
- Location: The Castle of Good Hope, Cape Town



APPLYING THE NARRATIVES OF MY INITIAL COLLAGES IN IDEAS FOR "COMPLETING THE CASTLE"



MAPPING SOME OPPORTUNITIES OF CONTEXT AND SITE



The narrative of a memorable place

_platforms: to encourage gathering and performance

_meandering ramp: to encourage you to take in your surroundings

_articulate surfaces: to attract, communicate and educate

_stairs: to make you aware of your own body within the space

_axis: to draw you in

_enclosure: to offer protection

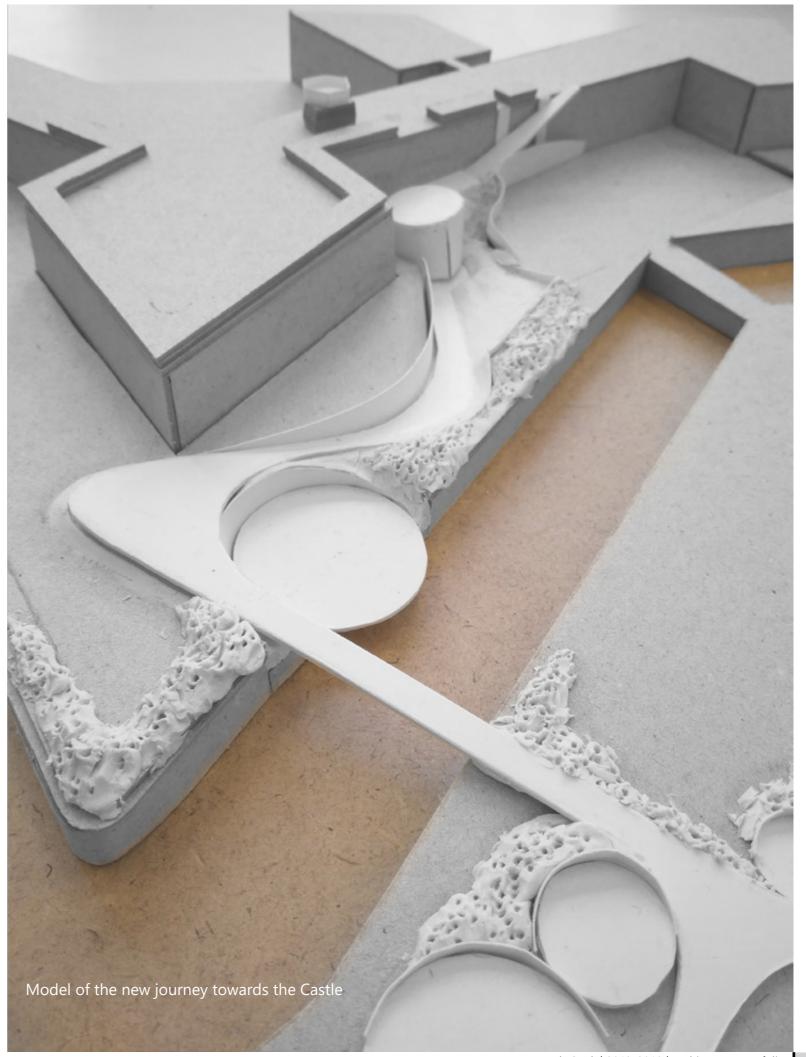
_light and shadow: reveal the variations in form

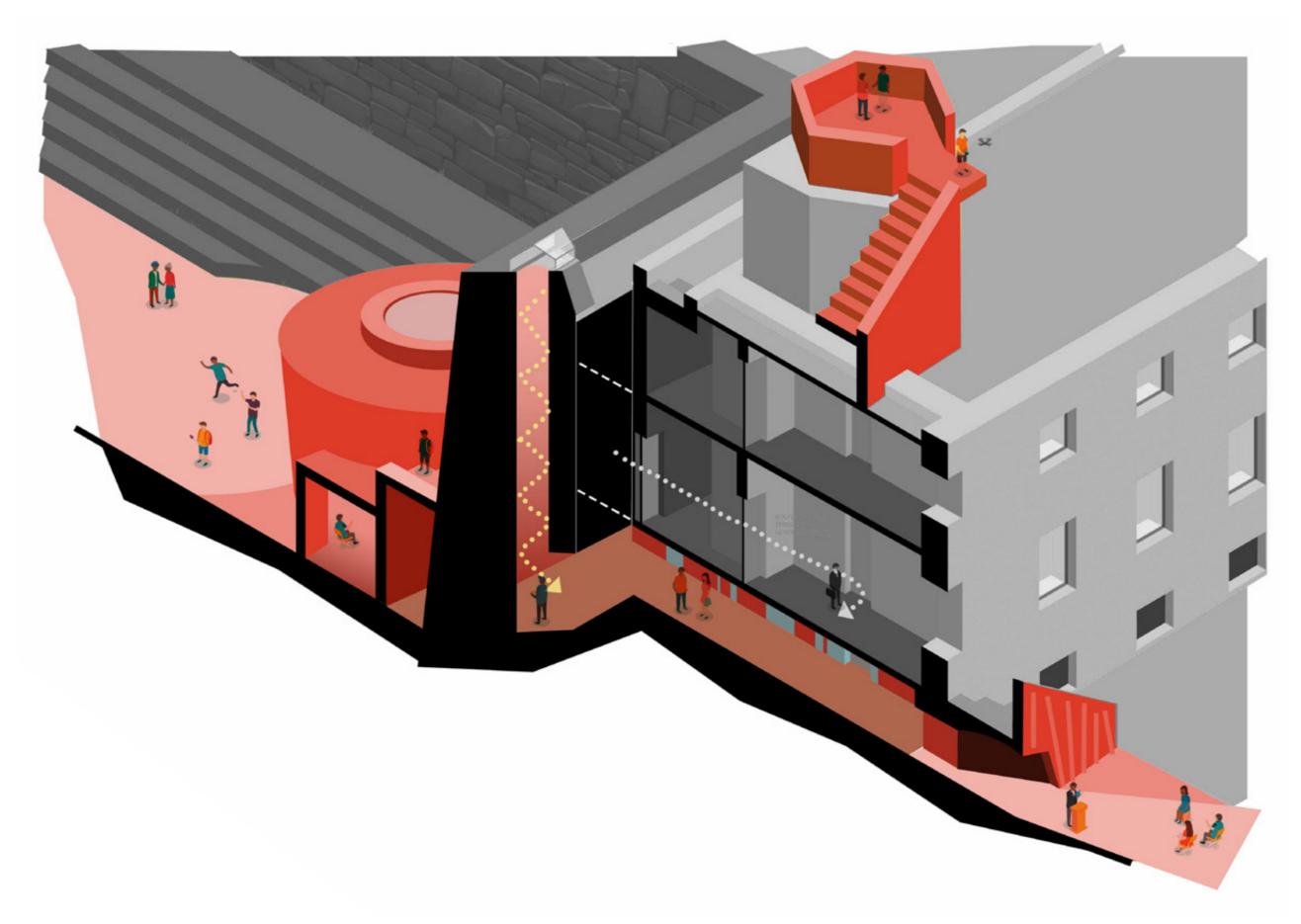
_moving water: gives the impression of life

_unique smell: gives place a memorable and distinct character



Perspective of the landscape



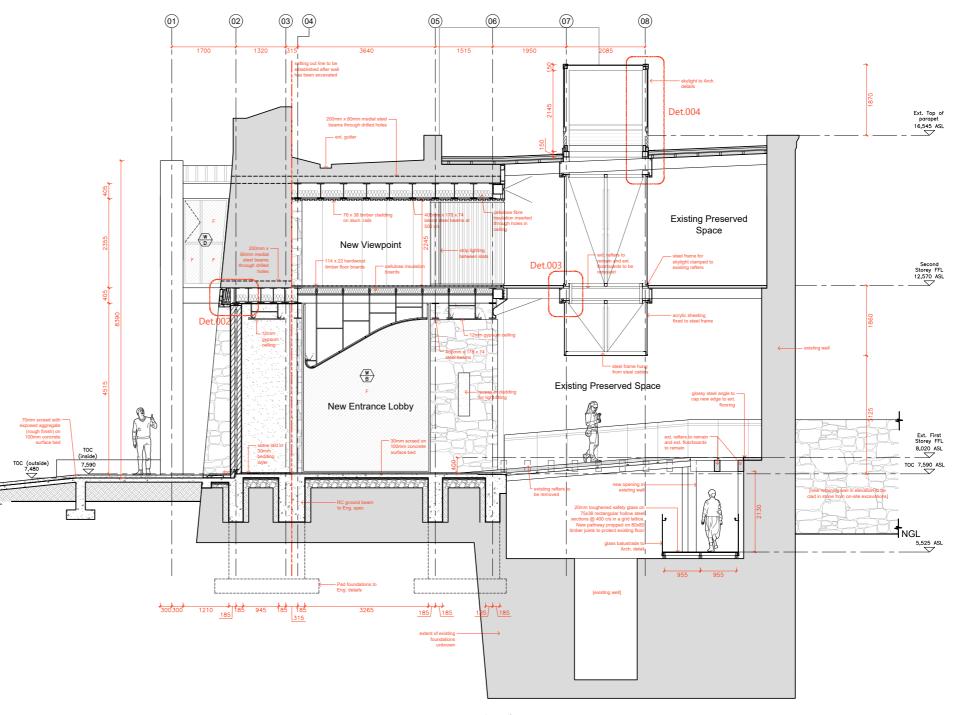


Jagged Isometric Section (nts)

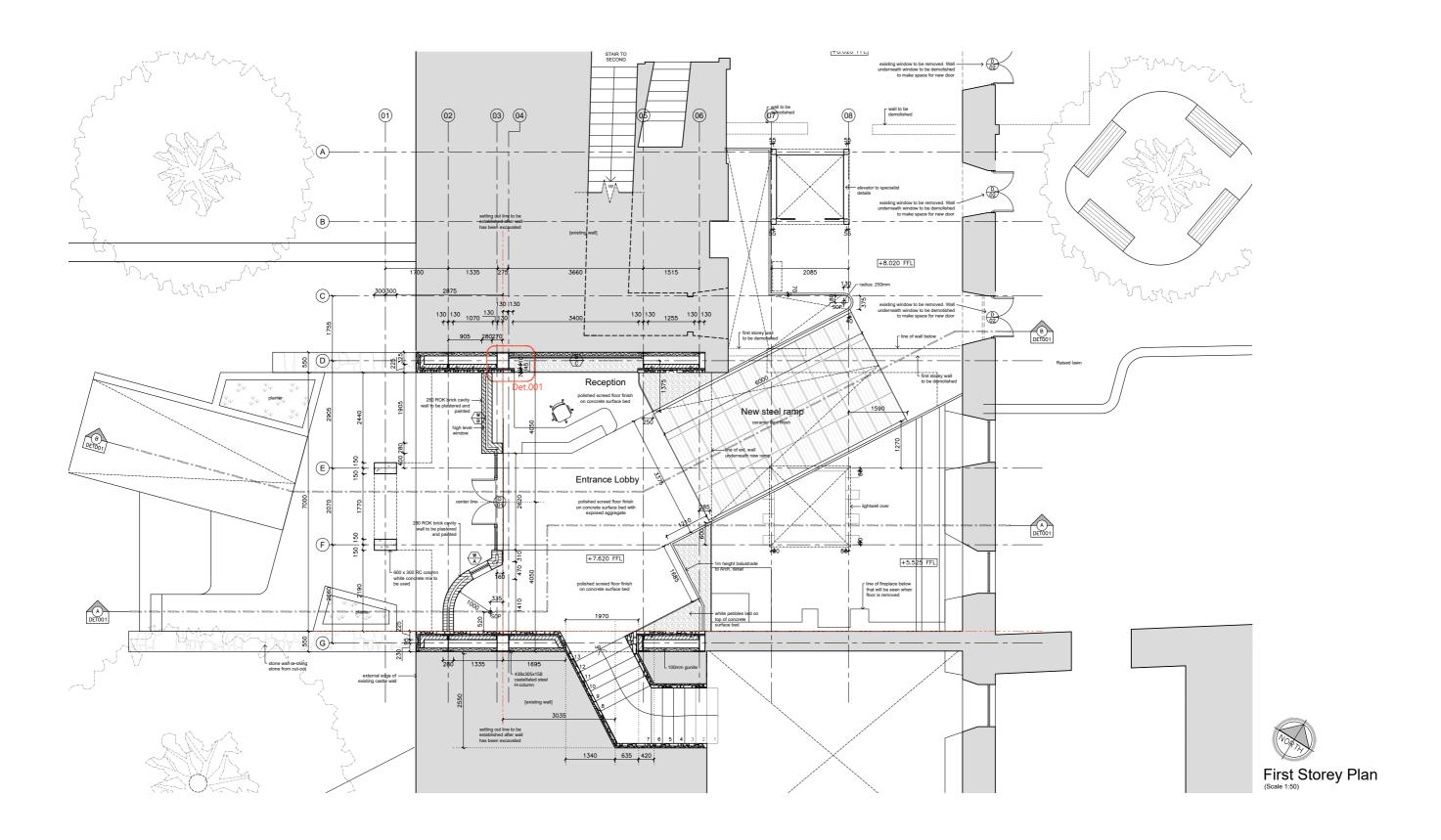
■ THE CASTLE (Group)

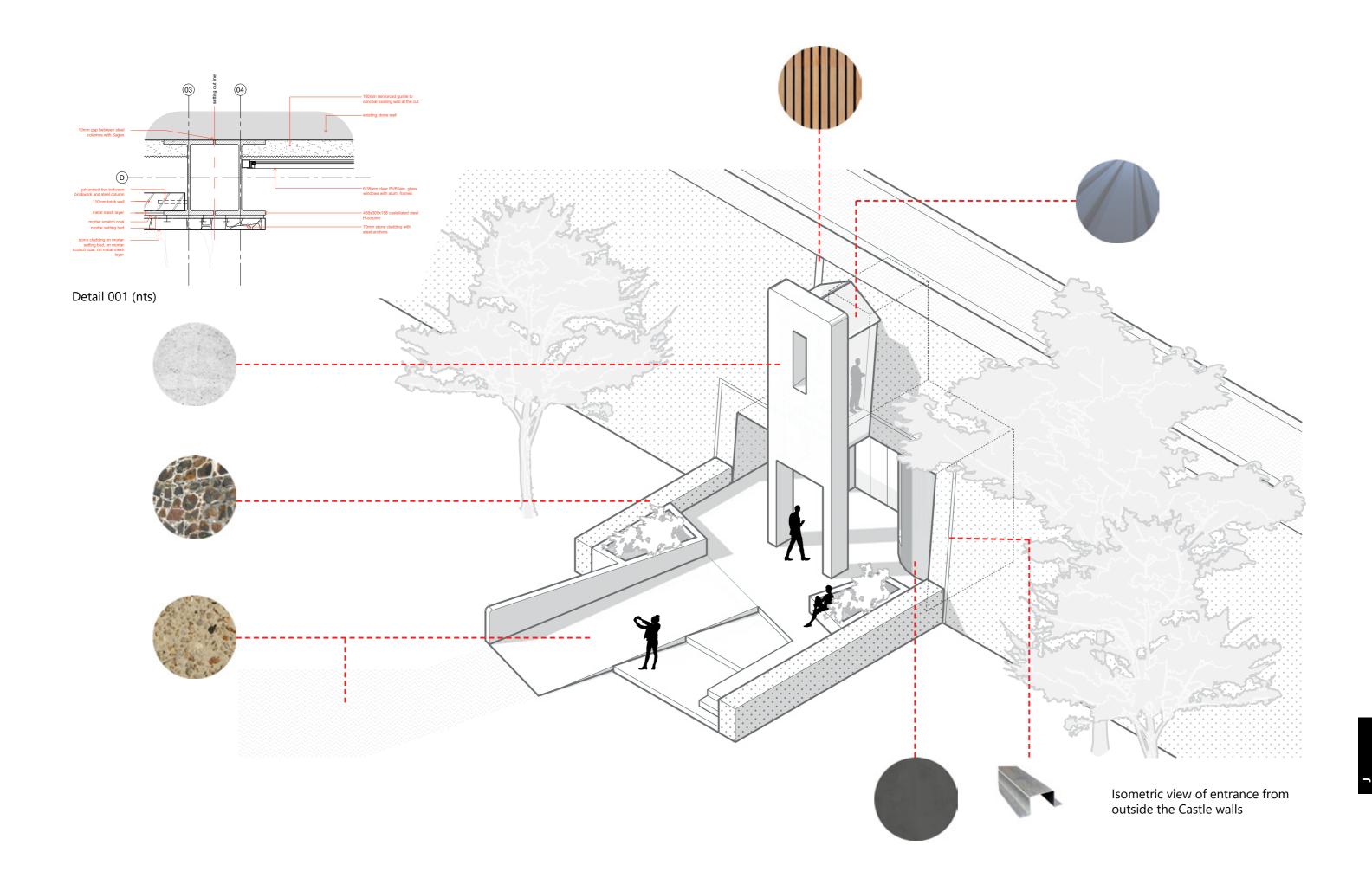
- 2018
- Location: The Castle of Good Hope, Cape Town

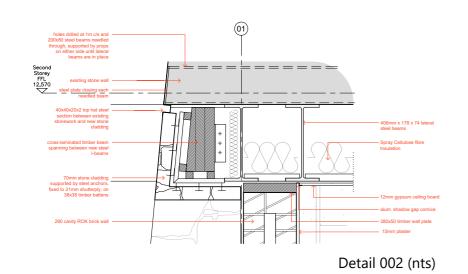
This project took the narrative of forming a new journey into the castle, and added a programme of an underground museum beneath the Castle's courtyard. The group 'simulated office' project was about taking a design to the level of detailing required for the council process and the construction process. The drawings on the next few pages represent the portion of the project where the existing castle wall is being cut through to offer a new entrance point.

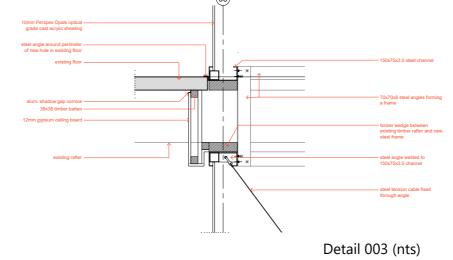


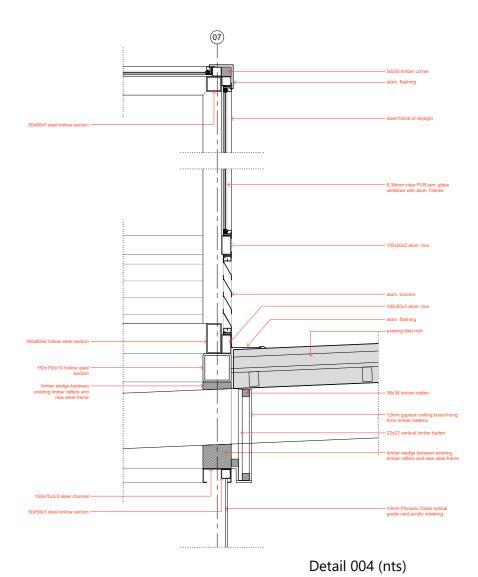
Section A-A (nts)

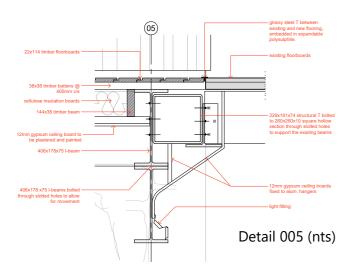


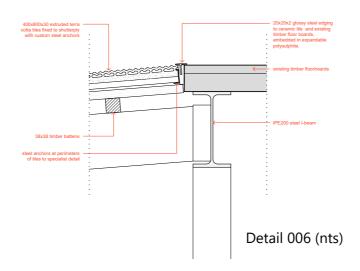


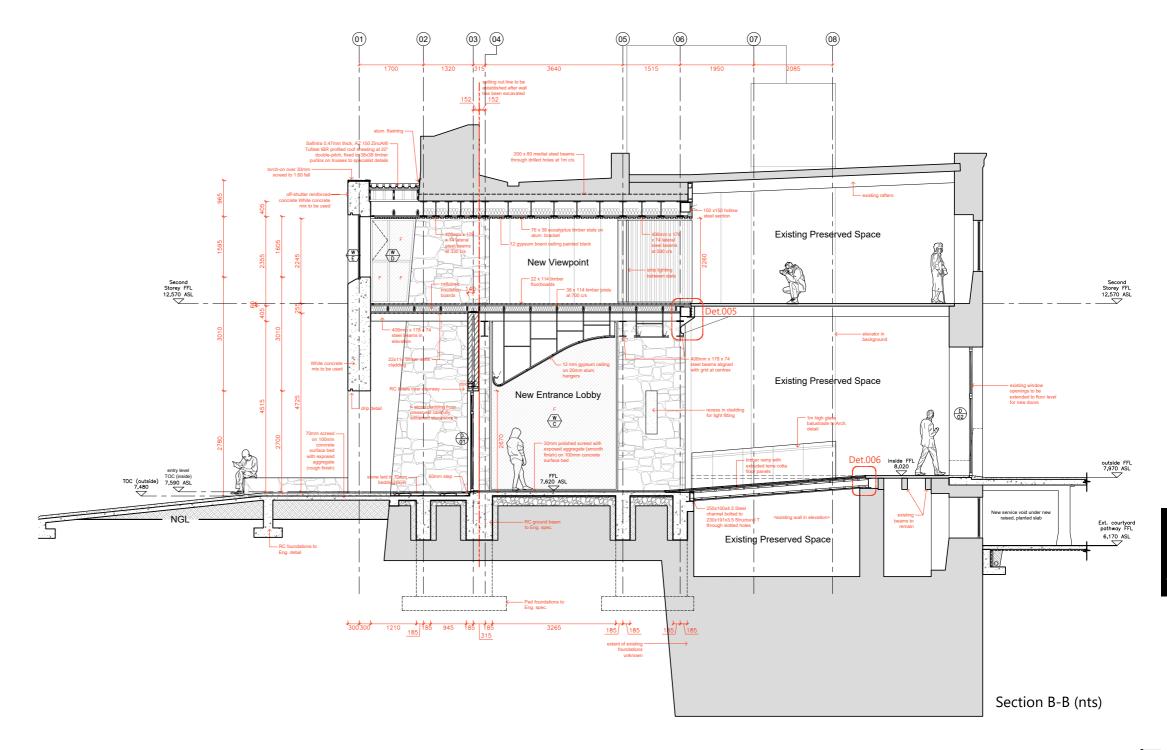












■ Openness + Cohabitation

- -MArch Dissertation, 2019
- Location: Gugulethu, Cape Town





The paintings above represent Openness and Cohabitation respectively.

Openness: allowing for extended possibilities, interpretation, movement or connection in architecture.

Cohabitation: the layering of social patterns in mutually beneficial situations.

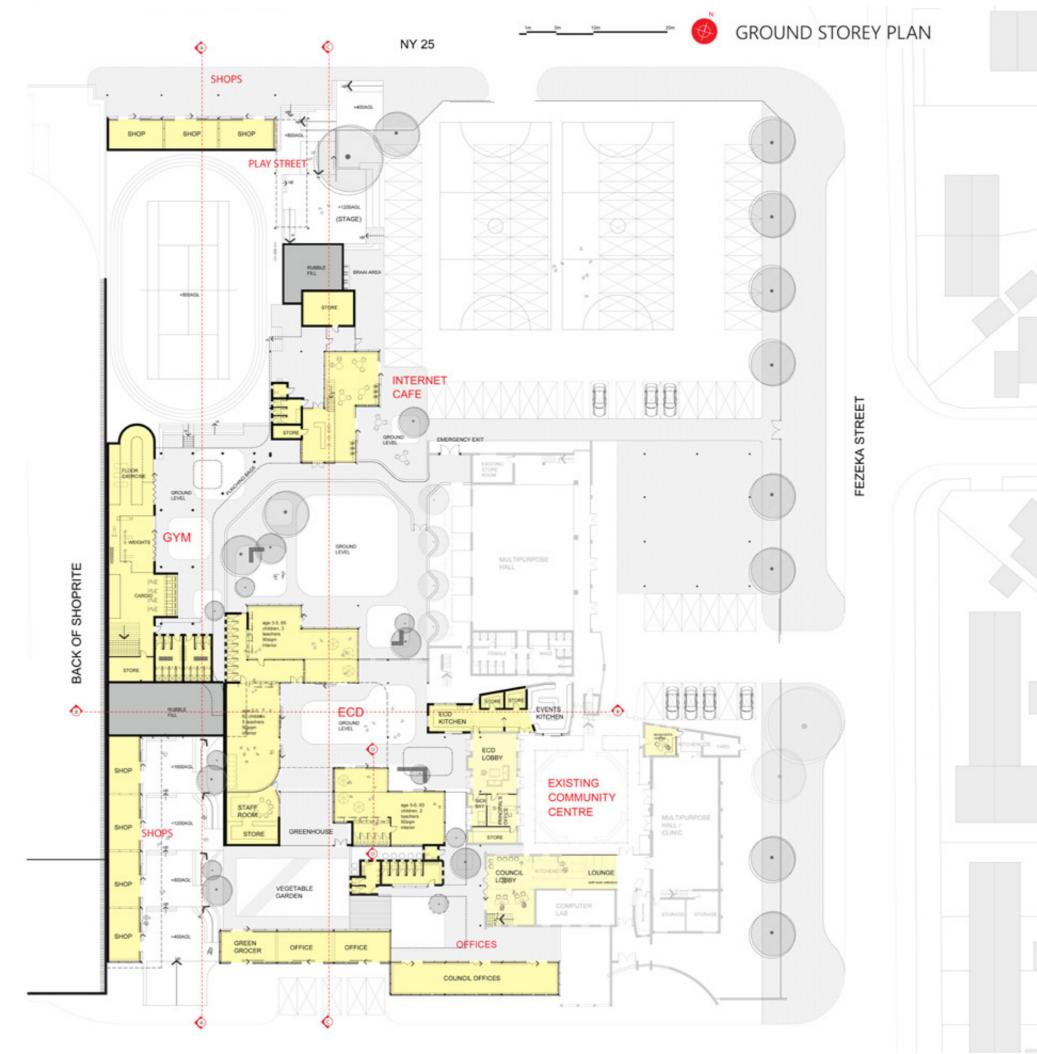
This design-research explores the topics of Openness and Cohabitation in the built environment. Openness is understood as allowing for extended possibilities, interpretation, movement or connection and Cohabitation is the layering of social patterns in a mutually beneficial situation. The design-research investigates how architecture can encourage dynamic socio-spatial relationships across scales, from rooms to streets and the various conditions in between. The underlying approach is pragmatic-utopian.

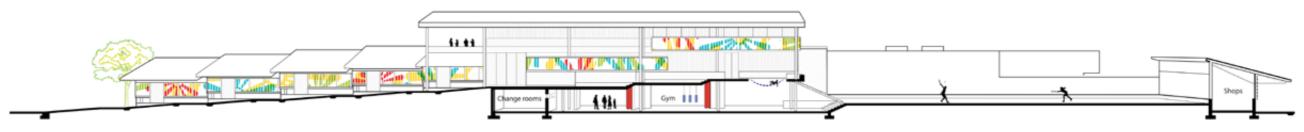
Situated on the site of an existing community centre, iKhwezi, in Gugulethu, the design answers a brief generated from the expressed needs of the community centre combined with parallel theoretical research on select themes.

The themes emerged from research of the mat building theory and designing for disassembly. Some of the themes are: urban gesture, degrees of permanence, repetition, playfulness and polyvalency.

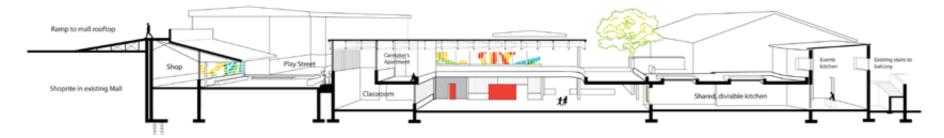
There is an emphasis on shared and 'in-between' spaces throughout the design. The architectural proposition anticipates future growth, allows for the unpredictable and accommodates overlap between differences. Dichotomies such as public and private; indoor and outdoor are sought to be blurred whilst balancing realistic safety and comfort constraints.

The project is essentially a mat building which fulfils the needs of an existing community centre and contributes to the urban context. This includes extending the facilities and classrooms of the Early Childhood Development (ECD) and adding a larger gym which extends outwards to a public play-street. The existing layers of programme and events offer enough social density to create a dynamic mat building through which the ideas of Openness and Cohabitation are explored.

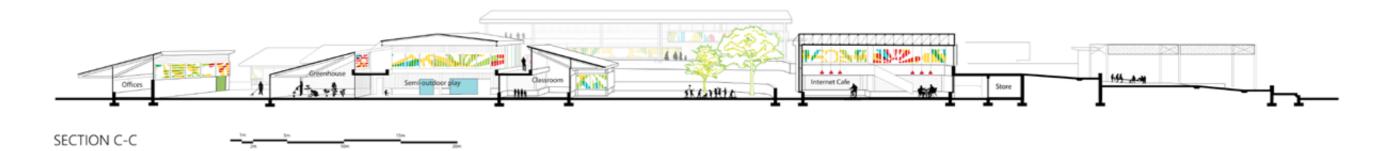


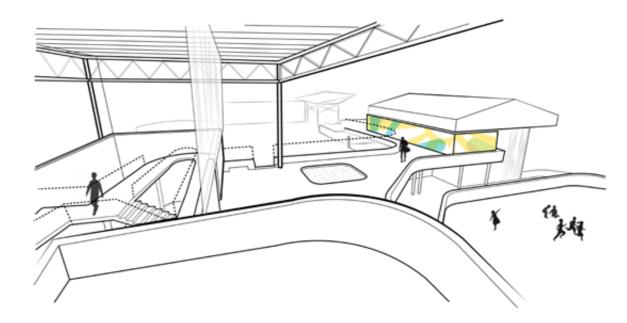


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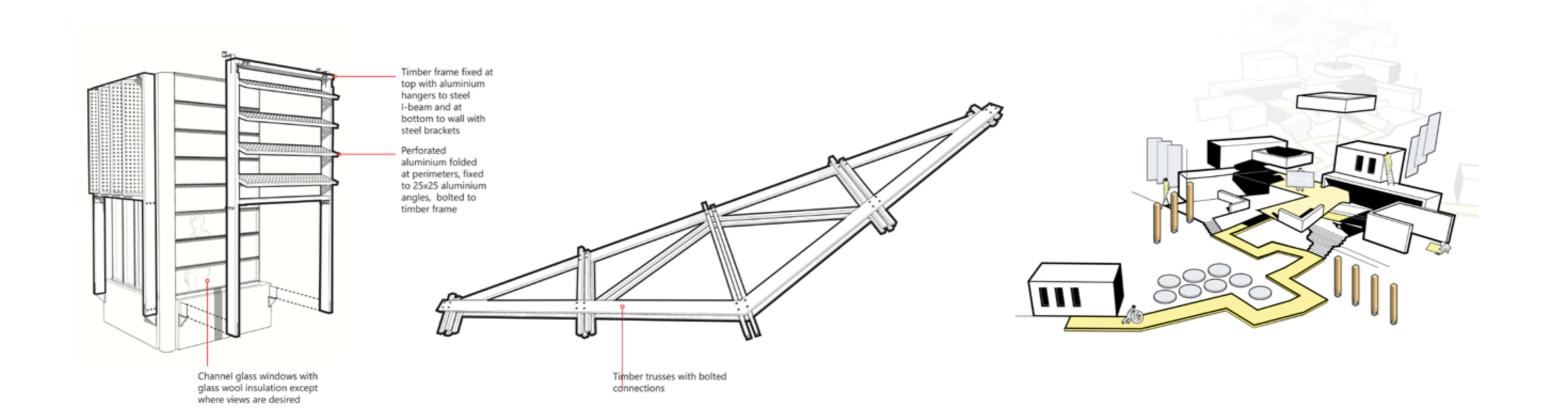


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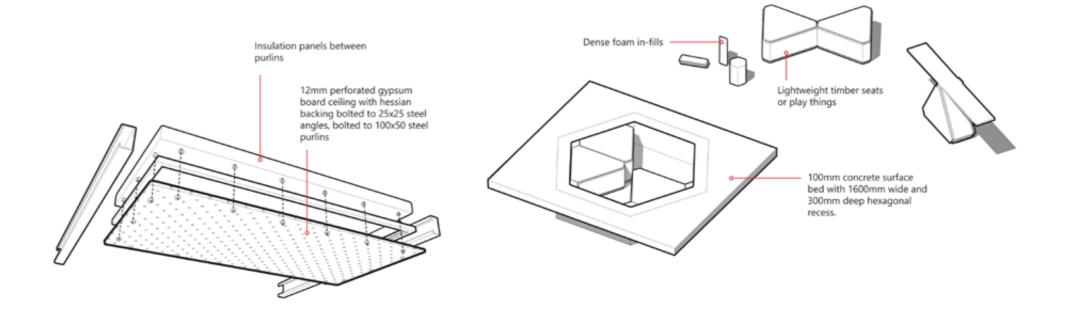


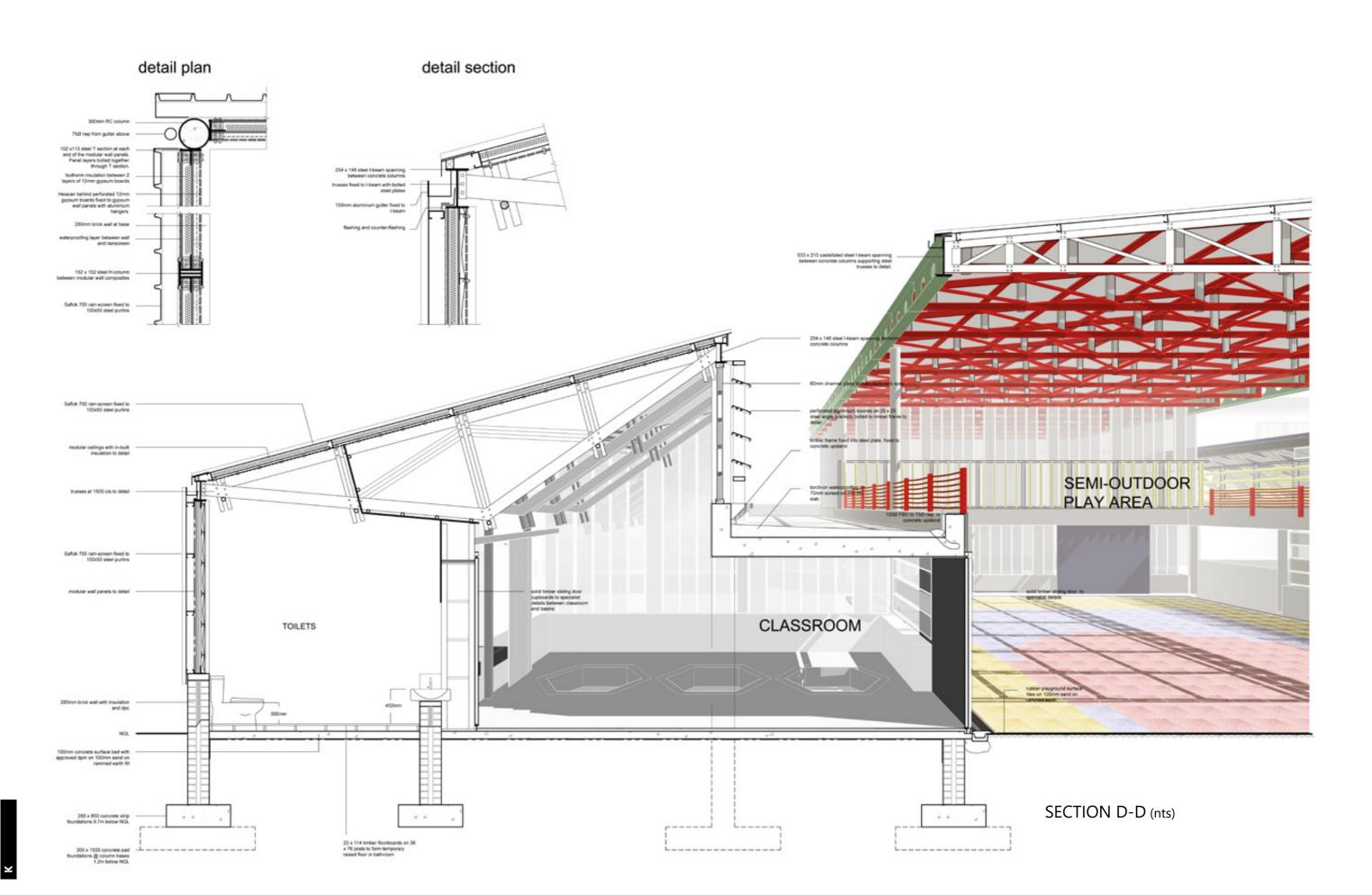


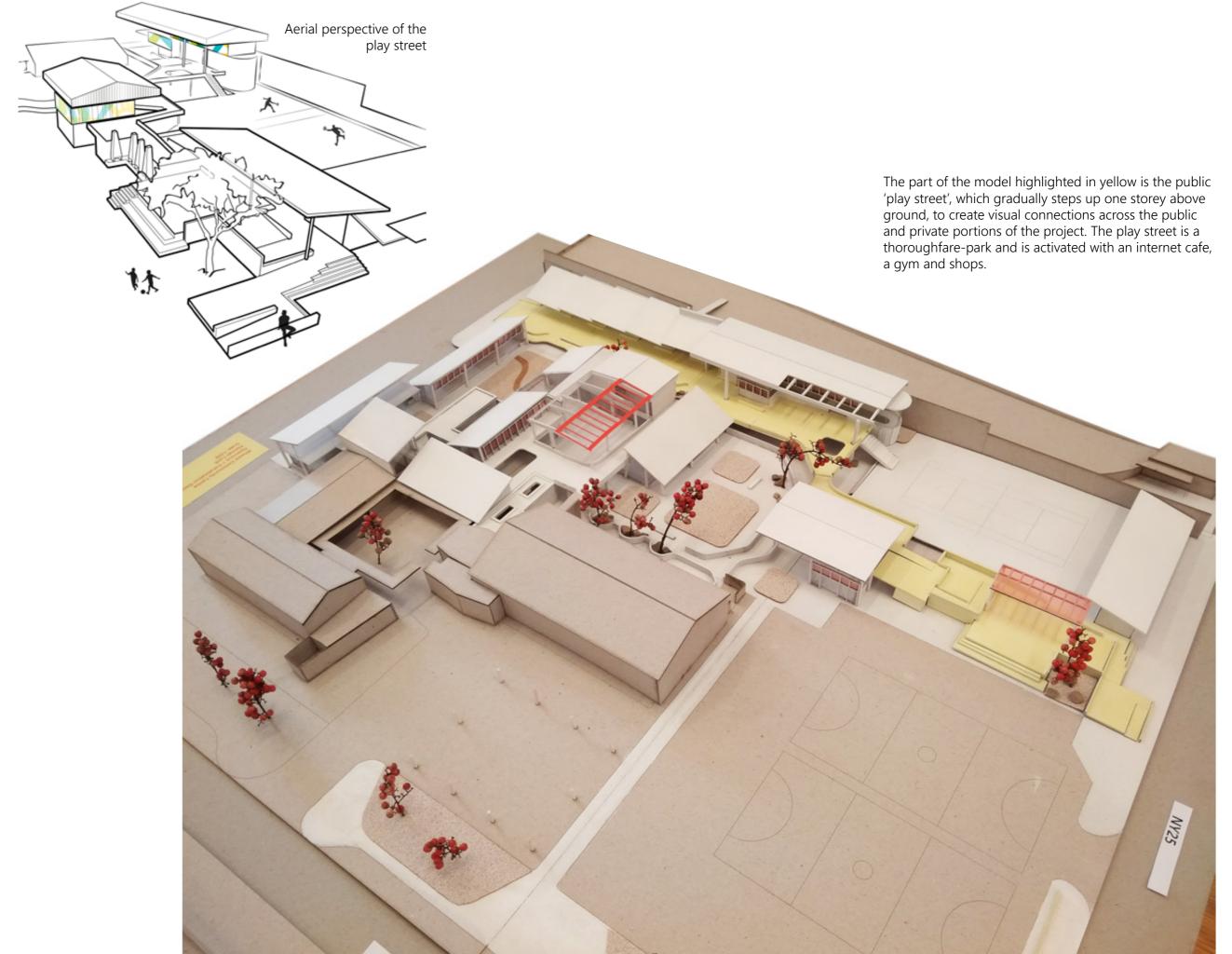
Perspective from balcony above gym



Design for Disassembly 3D details









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