

BULWER PARK DEPOT CONVERSION

Address: Corner of Bath And Ebor Roads, Bulwer Park, Glenwood, Durban

Ward: 33

Client: Parks, Recreation and culture

Contract Period: 14th April 2016 – 29th March 2017

Contract Value: R4 million

The conversion of the existing depot building in Bulwer Park is a response to a brief from the Parks Recreation and Culture Unit to create a facility that provides much-needed ablution facilities for park users in conjunction with a restaurant/café space.

The request from the Client department was for a “pavilion-style” building, with terraced outdoor areas that responded to the park environment. Most of the existing depot, which lies just within the existing running track at the intersection of Ebor and Bath Roads, had to be demolished, and the new building sits on the same footprint. No demolition waste was removed from the site and has been used as fill material in the gabion baskets that form the terrace walls. The building design layout has been kept intentionally simple with passive environmental control being a key design informant. The facility will include public ablutions, a security office, and a restaurant space with indoor and outdoor dining areas overlooking a terraced landscaped area. Pergolas and screens along the edge of the building will, with time, be covered with climbing plants and the building will start to read as part of the park.

