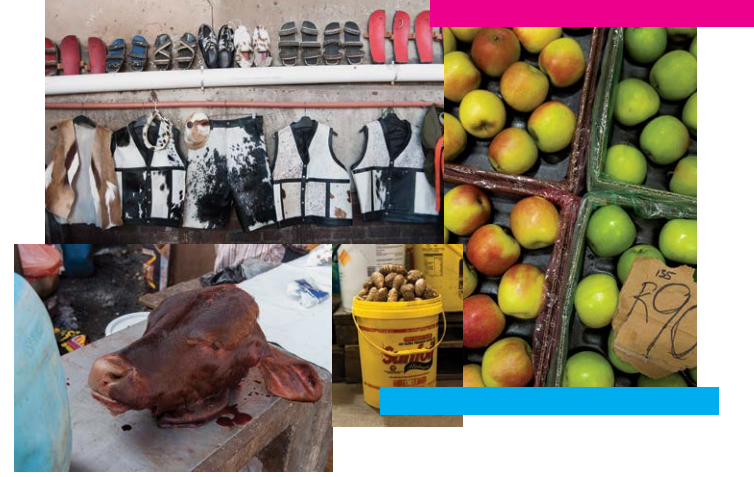




# MARKETS



## WARWICK MARKET



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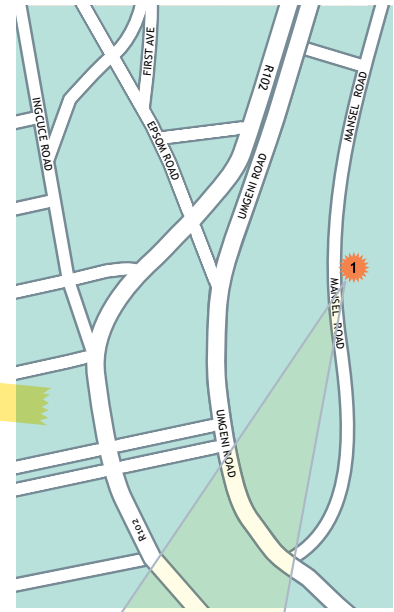
**SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE** Every day, nearly half a million people pass through here. Considered by many to be the real CBD of Durban, Warwick Junction is a key transport interchange that provides access to taxis, buses and trains. Market activity has formed around the intersections. You will find everything here, from traditional cures at the muti market to fresh produce, cowhide, recycled tyre sandals, Christian Zionist church attire, beadwork and hairpieces. You can also get a shave or a haircut before heading off to the bovine market for a rich meaty stew.

*Ethekwini Municipality delivered the identified market projects in collaboration with numerous private sector architects.*



## MANSEL ROAD

**THE NIGHT MARKET** For years buses, filled mainly with groups of women, have come to Durban from afar to shop. The Mansel Road bus station provides facilities including: charter bus parking; 44 subsidised, two-bedroom units built for the 'drum ladies'; a bathhouse with solar-heated showers; stalls for dressmakers to sell their wares; and space for car-boot sales. The 'drum ladies' sell recycled plastic drums, vital tools in the water-starved, rural areas.



## BANGLADESH MARKET

**THE HEART OF CHATSWORTH** A soaring roof has formalised a major income generator for the predominantly Indian local population. The market is characterised by an array of colourful foodstuffs, from portions of vegetables and prepared dishes in tubs, to poultry, duck and fish, as well as sheep heads (known locally as 'smileys').







**MARKET TRADING** In South Africa the informal sector makes up a particularly large proportion of the national economy, with the various forms of markets around the country representing an important source of income for many people. These markets provide nutritious food and vital services that might not be easily accessed otherwise. In addition, markets provide significant employment for women, who often fill marginal positions in the South African economy.

DURBAN'S SPRAWLING METROPOLITAN AREA, WITH ITS RICH CULTURAL MIX AND DIVERSE POPULATION, IS HOME TO A LARGE NUMBER OF MARKETS, EACH WITH ITS OWN IDIOSYNCRATIC CHARACTER.



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Warwick Market Bridge

## FINDING MARKETS IN DURBAN

**FROM MAKESHIFT TO FORMAL** Architecture is everywhere in these design-intense environments. Many of Durban's markets are extremely functional and dynamic in their architecture. Most of them have evolved organically before undergoing a degree of formalisation. Markets in Durban have mainly arisen spontaneously on intermodal transport hubs, convenient uncontested open spaces or at pay-points. They tend to be well located, were initially constructed with makeshift stalls of crates and plastic and, due to their unplanned nature and lack of facilities, are often a public hygiene hazard. At some point they are formalised, often by the local municipality but sometimes by the market-workers themselves and also by private entrepreneurs. During this formalisation process, architects must consider how to turn a well-located problem into an opportunity, how to provide roofing and display arrangements, and the need to design loosely – since the ultimate layout will always take care of itself.



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