

Piazza

The Metro Centre Piazza is set to become the “town crier” for those who live and work in the surrounds of Braamfontein, just north of the city itself. The concrete Metro Centre Precinct is now softened by the new and majestic Council Chambers, allowing space for a new and modern piazza.

With a new and flexible design, this space can be transformed to suit the changing seasons or events where the community can mingle and relax with the whole family in a friendly environment. The Piazza also allows daily use and weekend outings. A large outdoor digital screen will not only showcase the speaker sessions in the newly built Council Chamber above, but will also be used to screen features of national interest, such as soccer, world news and on the odd night, a movie under the stars. The creative element of the red walkways, shows a fun side of the Piazza. Lending a playful spirit is a skateboard park, a purpose-built recreational environment for skateboarding.

Rissik Street Post Office

JPC completed the first stage in the restoration and renovation of the Rissik Street Post office, which was devastated by fire on 1 November 2009. The first phase involved the clean-up and repair of internal spaces, construction of new foundations and the installation of an internal steel “skeleton” structure. This work was essential to ensuring that the structure was stabilised and in no danger of collapse. This work was completed in March 2017.

In the next phase, the main postal hall and north wing will be renovated for use as a flexible event or creative space. The remaining areas will be made safe, but cordoned off from public entry in the interior of the building. Once the interim renovation is complete, a private sector operator will be secured to manage, maintain and operate the premises in accordance with the business plan prepared for the property until the long-term upgrade and use can be secured. The long-term upgrade will involve the full heritage restoration of the building. All works will be undertaken in accordance with heritage guidelines, regulations and public meetings provided by the Provincial Heritage Resources Authority – Gauteng.



Rissik Street Post Office (artist impression), Johannesburg