

# STRANDFONTEIN CULTURAL MAPPING

## STRANDFONTEIN PAVILION



The Strandfontein Pavilion and tidal pool was constructed between 1974-1983. During the apartheid era, the resort was zoned for exclusive use by people classified as “Coloured”. The purpose was to provide beach front amenities on the False Bay coastline for the growing Coloured population in the area. It was flanked on the west side by lawns for sunbathing and picnicking, and on the beach side by the constructed tidal pool. In its heyday, the pavilion building housed administrative offices; changing rooms and public toilets; a lifesaver’s clubroom and lookout tower; a boathouse for the NSRI; an emergency treatment room for the Red Cross, with access for an ambulance; a restaurant on the three levels with outdoor terraces; an information centre; and three food vending kiosks.

According to residents, the terrace walls were designed to be reminiscent of the walls surrounding old Cape Farms, and the curved arch shapes brings to mind some of the old Cape gables.

The opening of the Strandfontein Pavilion, which took place in July 1983, is remembered as a wonderfully festive occasion. It was captured with a Polaroid camera by a young Bertram Richards, son of the first manager of the pavilion.

