



A futuristic look at the proposed cafes on the central beachfront promenade.

# Beachfront facelift meeting

*Give your input for 2010 world cup upgrade*

DURBAN Central Beachfront upgrade project is on the cards and the public are encouraged to give their input at the general meeting at Blue Waters Hotel, 175 Snell Parade on 22 January from 5pm to 7pm.

The eThekweni municipality proposes to upgrade the Durban Central beachfront in preparation for the 2010 FIFA Football World Cup.

The proposal includes plans to extend the central beachfront promenade from uShaka Beach to Country Club Beach and to redevelop facilities at Addington Beach, New Beach, Dairy Beach and to up-

grade the Mini Town facility.

Before the municipality can proceed with their plans, they need authorisation from the KwaZulu-Natal Department of Agriculture and Environmental Affairs.

The application for authorisation requires that a basic assessment be done in terms of the National Environmental Management Act (1998).

The eThekweni municipality have appointed Environmental Resources Management Southern Africa (Pty) Ltd (ERM), together with Sustainable Development Projects CC, as independent environ-

mental practitioners to carry out the basic assessment. ERM is responsible for the public participation process.

As part of the basic assessment

process, ERM is convening a public meeting. The purpose of the meeting is to introduce the proposals and to present the findings of the first draft of the basic assessment report.

According to Junaid Yusuf from ERM, "The basic assessment report identifies the environmental and social impacts of a proposed activity and highlights ways in which to manage and minimise these impacts."

"The public will also be given an opportunity to ask questions and express their views."