

ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN STATEMENT Wallacia Country Club Refurbishment

The St Johns Park Bowling Club proposes refurbishing and adding to the existing Wallacia Country Club and constructing a new Learn-to-Swim centre, gym and outdoor bowling green adjacent to the Club building. The existing nine-hole golf course is to be refurbished and upgraded. The associated existing landscaping and car park are to be expanded and upgraded. The overall approach is to provide an Integrated Community and Sporting vision for the Wallacia Country Club site, which relates to all ages from families with small children through to senior members of the community, an intergenerational approach.

The new Learn-to-Swim centre is aimed at classes for pre-school & primary school children, seniors exercise classes in addition to general recreational swimming. While the gym is modest in scale, it will provide a complementary sporting activity to the adjoining new bowling green, new swim centre and existing golf course.

The Club's concept is the idea of a rejuvenated sporting & community club within its social community in the area of Wallacia. 'A community within the community'.

The overall design concept is to provide a welcoming and protective venue with a contemporary quality. The approach to the interior aims to be better than usually found in the general club industry, due to the exceptional golf course site located in the centre of Wallacia. The aim is to achieve a 'Sense of Place' for patrons, making them feel as if they are part of a community club, with a unique atmosphere that will not readily date.

The interior upgrade of the Club will use natural materials such as stone, glass, and timber with metal finishes, quality carpets and an imaginative lighting design to revitalise existing spaces. New spaces within the Club will clearly be defined with individual identities, but will combine as an integrated interior with abundant natural light during daytime hours.

Traditional areas such as the main lounge and bar and bistro / dining are to be warm and inviting. The use of feature lighting will be important in all areas of the club.

Areas are to be flexible to accommodate the changing needs and desires of patrons, both introvert and extrovert, allowing both intimate spaces and larger group spaces, with the ability to cater for musical entertainment, sports and general entertainment.

The refurbished Club allows not only the upgrade of existing activities but also the opportunity to create new areas within the precinct, with greater relevance for all ages.

Outdoor terraces and function areas within the Club allow the opportunity for additional spaces where the greater community can meet and gather.

Patrons are increasingly seeking more versatile options from hospitality and sporting venues. This refurbished club aims to provide just that, an entertainment / hospitality / sporting hub within a rejuvenated overall Wallacia Country Club site.

The functional and operational areas within the Club and new sporting facilities have been designed to facilitate the overall Club's management, surveillance and security of the site and the adjoining neighbourhood.

The refurbished Wallacia Country Club seeks to provide its members and visitors with a new and contemporary sporting, entertainment and dining venue in a safe family friendly environment.