



LONG REEF GOLF CLUB - COLLAROY DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN STATEMENT

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Introduction

The proposal for alterations and additions to the existing Long Reef Golf Club seeks development consent to modernise and enhance the club houses facilities, providing an improved experience for both members and the wider community. The current Clubhouse is outdated, no longer fit for purpose, and unable to meet the evolving needs of its users. This redevelopment will breathe new life into the facility, honouring its legacy while creating a vibrant, contemporary environment that serves the community for generations to come.

Design Concept and Philosophy

At its core, the redesign is about positive transformation. The new clubhouse will feature a two-storey structure that thoughtfully integrates with the surrounding coastal landscape. The alterations will not only address functional shortcomings but also enhance the social and recreational experience for the club's members. By reimagining key spaces such as member facilities, the bar, community rooms, and dining areas, the club will foster a sense of belonging, connection, and enjoyment.

A key feature of the design is the creation of an outdoor covered dining area with associated garden seating, offering members and the community the chance to experience the stunning surroundings while enjoying meals and social gatherings. The addition of a spacious first floor will accommodate multi-use rooms, back-of-house amenities, and a dedicated member's lounge, ensuring the club members can host a variety of events and functions in a flexible, inviting environment.

In keeping with its coastal location and rich cultural heritage, the design draws inspiration from the Inter War Mediterranean style. This style, characterised by its harmonious relationship with the Australian climate and environment, is an ideal fit for the new clubhouse. The Mediterranean aesthetic, with its warm, natural materials and airy, open spaces, will provide a timeless and elegant backdrop that mirrors the coastal beauty of Long Reef.

Key Design Elements

1. Alterations and Additions:

The proposed works will include a comprehensive reconfiguration of the ground floor to provide additional member facilities, bar areas, and community spaces, along with a new lobby entry. These alterations will make the clubhouse more accessible and user-friendly for both members and visitors. Behind the scenes, new operational spaces will ensure efficient day-to-day operations, enhancing the overall functionality of the club.

2. Outdoor Spaces:

A central element of the design is the outdoor covered dining area, offering an opportunity to connect with the natural



environment. Surrounded by lush gardens and seating areas, this space will become a focal point for socialising and enjoying the picturesque coastal landscape.

3. **First-Floor Addition:**

The proposed first-floor addition will provide essential back-of-house spaces, as well as multi-use rooms and member amenities. It will also house a members' lounge and outdoor terrace areas, each designed to maximise views of the stunning coastal setting.

4. **Sustainability:**

The redevelopment will prioritise sustainability, including the reuse of solar panels and an environmentally responsible approach to land and tree preservation. Where possible, existing walls and structures will be retained and incorporated into the new design, minimising waste and reducing the environmental impact of construction. The building will be designed to optimise natural light, ventilation, and energy efficiency, creating a comfortable, low-impact environment that aligns with the club's long-term goals and commitment to sustainability.

5. **Site Access and Pedestrian Improvements:**

The proposal also prioritises the safety and convenience of pedestrian access. As part of the redesign, the reconfiguration of vehicular access includes a new entry point off Anzac Avenue, which will improve both safety and traffic flow. The plan includes the development of enhanced pedestrian pathways, ensuring safer, more efficient access for all visitors. These improvements will create a seamless connection between the club and the surrounding community, fostering a safer and more inclusive environment for everyone.

Design Inspiration and Cultural Context

The architectural design for the new clubhouse is deeply inspired by the timeless spirit of coastal pavilions, particularly those from the Interwar Mediterranean style that have graced the Sydney coastline for decades. This style, often seen in iconic Sydney structures like the Manly Pavilion, Bondi Beach Pavilion, and the Bathers' Pavilion at Balmoral Beach, is known for its connection to the coastal environment. The design of the new clubhouse draws upon this essence, evoking a sense of place that harmonizes with the landscape. These buildings are more than just spaces—they are living, breathing parts of the landscape, where the architecture flows with the rhythm of the waves and the wind.

The choice to draw from this architectural language is about capturing the emotion and essence that these pavilions represent—a deep connection to the beach, a sense of welcome, and an openness to all. It's about creating a space that feels as though it has always belonged to the site.

The new clubhouse will embrace these principles of openness, warmth, and coastal beauty, with clean lines, open verandas, and a design that allows the space to breathe and flow. More than just a structure, it will be a place for the community—a hub that balances the legacy of the past with the vibrancy and functionality needed for today and into the future.

This design is a celebration of the club's heritage, a tribute to the coastline, and an invitation for all to come together in a space that feels timeless yet utterly contemporary.

Conclusion

This proposal represents a significant step forward for Long Reef Golf Club. It aims to deliver a revitalised, functional, and sustainable clubhouse that not only enhances the member experience but also respects and celebrates the site's unique coastal setting. The design will blend modern architecture with timeless architectural influences, creating a place where the community can gather, relax, and enjoy all that Long Reef Golf Club has to offer. The redevelopment will preserve the club's legacy while looking toward a bright and vibrant future, ensuring that it remains an integral part of the local community for generations to come.