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Bayview Golf Club - Proposed Golf Course Modifications

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Golf has been played on the Bayview Golf Club site since 1926 and the course itself has undergone myriad modifications, extensions and layout changes since then. It, like most other membership clubs find it necessary to regularly update course presentation and playing conditions if they are to maintain or grow their membership base and satisfy player expectations for the game as it transforms over time.

Papworth + Parker Golf were engaged by the Club in late 2013 to prepare a master plan of the course and whilst our brief was to satisfy those player expectations referenced above it was also imperative that the plan provide a source of income to help fund any resulting course improvements. Given that the Club had already fielded enquiries from developers about the potential to purchase and develop land within the course our planning exercise investigated ways of free up about 2 hectares of land appropriate for such a purpose. It was essential that the development site satisfied recognised safety standards in terms of errant golf shots and at the same time we had to ensure that an 18 hole course layout that met modern day playing standards could be laid out on the remaining land parcel. At that time accommodation for the aged was considered a priority by the NSW State Government, the identified development site commands impressive views over the golf course to the east and we felt that much of the surrounding vegetation could be retained to visually screen the development from surrounding development.

We prepared the Master Plan in February 2014 and it was presented in concept form and unanimously accepted by the Club membership the following month. From the golf perspective since then, we have made progressive improvements to the master plan until more recently following feedback from the specialist consultant team on the Seniors Living Development for Waterbrook Australia we have modified and extended the existing waterways throughout the golf course to improve hydrology and increase ecological sustainability by creating wildlife corridors of indigenous plant species along the watercourse and its banks.

Simultaneous to the ongoing evolution of the Master Plan we have been engaged by the Bayview Golf Club to redesign and supervise construction of several of the existing golf greens that don't require relocation. These works have clearly demonstrated to Club members and visitors that the architectural style and strategic value of the renewed holes will dramatically increase player enjoyment of the golf course once complete.

Obviously we are very much looking forward to renovating the balance of the course to a similar standard; a standard well suited to transform the Club in readiness for its Centenary Year.

Yours faithfully,

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Member and Past President of the Society of Australian Golf Course Architects