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COMMUNITY INFORMATION SESSIONS

Chatswood Golf Club



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Invitation

Chatswood Golf Club (CGC) and Watermark invite you to come and hear about their innovative project which proposes to deliver a brand new Golf Club and Seniors Living Development.

The planned development will ensure the survival of the Golf Club, preserve the green space of the golf course and include a number of features that will benefit the local community.

CGC and Watermark will host a number of information sessions over four weeks for interested members of the community. The main purpose of these sessions is to open up a consultation process, listen to the views of the community and ensure that our direction and proposal is clearly understood. Once completed we will collate all the feedback with a view to reviewing and making improvements wherever possible

These sessions will be held at CGC's Clubhouse during the following times:

Tuesdays: 10th, 17th, 24th and 31st March between 1pm-2pm

Thursdays: 12th, 19th, 26th March and 2nd April between 5pm-6pm

If any of the above times are not suitable please call the General Manager at CGC, Aaron Vatner, on 9419 2336 to schedule another time.

Background

CGC, like many Clubs within Australia has continued to experience financial hardship from a declining member base, increasing costs and the growing demand of maintaining expensive and ageing infrastructure.

Without decisive action CGC would have to close the doors on a valuable community asset. CGC commenced a review of available options five years ago and explored the compatibility with an over 55s lifestyle village. Such a village could be created on the existing car park area.

Following a rigorous competitive tender process, CGC chose to partner with Watermark, a multiple award-winning owner-operator and manager of contemporary over 55s villages, to deliver our collective vision for the project.

In June 2019, the partnership of CGC and Watermark was successful in achieving a Site Compatibility Certificate from the Department of Planning and Environment. The next step for CGC will be to submit a development application for an over 55s lifestyle village comprising 106 apartments and a new Clubhouse featuring health and wellness facilities, along with quality dining and recreation facilities, all available to the local community. Most importantly, a key feature of the Compatibility Certificate was that the entire green space pertaining to the golf course will be retained.

In summary the CGC Project will deliver:

- Preservation of a significant metropolitan parcel of open green space that contributes to outdoor active and passive recreation for the local community
- New Golf Club and Seniors accommodation which provides a broad range of facilities for Golf members, residents and the community
- Diversified income streams designed to ensure the survival and ongoing financial viability of CGC. It has also been agreed between CGC and Watermark that there will be no poker machines in the new club.



Lifestyle

The over 55s lifestyle village will be a hub for active and independent living, community and social engagement where people can upgrade and simplify their lifestyle and alleviate the burden of maintaining a large home and gardens.



Key Features of the new Club precinct and lifestyle village include:

- World class golf & associated facilities integrated with a retirement village and broader community engagement
- Residents to enjoy membership to Club, Golf, Gym and Pool
- Zero cost electricity bills for village residents
- No need for a second car, or even a first – the village will have alternatives to minimise car ownership with a daily shuttle to and from Chatswood centre and station and access to a private electric car-share arrangement exclusive to village residents
- Tailored wellbeing programs designed for specific needs which one can undertake in the heated indoor hydrotherapy pool, gymnasium or dedicated group exercise room
- Provision for longer term health and support services to keep people within the comfort of their own home supporting ageing in place
- Quality dining options and room service available from the new Clubhouse
- Outdoor areas, function spaces for games, bridge, mahjong and other activities as well as a cinema, bars and business facilities
- Unique offering with every apartment having a view overlooking the golf course and Lane Cove River valley.

Next steps

Our next step is to make sure the community are informed and have the opportunity to discuss the proposal and to provide any feedback to CGC and Watermark.

CGC and Watermark have undertaken significant studies and design work and are now in a position to share this with interested members of the community prior to the lodgement of a development application.

Following the information sessions, CGC and Watermark intend to submit a development application and seek approval to make this exciting proposal a reality.

It is difficult to determine when a development approval might be achieved and therefore if you want to follow the progress of the project, please continue to check www.watermarkchatswood.com.au where progress updates and milestones will be communicated.

Thank you for your participation.

“We are continuously looking to raise the bar on retirement living in Australia. Our partnership with Chatswood Golf Club creates an exciting new model of seniors living.”

- Dr Christopher Watt,
Director, Watermark Chatswood

“Chatswood Golf Club and Watermark Chatswood have a shared vision to create a quality golf course and a range of premium activities, dining and meeting spaces that all members, community and residents can enjoy.”

- Alan Hall-Watson
President, Chatswood Golf Club

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