

IMPORTANT BOARD UPDATE ON DEVELOPMENT 18 MARCH 2022

Thank you to those members who attended our member briefings on the proposed development last night. We had over 60 people attend the 5pm session and another 20 at the 7:30pm session. We hope other members were able to take advantage of the streaming service to watch the presentation.

The overwhelming response from members who attended last night was that they were very impressed with the presentation and the proposal – “blown away” was one phrase used.

A video of the presentation along with supporting overheads is now available on our website for those of you unable to attend. The Board’s view is that this proposal has the potential to offer not only better facilities and amenities for our existing members, it will also allow current members to leave a legacy of a thriving, financially secure club and course for our future generations of golfers. We encourage all members to watch the video.

We have also included a series of FAQs – both those arising last night and those previously referred to the Board. We would welcome any further questions or points of clarification people have following the presentation.

As outlined last night, the next step in the process is for the Club to work with Knowles in preparing a more detailed Concept Plan for the development. The intention is that, once prepared, members will be consulted on the Concept Plan over a two week period, before we take it to a member vote at a general meeting in late May/June.

We are now seeking nominations from members who might like to assist with this process by contributing to the work of either a Course Design or a House Requirements committee:

- The Course Design Committee will be facilitated by Ben Davey from Contour Golf Design, (Contour Golf Design are golf architects currently working with the club in preparing our bunker master plan and have been appointed as advising course architects by the Knowles Group), along with Ross Oakman, Director Course. This group will prepare recommendations in relation to the course and practice facilities including the driving range, practice greens etc.
- The House Requirements Committee will be facilitated by Rod Philpot, Director House and our General Manager, Ray Duncan. This group will draft the requirements for our Club House facilities going forward. Note that this group isn’t being asked to design the new Clubhouse – rather, specify our requirements which will be fed into a design brief.

Our other golf infrastructure requirements, such as car parks, cart storage and parking, the Pro shop etc will be dealt with by the Board (in consultation with Mark Brooker) with members having the opportunity to comment on these proposals in the two week exposure period.

Members who would like to contribute to one or other of the above committee are asked to send a brief (half page) nomination to Ray by Monday 21st COB. It would help if you could advise in your nomination the expertise/experience/interest etc you would bring to the committee.

The Board will appoint and advise on the membership of the Committees by Friday 25th. As we want to keep the Committees to workable sizes, it may be that not everyone who nominates will be able to be invited to join a Committee. We will however, ensure there is a good cross section of members on each committee.

The next couple of months are going to be an exciting and important time for our golf club – we encourage all members to get involved.