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Future is bright for Camperdown Bowling Club

This is an archived media release from the former Marrickville Council, which was merged into Inner West Council on 12 May 2016. The information contained in this media release may no longer be current.

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Marrickville Council has announced that Canterbury Hurlstone Park RSL Club (CHPRSL) is the successful tenderer for Camperdown Bowling Club.

As part of the process, Council prioritised suitably qualified and experienced operators who had a vision to maximise community use, and would not be reliant on income from gaming.

“CHPRSL’s proposal for the former bowling club site is hugely impressive and really exciting,” said Mayor Jo Haylen. “It includes the clubhouse becoming a community-oriented centre and the bowling greens transforming into food gardens and eventually an urban farm.

“There will be food and drink available, but the centre will also focus on delivering a wide range of activities, classes, and lifestyle programs, like yoga instruction for example. This will be an amazing asset for the Camperdown community. I’m really excited for the local residents,” Mayor Haylen said.

Camperdown Project Pty Ltd* secretary and CEO of CHPRSL, Dean Thomas said the community-friendly site was a natural extension for the club, providing ‘community-friendly’ facilities and much-needed recreational space.

“We’re thrilled and privileged to have the opportunity to revive a valued community facility, ensuring that it becomes a much-needed community space as well as a vibrant food and beverage operation,” he said.

The new facility will not be a club so there will be no membership requirements.

The project is at concept stage and is subject to Development Approval, lease approval by the Minister for Primary Industry and a liquor licence being granted by the Office of Liquor, Gaming and Racing. These processes are underway.

Once approvals are given, work can commence and the new facility is expected to open in early 2016. Residents who would like to be kept updated on the progress of the proposed development can go to <http://www.camperdownproject.info>

Camperdown Bowling Club is on Crown Land and any future use must be for the purpose of public recreation. While the approved tender will see significant improvements to the building and grounds, there will be no change to the current height or mass of the building.

*CHPRSL became the preferred tenderer for the site in January 2014. It has since established Camperdown Project Pty Ltd as a stand alone, wholly-owned subsidiary to operate the site. Since then, Camperdown Project Pty Ltd has been working closely with Marrickville Council to finalise the lease agreement for the site.

For a print quality image of Mayor Haylen and Dean Thomas at the old Camperdown Bowling Club, contact the Communication team.

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