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Hot springs development tees off in Metung

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East Gippsland could soon have Australia's first hot springs golf course with plans for geothermal relaxation pools at Metung's Kings Cove Golf Club submitted to East Gippsland Shire Council.

If approved, the development would allow visitors and locals to play a round of golf at the stunning Victorian course, then relax in state-of-the-art geothermal hot and cold pools.

The project is funded by Metung Hot Springs with support of \$1.5 million received from the Victorian Government's Tourism Infrastructure Program and \$1.5 million received as part of the Australian and Victorian Governments' Local Economic Recovery Program.

The proposed hot springs and associated facilities will complement the existing golf club and improve the golf experience. It will also provide an alternative activity for those not teeing off. Once complete, the site will be renamed Metung Country Club and Hot Springs.

"Our proposal includes three geothermal pools of varying depths, a reflexology walk, sauna, relaxation lounge and a massage spa treatment area." Metung Hot Springs Managing Director, Adrian Bromage, said.

"There is also a foot bath that will allow golfers to bathe their feet after a game without changing out of their golfing clothes."

Splinter Society Architecture, who are also the architects for the Metung Hot Springs development, designed the facilities to be a haven of relaxation and wellbeing. This is the next step in a broader plan to turn the club into a multi-faceted recreation centre for members and the public alike.

A second new building will provide all-weather shelter for golfers on the driving range. It includes five covered tee positions and a lounge area for spectators and players to enjoy food and drinks.

Graham Cole and his family have lived within the Kings Cove development for 12 years. "As active playing golf members of Kings Cove we are excited by the welcome addition of the thermal pool inclusion at the club. This elevates our resort style living experience to another level probably world class. The traditional 19th hole at the club has now a total new meaning".

The design respects its surroundings using natural and local materials and includes solar panels and water-recycling technology to minimise its environmental footprint. It is located next to the existing clubhouse, connected by a covered walkway and large deck area.

This exciting new project is one of the initial stages of a larger Metung Hot Springs development proposed for Kings Cove, 500 metres from the golf club site.

A water reuse system shared by both sites will deliver a big win for the golf club.



“A golf course requires a lot of water,” Mr Bromage said. “Water from the main Metung Hot Springs site will be pumped to the golf club to be reused for irrigation.”

Once fully operational, the two sites will also share food and hospitality services.

Metung Hot Springs is a joint venture between Rachel and Adrian Bromage and the Peninsula Hot Springs group who commenced the first commercial hot spring in Victoria on the Mornington Peninsula in 2005.

Operating seven days a week and catering for up to 40 visitors in the new Golf Club Hot Spring facility at any one time, the Metung Country Club and Hot Springs is expected to be a significant tourism drawcard.

“The global pandemic means Australians are seeking relaxing experiences closer to home, and this is driving a growing wellness tourism market,” Mr Bromage said.

“We believe our investment in hot springs will create an innovative tourism experience and attract more visitors to our beautiful region bringing economic benefits for us all.”

“We plan to open the hot springs at the main site in early 2022 and the hot springs at the golf course in the second half of 2022.”