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Since the time that Walter Burley Griffin designed the layout of the Ranelagh Estate in the 1920s the Ranelagh Club has seen many changes. Sir Robert Menzies was one of the original committee members in 1926.

The early social aspects of the club saw monthly dances held at Nyora on the full moon, sailing during the summer, tennis and polo matches and golf. Hunting of rabbits was also a sport in those early days. The original boathouse was built in 1930, complete with a separate ladies changing room as was the order of the day. Eight tennis courts were built at what is now Mt Eliza Tennis club, for the enjoyment of the members.

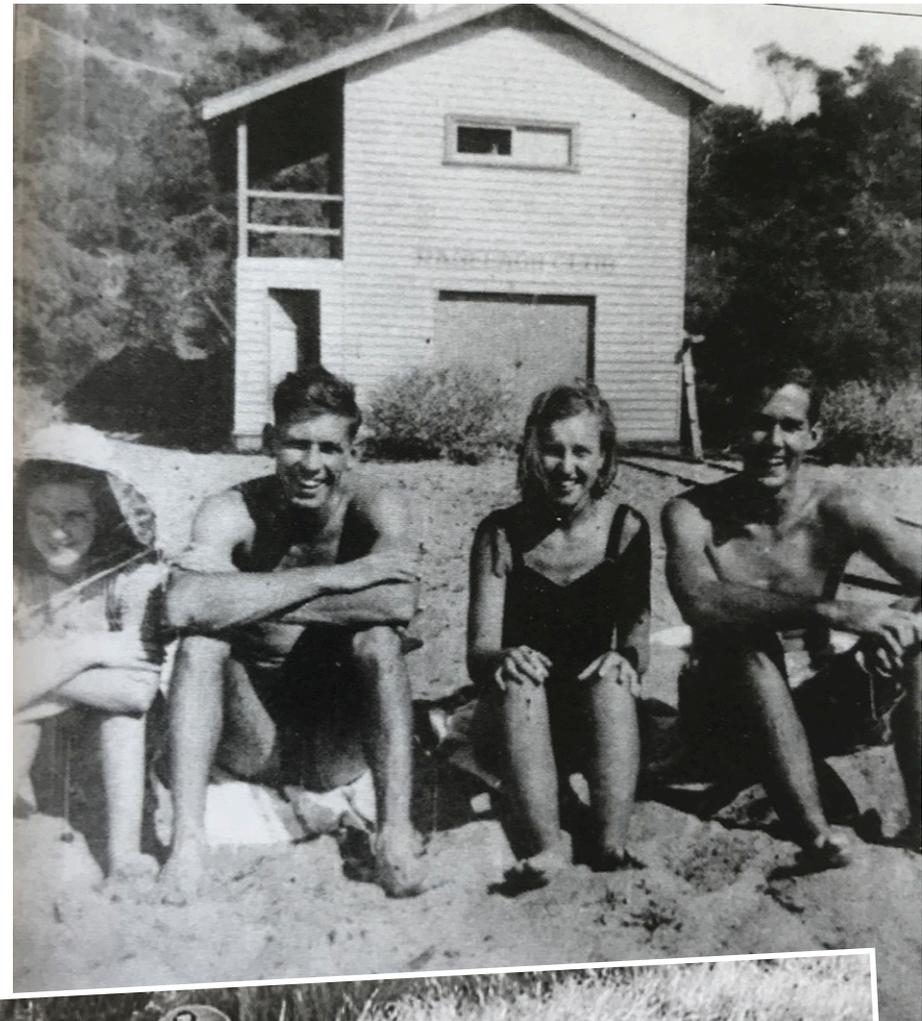
In those early days the club owned all of the open spaces in the estate, including the ground now occupied by the Peninsula School (the original golf course), Howard Parker Reserve (Mt Eliza bowls club, Mt Eliza tennis club and the cricket oval), John Butler Reserve (the "dog park"). Over the years these reserves were either sold or donated to the council.

Over time the club facilities have been constantly improved and upgraded. However, in recent years the club has had to spend a considerable proportion of membership fees on maintenance of these ageing facilities. Many were originally built in the 1950s and 1960s and are approaching the point where significant capital expenditure is required to maintain these assets.

Top right: Ranelagh Club boat shed, 1950s

Right: The newly built Ranelagh Club boat shed and club house in the early 1930s

Bottom right: Gregory Peck and Ava Gardner take a break from filming 'On the Beach'





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While you have been enjoying the club during the past year, the Development Standing Committee (DSC) has been working behind the scenes on a vibrant blueprint to reinvigorate and take our club forward well into the 21st Century.

This plan is in alignment with the original purpose of the club that was established back in 1926 and will dramatically enhance the current sporting facilities and provide the members with many more dining and entertaining choices.

By use of clever engineering, the small grassed area on the hill will be significantly enlarged and will become a beautiful area for enjoying the magnificent ocean views, while a relocation of the driveway will ensure the traffic will no longer be a hazard in this area.

The enhancements to the main clubhouse and outbuildings will meld the spaces together so that the clubhouse will form the hub of our club experience while still allowing the sports and activities to have their own dedicated spaces.

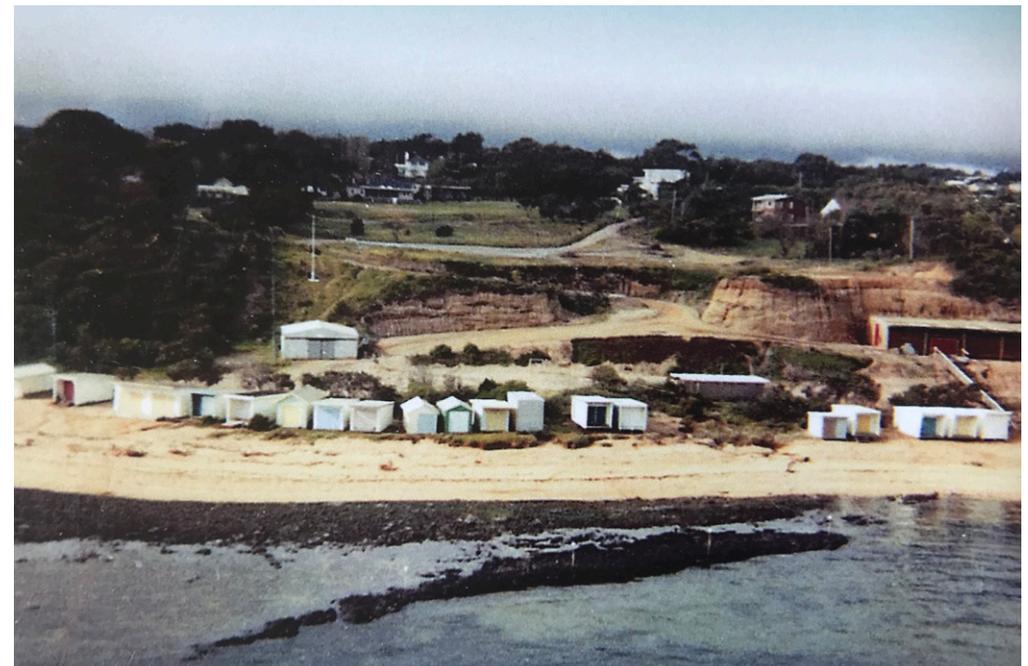
The development will resolve the current single venue limitations and allow the club to offer function facilities year around, without affecting member access to the facilities and dining. By providing added revenue streams to the club we hope to strengthen the future financial position for the membership.

Right: Gregory Peck and Ava Gardner during the filming of 'On the Beach' at Canadian Bay beach



Above: Ranelagh Estate in the 1940s

Below: Ranelagh boat house and club house construction, 1960s





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Your DSC is an engaged group of members with a diverse set of skills, from gritty geotechnical engineers to designers, town planners, and highly successful local business owners.

We would like to work with the membership to promote and enhance our vision until it becomes a combined vision for the club.

There are aspects of our proposal that are highly ambitious and will possibly challenge your expectations of the club's capabilities, but overall, we hope you agree it introduces an exciting and engaging journey that we can take together toward building a stronger club.

Families and kids have not been forgotten in the vision, with plans for new family and seniors activity area, kids' areas, and safe playground spaces.

Obviously, the building of these facilities will take time and considerable funding, but the development plan has been carefully staged to both minimize disruption for members, and to develop the areas in a manner that ensures additional revenue streams in the shorter term.

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I would like to see an extension of areas so there are spaces for kids and for adults – spaces where everyone can relax and enjoy being a part of the local community.

– Terry Sparks

*We will be holding a member information forum on **Wednesday, May 8 2019 at 7.30pm** where we will be presenting the concepts in more detail, including high resolution colour renders of the vision, along with a discussion paper that explains the proposed development stages in much more detail.*

In parallel with the Development committee, the board has also formed a Future Funding Committee that is charged with the responsibility of working on business plans, and costing models for each stage of the development.



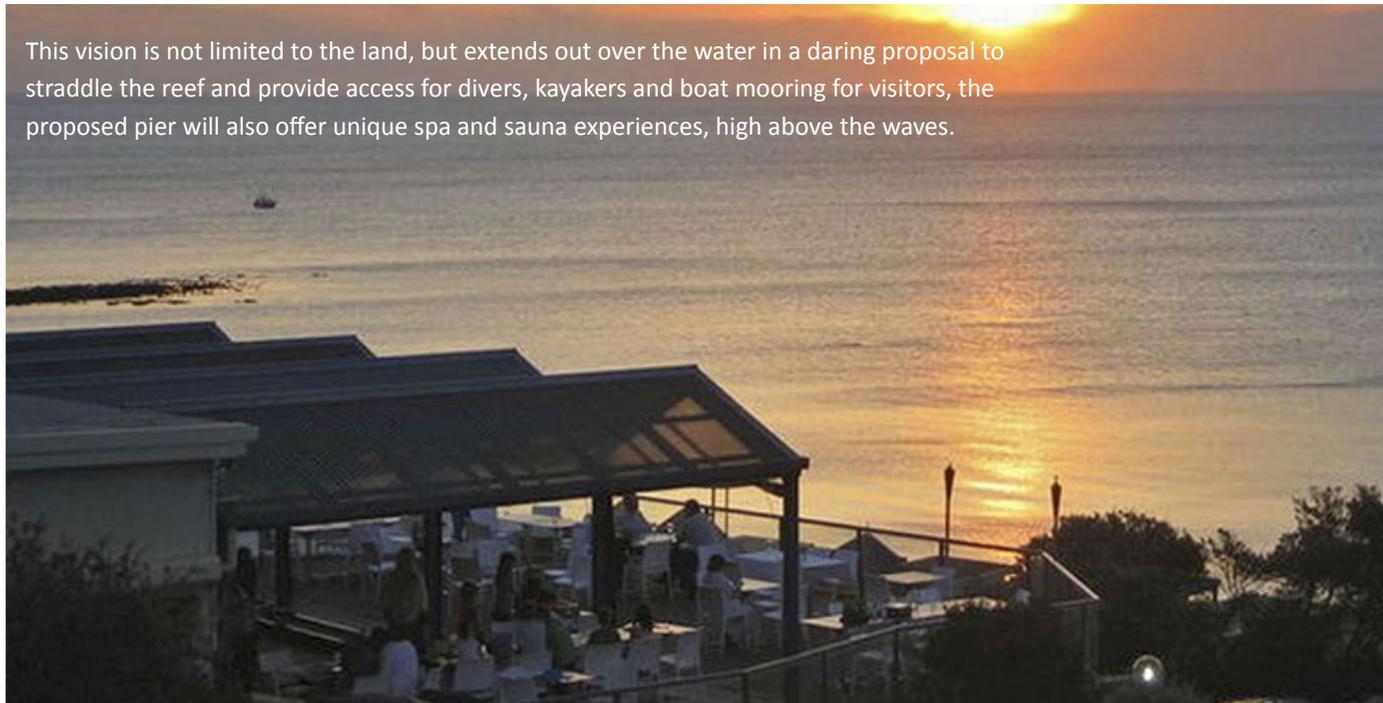


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We have set out to develop a vision that capitalises on the natural beauty of the location without spoiling the open vistas of the ocean and beyond. We have embraced the diversity of our membership and while our objective is to build a stronger club for the future, we are also returning to the past to light up a number of the Ranelagh stars that have remained dormant for many years.

Our vision extends to a major reconstruction of the existing Motor Boat Shed, to capitalise on the incredible space and probably one of the best waterfront views on the bay. The new building will be an iconic design to engage with the foreshore and blend in with its surroundings. We plan for the space to offer some of the best and most exclusive member only experiences from the amazing roof top gardens, bars and dining areas.

This vision is not limited to the land, but extends out over the water in a daring proposal to straddle the reef and provide access for divers, kayakers and boat mooring for visitors, the proposed pier will also offer unique spa and sauna experiences, high above the waves.



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I believe the future of the Ranelagh Club relies upon the engagement of its members. The provision of an environment and culture of activities to promote social interaction and camaraderie will perpetuate a sense of belonging, inclusion and commitment. This aim should be achieved within our financial capabilities with no risk to the club.

– Dennis Jackson



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Welcome to our journey to the future of a better, stronger club that will soon become The Place to be, not only in Mt Eliza but on the Mornington Peninsula!

PROJECT 1

- Function centre
- Carparking and road alignment change
- Kids Club
- Bocce court & croquet lawn

PROJECT 2

- Gym/swimming pool
- Tennis club house
- Indoor/outdoor function area

PROJECT 3

- Members' function/meeting centre, boat house, rooftop garden and seniors/family playground
- Pier with sauna, steam, hot pools, kiosk, kayak hire/storage
- Water activities centre





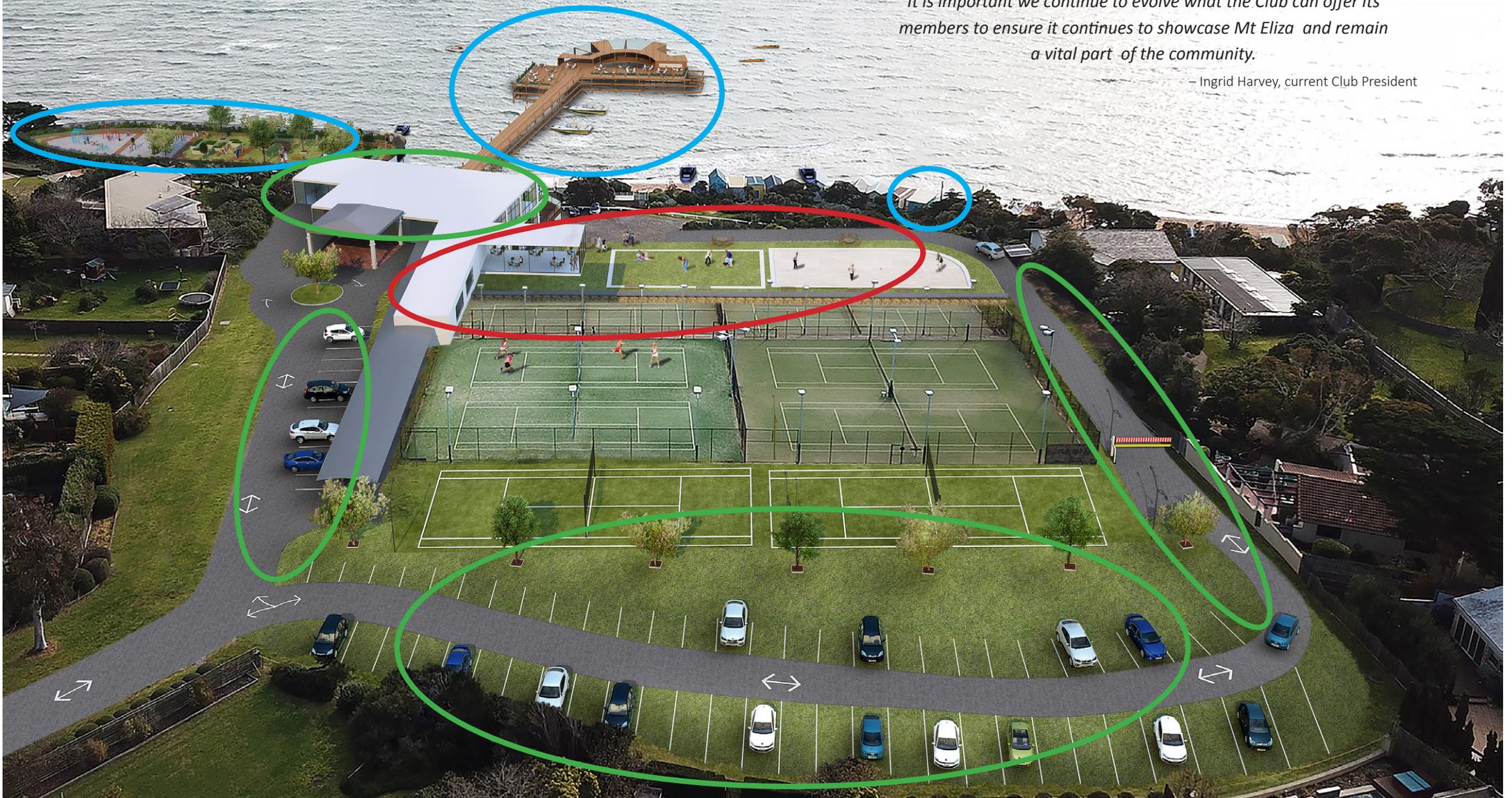
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There is nothing that comes close to the Ranelagh Club anywhere around Port Phillip Bay. Its unrivaled views and facilities makes it a special place for its members. As a family, we have enjoyed all of what the club has to offer and have fond memories of good times with family and friends.

It is important we continue to evolve what the Club can offer its members to ensure it continues to showcase Mt Eliza and remain a vital part of the community.

– Ingrid Harvey, current Club President





*Your Development Standing Committee hopes
to engage all members with this summary
of the Club Vision.*

*Please bring your feedback to the forum on
Wednesday May 8, 2019 at 7.30pm or direct it to
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