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MOONAH LINKS LODGES A FIRST FOR AUSTRALIA

The Handbury Group has begun construction on three Lodges at the beautiful Moonah Links Golf Resort, which it owns with Golf Australia Holdings.

Just 90 minutes from Melbourne on Victoria's scenic Mornington Peninsula, Moonah Links already offers a unique golf/lifestyle/tourism experience, with an on-site Peppers-managed hotel and 250 home site residential development in addition to its two public world-class golf courses and pavilion facilities including restaurant, gymnasium, outdoor heated swimming pool, heliport, bars, pro shop and all golfing amenities.

The Lodges, overlooking the 1st fairway of the Open Course are being constructed next to the pavilion, and will be the first of their kind in Australia.

The 242-hectare golf resort – venue of the 2005 Australian Open, and also the host course in 2003 – is situated in an area of the peninsula known as “The Cups Country”. This area is renowned as perfect for links golf.

The three, two storey Lodges are approximately 1,000 square metres each, with twelve spacious executive-style suites and a generous common living and dining area which can be transformed seamlessly to multi-purpose conference facilities for up to 100 people. All buildings will be equipped with wireless connectivity and state of the art conference facilities.

The Lodges represent a major investment by The Handbury Group. Their innovative architectural design and their careful placing by Hayball Leonard Stent Architects sensitively integrate them into the existing landscape. Renowned golf course designers and landscape architects Thomson Perrett have been engaged to further enhance the Lodges integration within the golf landscape.

The three Lodges will overlook the 1st fairway of the complex's Open Course, and feature executive hotel-style suites, terraces taking in views of the surrounding landscape, and common living and dining areas. They are to be serviced and managed by Peppers Retreats & Resorts.

Design is by award-winning architecture firm Hayball Leonard Stent, which has extensive experience in tourism-related projects. The Lodges are being constructed by Buxton Construction, which also built the Moonah Links pavilion.

Hayball Leonard Stent has said the Lodges will offer “a high degree of intimate amenity, privacy and comfort with the traditions of a large country house”. Natural materials such as wood and stone will be used extensively, in a response to “the natural landscape of Moonah forest and rolling tussock-grassed hillocks”.



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The landscaping will be based around some 2,000 Moonah trees. The Mornington Peninsula is famous for these trees, which are protected and can be up to 5,000 years old. Terraces are sited to capture sun but provide protection from the wind, and to enhance views.

The architects also note that each Lodge will provide for differing levels of privacy and engagement, maximising flexibility. Conference facilities such as whiteboards will be concealed when not in use. All buildings will be equipped with wireless connectivity and state of the art conference facilities.

Construction began last month on the multi-million dollar project, and is due to be completed by November, in time for advance bookings for the Australian Open tournament. Potential purchasers are expected to include major corporates and syndicates. Individual rooms are not being sold separately.

Through the investment and building these new Lodges accommodation concept, at a project value of \$13.5 million, The Handbury Group, as the new owners of Moonah Links demonstrate their continued confidence and commitment in Moonah Links. Their vision is to make Moonah Links the best golfing venue and exclusive residential resort community in Australia.

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