

RENO BRINGS WOW FACTOR

WYNNUM MANLY LEAGUES CLUB

Wynnum Manly Leagues Club (WMLC), also home to the beloved Wynnum Seagulls, has recently received its biggest facelift in the venue's 41-year history. Setting the benchmark is certainly an understatement, as this impressive club renovation pulls out all the stops to deliver the WOW factor.

As Managing Contractor on the project, Design and Construction firm Paynters has worked collaboratively with the Wynnum Manly board since early 2019 – from early design concepts right through to construction. With a joint vision to bring new life to the venue, the development goal was to future proof the space, ensuring it continues to serve the club's loyal members for decades to come.

Collaborating with the talented team at Cayas Architecture, Paynters have delivered a bold and luxurious upgrade for the Bayside community to enjoy.

The project involved major extensions and renovations to the existing build, including a new cocktail bar, vegas-inspired gaming lounge and a complete new wing, expanding the club's footprint by 1,000sqm. The second phase of works included an additional café, new lounge bar, and a major transformation of the club's reception area, entrance and exteriors.

A unique feature of the exterior façade are the curved architectural elements, inspired by the Bayside waters. These attractive, modern details are incredibly eye catching, and at the same time, seamlessly



integrate with the existing club buildings.

With the club passionate about continuity of services (particularly in relation to community sporting commitments for the Seagulls), Paynters Project Manager Bryan Beilby worked closely with the Club to keep them operational.

"The staged works were timed to meet operational requirements, as well as honour key dates in the Club's calendar, including major events such as game days and festive holidays" he said.

"With the club experiencing COVID disruptions throughout 2020, we ensured that when club operations were put on hold, that time was utilised to accelerate construction works, and get the new spaces ready for patrons as soon as restrictions permitted."

Fast forward 18 months to present day, the Club's remarkable new look is the talk of the town, with both staff and community members thrilled with the upgrade as WMLC CEO Craig Thomas explains.

"Our membership base has increased 20%, and the club is buzzing with life once again. It's great so see my staff equally as thrilled with the new facilities," Mr Thomas said.

Paynters has established a strong partnership with the team at WMLC over the years, successfully renovating their smaller neighbouring club Fielders back in 2019. With the impressive main club building now open, the team are wrapping up the surrounding creek widening works and carpark extension.

Mr Thomas is pleased to see the last few phases of the project coming together, and his club become destination of choice once for the Wynnum community.

"We are extremely proud of the finished product and have thoroughly enjoyed the collaborative process with Paynters. I truly thank the entire project team for all their passion and hard work in rejuvenating our venue."

This project has been an incredible venture for Paynters, adding to the team's diverse Hospitality portfolio.