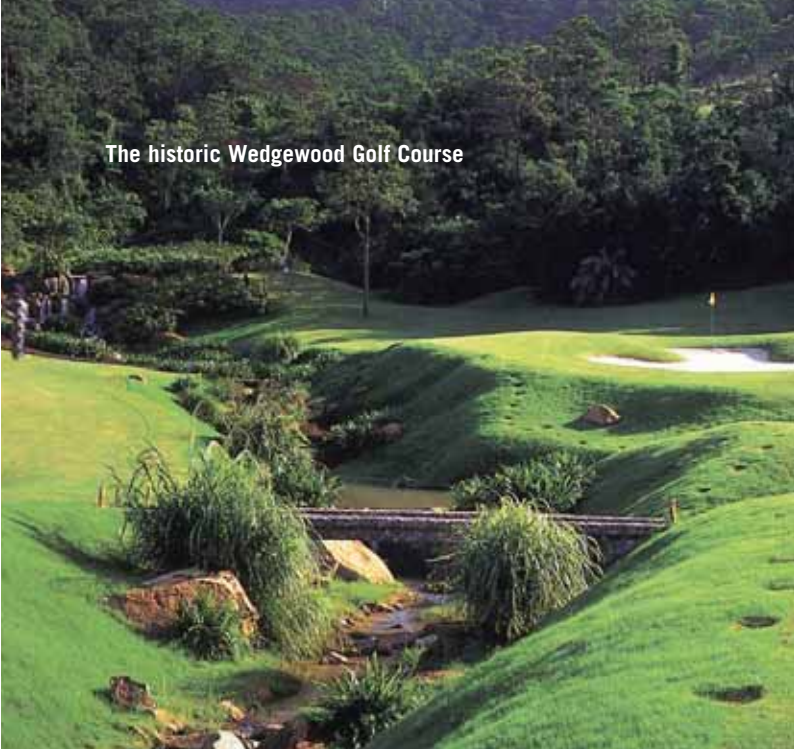


The historic Wedgewood Golf Course



WEDGEWOOD GOLF & COUNTRY ESTATE

Pinnacle Point Holdings tees off....

National property group Pinnacle Point Holdings (PPH) has begun construction on the R1,2bn Wedgewood Golf & Country Estate in Port Elizabeth with civil contractors on site and infrastructural development well underway.

The property group recently received international recognition for its flagship development, Pinnacle Point Beach & Golf resort. Work on the R25 million reconstruction of the 18-hole golf course started in July, with the gatehouse and main gates soon to be completed.

The Wedgewood Golf club is a course with an interesting history behind it. It was founded by Port Elizabeth's Jewish community, who having been barred from playing on South African golf courses decided to build their own country club. Debentures were sold for fifty pounds and soon sufficient funds were raised to establish the club, named after British Statesman, Baron Josiah Clement Wedgewood. In 1968 the club was opened to other Port Elizabeth communities and in 1972 became the first multiracial golf course in the country.

The Wedgewood investment will breathe new life into the decades-old Wedgewood Park golf course, bringing the golfing estate lifestyle and retirement village concepts to the Eastern Cape and create an opportunity for three generations – grandparents, their children and families - to live within the same

community. This is a fantastic concept for re-uniting families, not to mention having baby-sitters on your doorstep when you want to play golf.

Enhancing Community Living

Alongside the 18-hole course, 486 spacious golf course plots for residential development have been designed to enhance suburban community living where children play in the streets and parents interact with their neighbours. The retirement village will consist of 307 free-hold retirement homes supported by state of the art health-care facilities.

The R25m reconstruction of the Wedgewood golf course includes a total redesign, incorporating four large new lakes covering 4ha of additional surface water on the front nine holes that will be a feature for the adjacent residential properties. This will enhance the scenery and raise the challenge for players on what was previously a relatively flat portion of the course.

"Whilst Wedgewood has always boasted one of the finest layouts, it's been unable to keep up with modern golf clubs



The view down the 16th fairway

due to a lack of income generated through the club. The redevelopment by Pinnacle Point Holdings will give new life to this historic course, bringing it on par with other championship golf courses across the country”, said Wayne Krambeck, golf director Pinnacle Point Holdings.

The back nine holes, characterised by a picturesque valley with existing water features, wetlands and streams, will be upgraded and modernised in line with a 21st century golfing experience.

Golf course design and construction specialists Golf Data are responsible for the design and construction of the golf course project. A new clubhouse will be built overlooking the finishing ninth and 18th greens.

The project also includes the installation of a new modern fully-automated irrigation system for tees, greens and fairways with treated effluent water.

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In addition, a return drainage system will allow the course to reuse much of the run-off and seepage water from the course.

“The new irrigation system will enhance the quality of the grasses and ensure the consistency of the condition of the golf course”, said Krambeck. The greens will be Creeping Bentgrass, while in keeping with PPH’s environmental commitment, the existing Cynodon Grass will be retained on the fairways and tees.

Committed to retaining and extending local heritage, PPH acquired the Wedgewood Park golf course last year. The ecologically-crafted course was originally designed by Bob Grimsdell in the 1940s, but like so many other golf clubs throughout the country, was struggling to attract members. The sale enables the group to address this through the significant upgrade and expansion of the facilities.

The golf club formerly hosted the South African international classic golf tournament General Motors Open and has seen the likes of Gary Player, Lee Trevino, Nick Faldo and Hugh Baiocchi playing its fairways. Player won his 100th professional tournament on the course.

Plots are selling from R395 000 to R1,25m. Buyers may use their own architect, but building plans must be approved by the Wedgewood official aesthetics committee. Building must commence within two years of transfer and be completed within three years.

Wedgewood Golf & Country Estate is conveniently situated near major amenities including the Greenacres Shopping Centre, churches, schools, hospitals, beaches and a small airport.

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Artists impression of a unit in the retirement village

