

Main Committee Message



Hello everyone,

I am Amroo Al Hinai and have been nominated as the UIR Ras Al Hamrah redevelopment and club liaison member of the main committee.

Usually during summer time many club members take their annual vacations to travel outside Oman. This period is a low season period of the club. However, the Main Club Committee sees this as a busy time for them as this is the least period where we can carry out the disturbing activities of the redevelopment of the Club. We have been focusing our efforts to keep down these disturbances to the minimum. The construction phasing is a major consideration as the club will need to remain functional throughout its construction period.

Early Works

Due to site topography and land availability, the new club will be situated in the same footprint of the existing building. The existing building is very old and will have to be demolished prior to the commencement of new building's construction and in order for us maintain the operation of the club we have introduced the "Early Works stage" where we will provide a temporary club facility that will host most of the functions that are required for club operation during the construction period. This new club facility will be located behind the restaurant and would impose a new club entry and site security; which we are also working on. Early Works Contract has been awarded; land clearing, compaction and foundations has already been progressed at site and the planned completion date is in September 2019.

A new mini Olympic sized swimming pool (15mX24m) and a toddlers pool (9m X10m) is also planned to be constructed in the area where the gym is located. The existing gym parking will be affected but the overall number of parking lots will be maintained. The new pool is currently at commercial evaluation stage and the award is scheduled on May 2019.

The New Club Design

Design have progressed to schematic stage, albeit rather slowly. Key stakeholders, members and staff have been engaged in order to develop a comprehensive space programme. We will be busy fine-tuning it and reviewing it with our stakeholders for the next two to three months. A club model will also be prepared and a special call will be made to exhibit it in due course.

Demolition and Construction Works

Many of the buildings constructed in the 70s and 80s were found to contain Asbestos. Asbestos is stable when it is undisturbed but may cause cancerous diseases to the respiratory system once demolishing breakers and equipment's are in operation. We

valued this fact and completed an Asbestos Survey of the main building which will enable our Contractors perform this without compromising their and people's safety.

A Contracting strategy and tactics workshop- to determine the best value contracting method -has been carried out. The outcome was to link the demolishing with the Construction; both due to start in Q4 2019 and anticipated to finish together within 24 months from starting construction. The construction area will be isolated from the temporary club facility and will have a separate entry/exit leaving the operation of the club un-affected.

Ras Al Hamrah club is a safe family oriented facility and we assure you the best of our efforts to keeping it that way.

Finally and on behalf of the Main Committee; we wish you and your family all the blessings of the holy month of Ramadhan.

On behalf of the Main Committee
Amroo Al Hinai
RAH Development Liaison