

ELGIN CITY SPORTS COMPLEX

PROJECT SUMMARY

The proposed Grabouw Sports Complex represents a transformational opportunity to establish one of the Western Cape's premier integrated sports and recreation destinations. Situated on approximately 82.24 hectares of strategically located land on Erf 4233 alongside the Palmiet River, the development has been conceptualised as a golf-led, mixed-sport and lifestyle precinct that will serve both the rapidly growing Grabouw community and visitors from across the province. The project combines high-quality sporting infrastructure with hospitality, wellness, tourism and recreational facilities, creating a unique destination that supports economic development while significantly improving the quality of life within the region.

As Grabouw continues to experience sustained population growth and increasing investment, the demand for quality recreational and sporting facilities has become increasingly evident.

The Sports Complex responds directly to this opportunity by creating a development that not only serves organised sport, but also promotes healthy lifestyles, family recreation and tourism. It is intended to become a regional asset that supports community participation while attracting visitors and private investment into the Theewaterskloof municipal area.

The centrepiece of the development will be a professionally designed nine-hole golf course incorporating fairways, greens, tees, bunkers, golf-cart routes and associated course infrastructure within a carefully landscaped environment. Complementing the golf course will be a variety of additional sporting and recreational facilities, including padel courts and a dedicated park-run and recreational walking route extending throughout the development. These facilities will create opportunities for organised sporting events, community recreation and year-round outdoor activities that appeal to residents of all ages.

Positioned alongside the Palmiet River, the lifestyle precinct will provide an attractive destination for both local residents and visitors. A modern clubhouse will accommodate a restaurant, fully equipped gymnasium and indoor swimming pool, offering panoramic views across the golf course and surrounding natural landscape. The development also includes a guesthouse or boutique bed-and-breakfast establishment that will provide quality accommodation for golfers, tourists, conference delegates and visitors attending sporting events. Together, these facilities create an integrated destination where sport, leisure, wellness and tourism reinforce one another, extending visitor stays and increasing economic activity within the region.

MAP OF THE PROJECT



PROJECT STATUS



The GDA has pitched the project to the National Department of Public Works and Infrastructure as well as the TWK municipality, and co-operation agreements are currently being drawn up. This follows on MOU agreements for shared knowledge on development projects.

FINANCIAL NEEDS



Approximate value: R100m

The project will be financed through private sector funding, and it is estimated that the project, as currently envisaged, will cost between R80m and R100m.

KEY PARTIES



Elgin city property developer, TWK municipality and Public Works.

PRIVATE SECTOR OPPORTUNITY



This is a Public-Private Partnership (PPP), with the municipality as the owner and the private sector responsible for the development.

TIMELINE



This project is expected to kick off in 2027.