

Resort hotel brings interest

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THE development of a five-star resort hotel and apartments adjoining Brookwater Golf Course is a step closer.

Springfield Land Corporation put a 1.6ha site on the market in 2006 for the project, which has a potential development value in excess of \$60 million.

The site is ideal for a 140-room resort hotel and 100 luxury apartments.

Features such as a pool, gymnasium, day spa, business centre, helipad, tennis courts, bars and world-class accredited dining may be part of the development, which would be Ipswich's first five-star hotel.

The site has an unprecedented 120m uninterrupted golf course frontage with views across the 10th and 18th fairways.

It would be in Brookwater Village – comprising cafes, delis, offices, residences and boutique shopping.

Springfield Land Corporation deputy managing director Raynua Sinnathamby, pictured, said the corporation was speaking to interested parties from Australia and overseas.

She said a decision on who would develop the site was not expected

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■ High interest in developing five-star resort hotel at Brookwater.

■ The resort would be Ipswich's first five-star hotel.

■ Springfield Land Corporation in talks with overseas and Australian companies.

in the short term.

"When we pick a partner we want to make sure it is the right one," Mrs Sinnathamby said.

"We have a vision and we want to make sure the partner adopts that or something better."

Mrs Sinnathamby said the corporation was surprised at the level of interest in the resort.

"Because Brookwater has (previously) been named Australia's number one golf course it has attracted a high level of interest because people want to ride off the back of that," she said.

"Also, there are not many locations in Brisbane that offer this type of opportunity."

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■ Almost ready . . . Paul Gleave and fellow artist Jean Maree Pool with some of their works.

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Preview for new art gallery

SPRINGFIELD Lakes will become a cultural hub for art lovers with the opening of Bella Arts Gallery next month.

To showcase some of the gallery's upcoming works a preview evening will be held on Thursday, January 25, from 6-8pm.

The boutique gallery is owned by artist Paul Gleave and his wife Lea and will be in the new Spring Lake Metro retail development at 1 Springfield Lakes Blvd.

"This is a great chance for local residents to see some of the art that we will be presenting in our gallery when it opens in February 2007," Mrs Gleave said.

"This is open to anyone who wishes to preview our new gallery. We encourage everyone to come up and have a sticky beak."

Mrs Gleave said the new business would be the ninth gallery in Ipswich and also would stock art supplies for sale.

"We will be waiting until after the preview evening to organise the remaining shop furniture and art materials stock," she said.

"We want people to be able to move freely around the gallery space to admire just a small amount of art that we will be representing."

The gallery's official opening exhibition will be held in April.

■ Preview artist Dale Weston's work: page 47

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