



GREENS REPORT

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- Greens have showed really good progress regarding turf health in recent weeks leading into greens renovations.
- Scheduled renovations of greens were postponed a week due to inclement weather conditions. 91mm of rain fell in 5 days. Course will be closed Monday 25th and Tuesday 26th March.
- Height of cut on greens has been at 4.5mm the last couple of weeks and 6mm walk mow on the 5th and 15th greens.
- Beginning to see the benefits of programmed applications to the soil profile of the greens (see picture below) Every 2 weeks the greens are sprayed with root growth hormones and beneficial soil microbes. A program like this takes time to see the overall benefits and we are now starting to see new root growth and development.



- Chipping green, nursery and spare holes were renovated (11/3) with ½” hollow tines. These greens were topdressed and amendments applied. Chipping green was closed for a week to assist with recovery.
- Putting green was cored with ¾” hollow tines, topdressed with washed sand, followed by an 8mm solid tine (18/3). The sand was then rubbed and broomed in. Amendments and fertiliser were applied. The green was closed for a week to assist with recovery.
- Green/collar interface has been edged for encroaching kikuyu and couch runners. This will be done once again after greens renovations.

- Green was moved to a temporary Sunday 13th January. It has now been 10 weeks since that time and significant improvement continues to be seen, particularly since the overnight temperatures have been consistently below 20 degrees.
- Green is being walk mowed at 6mm every second day.
- A foliar fertiliser continues to be applied on a weekly basis to assist new seedling development and maturation along with recovery of surviving grass.
- The green has been given two light dustings by hand and rubbed into the canopy. This assists with the lateral growth of new seedlings and bent grass plants.
- The green will be getting cored with a ½” hollow tine and topdressed during renovation week. This is now possible due to the good progress of the green. Amendments will be applied as per all other greens.
- Picture below shows the significant progress from mid-February to early March. Overnight temps since the middle of February have been in the mid to high teens and this is crucial for good growth and recovery of cool season grasses.



- The re-opening of the green is still yet to be determined and is being monitored closely. The green will be managed the same as all other greens post renovations and will be opened back up for regular play soon.

TEES/COLLARS/APRONS

- Tees and aprons given a light granular fertiliser application (12/3)
- Spot spraying on the tee banks for crab grass and kikuyu in couch is ongoing leading into the cooler months.
- All par 3 tees now have divot boxes with sand inside for divot repair on these tees.



- Hydraulic hose leak on tees mower on 1st social tee (20/3).
- Front collar of the 5th green (picture below) has been returfed with kikuyu. Plug work on right rear corner of the 12th greens collar also carried out.



FAIRWAYS

- Pre-emergent herbicide application was done on all fairways (25th & 26th Feb)
- Foliar fertiliser application to all fairways (19th & 20th March)
- All sprinkler heads trimmed as part of monthly maintenance
- Minor irrigation adjustments and repairs are ongoing



BUNKERS

- Storm damage to all bunkers (14/3) Pumped, edged and bases levelled in proceeding week (approx. 45 total man hours)
- Repair work completed on bunker lip at 11th green

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

- All cart paths edged, blown and tidied up
- Branch clean up
- Blue traffic control lines for carts are working well
- Removed weeds from hazards on 4th and 6th holes
- Relocated lomandra's from rough on 13th hole to behind 3rd tee

GREENS RENOVATION WEEK PLANS

- All greens will be hollow cored with either a $\frac{3}{4}$ " or $\frac{1}{2}$ " tine
- Cores will be picked up and greens blown off
- Amendments applied to the soil profile
- Greens will be topdressed with a washed straight sand
- All greens will be 8mm solid tined and overseeded following the topdress
- Sand will be rubbed into the canopy and core holes with a drag broom, followed by a once over with hand brooms
- Greens irrigated
- Later in the week all greens will be fertilised and given a dry cut at 6mm