



# GREENS REPORT

January 2020



**Prepared By:**

*Justin Bradbury*  
*Course Superintendent*

- Greens to this point in the summer are performing well. Mowing height is at 3.5mm and this has assisted with handling the summer stress.
- As dam levels began to drop in the early summer, greens became the priority for overnight irrigation cycles.
- All applications are up to date and greens in good health with a nice strong root structure.
- Greens are regularly being checked for moisture levels and hand watered accordingly
- On days when the temperature has been forecast to exceed 35 degrees the greens are not mowed to assist them survive the extreme heat. This is part of our summer management plan.
- Unfortunately, we have been suffering some severe damage from the corellas on numerous greens.



*Corella damage on the 8<sup>th</sup> green...*

## TEES & FAIRWAYS

---

- Due to the dry conditions, the tees have only been getting mowed as required.
- Irrigation has been minimal and only applied manually when required to conserve water.
- All tees have been given a granular fertiliser (24-1-7) application with anticipated rain in the forecast.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> tees have grown in nicely, along with the plantings and are handling regular play well.
- Turf work at the 3<sup>rd</sup> tee has been done to blend the steps into the teeing area and remove the small lip at the top of the stairs.



*Turf work at 3<sup>rd</sup> tee steps...*



*New ballwasher & bin 10<sup>th</sup> tee...*

- Wetting agent and soluble fertiliser application made to all fairways (15/1) in anticipation of rain. This will help with water penetration and retention in the soil profile.
- Fairway irrigation was turned off in the 1<sup>st</sup> week of December to conserve water. And fairways were not mowed for 6 weeks.
- Prefer lies will remain in play on fairways for the foreseeable future.

## BUNKERS

---

- Bunker edging and maintenance are ongoing now during the growing season
- All bunker edges were sprayed with a herbicide after being edged to assist with the presentation of the bunker edges.



*Bunker edges and small weeds sprayed...*

## MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

---

- Round up spraying of mulch beds and garden areas is ongoing
- Parramatta grass and paspalum has been getting spot sprayed in roughs and surrounds



*Parramatta grass spot sprayed 13<sup>th</sup> hole...*



*New practice area sign...*

- A new sign has been installed at the chipping green indicating that the area is for golf practice only.
- Piles of branches and debris along the fence line on the 8<sup>th</sup> hole has been cleaned up.



*8<sup>th</sup> hole fence line...*

- There was no measurable rain between 28<sup>th</sup> November and 7<sup>th</sup> January combined with some extreme temperatures at times.
- In the 3 week period from Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December to Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> January there were 1219 carts go out on the course (not including member social rounds) Certainly a factor with wear in high traffic areas. Ropes have been in place to assist with traffic management
- Some irrigation repairs have been required on the 13<sup>th</sup> fairway, 4<sup>th</sup> fairway and also the 5<sup>th</sup> hole



*5<sup>th</sup> rough...*



*13<sup>th</sup> fairway...*