



GREENS REPORT

December 2020



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- The greens have healed and recovered quickly and successfully after greens renovations. Our cutting height will remain slightly higher during the summer months.
- The greens will be slower and softer over the summer months as we require to irrigate more often. We also roll the greens a little less to reduce stress on the turf canopy. The focus shifts to survival and ensuring we make it through the summer with minimal loss of turf.
- Unfortunately, we had an act of vandalism on the golf course in the early hours of Monday 7th December. A small car accessed the golf course via the main entry/carpark. It continued down to the driving range, which it then drove up before continuing across the tee boxes on the 7th, up the fairway and driving onto the green where it then executed a series of donuts. Repair work has been carried out, but it will take several weeks for the greens surface to heal. We will continue to apply light topdressings and other necessary practices to assist with the recovery.



Damage and Repair work to 7th Green (Monday 7th December) ...

TEES & FAIRWAYS

- Growth has been strong and consistent on tees, fairways and approaches. We are being kept busy with the mowing of all these surfaces to present them in good order. Fairways and approaches now getting regular applications of growth regulator. This not only inhibits the growth but tightens up the canopy and strengthens lateral growth.
- New back tee at 14th continues to be grown in, top-dressed periodically and prepared for play. It will be used on a Saturday very soon as a trial.



New 14th Tee...mowed and topdressed

- 18th fairway has been solid tined, seeded with couch and topdressed in the thin shaded area now the coverage of *poa annua* has died off
- Ropes are assisting with cart wear management on the 2nd, 7th, 10th & 18th Fairways



Comparative pictures of the 2nd Fairway...January 2020 (no ropes) and December 2020 (with ropes) placed to prevent carts traffic in the narrow area near the fairway bunkering

BUNKERS

- All bunkers have been edged, weeded and sprayed. Maintenance is ongoing

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

- Path maintenance is planned in coming weeks as time allows.
- Round up spraying on mulch beds, mounding, tree bases, hazards etc is ongoing.
- Sadly, the corellas are back. Not quite in the same numbers as previous years but still here, nonetheless. The 8th green and 16th green have received some minor damage. Some tees and fairways are being more severely damaged.



Early morning damage on tees and fairways from corellas...