



## Course superintendent report – May 2026

| Rainfall           | Jan        | Feb        | Mar        | Apr        | May        | Jun | July | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec |
|--------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|-----|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Actual rainfall    | <b>148</b> | <b>105</b> | <b>133</b> | <b>28</b>  | <b>106</b> |     |      |     |     |     |     |     |
| No of Days         | <b>11</b>  | <b>11</b>  | <b>11</b>  | <b>6</b>   | <b>11</b>  |     |      |     |     |     |     |     |
| YTD rainfall in mm | <b>148</b> | <b>253</b> | <b>388</b> | <b>416</b> | <b>522</b> |     |      |     |     |     |     |     |

| Irrigation           | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | Jul | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec |
|----------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Usage in mega litres | 8   | 2.6 | 4.3 | 5.7 | 1.6 |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |

**Actual irrigation: Year to date – 22.2 mega litres**

### Course review

We received 106mm of rainfall throughout the month of May, the course is in good condition as we enter the winter months with good grass coverage across most areas of the course.

Our wintergrass control program is in full swing with pre emergent herbicide used on Tees, fairways and green surrounds and it appears to be working well.

Our greens programs are also working as expected with our main focus on water infiltration and trying to maintain a firmer surface which can be difficult if the frequency of rainfall is high.

Traffic management will be a key maintenance task to reduce heavy wear in high traffic areas throughout the cooler months.

### Greens

Greens are being mown 5-6 times per week, with dew removal still a priority.

We aerated the greens in late May will 8mm solid tynes to a depth of 75mm, the main reason for this aeration is to reduce surface compaction and tension and to increase water infiltration from the green surface the timing of this aeration was great as we received 6 straight days of rainfall during and after the maintenance was completed.

Our programs, including growth control, pest and disease, are working well as we enter the cooler months and various diseases such as winter Fusarium become active. Our focus is early identification of problems and to have our preventative controls in place to minimise any outbreaks.

As the weather cools down the reliance on irrigation reduces, allowing us to let the greens to “firm up”. This reduces the effects of pitch marks, foot marks and I have noticed the greens are a bit firmer, this is also due to the application of the liquid penetrant through the injection system.

A full greens aeration will commence on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of August weather permitting, it has been several years since we carried out a full greens renovation including hollow tyne aeration, sand filling the core holes and recovery time, I know this is inconvenient to the golfers however this maintenance is over due and the long term benefits out way the short term inconvenience.

## **Tees**

Tees across the course are in good condition despite the amount of traffic we are experiencing. We are currently cutting them once a week.

The bottom of the 3<sup>rd</sup> tee is showing good progress and recovery however the turf is still establishing with slow growth in the root zone area, we will continue to fertilise and promote some growth as we enter the winter months.

Members have been diligent in the use of the soil bins on the par 3 tees and fairways with filling the divots regularly.

We continue to move the playing rope on the practice fairway to distribute the wear across all areas of the tee, and again members have been responsible in repairing the numerous divoted areas, practice on this tee has been very busy over the past few months and despite the traffic the area is holding up well.

## **Fairways**

Fairways are in great condition, with good coverage across the course

We are currently cutting fairways once a week.

## **Bunkers**

Raking and trimming is about the only things we have time for, however they are being raked at least 3-4 times per week.

We have managed some sand relocation in several of the bunkers over the past week.

## **Trees and Gardens & surrounds**

Dead tree removal, hedging, mulching and weed spraying are the main tasks at the moment.

We removed 2 dead pine trees and removed the stumps from the LHS of the 7<sup>th</sup> fairway adjacent to the practice fairway.

We also removed a large dead pine tree near the approach area on the LHS of the 10<sup>th</sup> hole, again the stump was also removed quickly after the tree was removed.

Part two of the fence painting has been completed would like to thank our fence painter Jim cooper who organized a great working bee with several members joining him in staining the border fence along federal avenue. These are the 1% jobs that help with the big picture of our overall course presentation, so thanks again to the volunteers that continue to support our team and the course. Part 3 will be painting the clubhouse front fence along Oxley ave.

I would like to thank the team of volunteers who continually show up and take pride in the work they are completing across the course.

### **Machinery**

Our number two greens mower ( Jacobsen 322) is currently out of service and we are waiting for a further diagnosis and availability of parts from overseas.

We have recently rebuilt the cutting deck on the TORO rough mower, the machine is 15 years old in in good condition despite the job that it completes regularly, the rebuild included new pulleys, belts, and adjustments, welding of some fatigued areas, overall the machine is still performing well..... at this stage.



Dead pine LHS 7<sup>th</sup> Fwy



Dead pine removal LHS 7<sup>th</sup>



Termite damage to the pine tree LHS 7<sup>th</sup>.



Harvesting turf off the practice FWY for the 3<sup>rd</sup>

Tee.



Returfing the bottom 3<sup>rd</sup> tee.



Turfing the bottom 3<sup>rd</sup> tee area



Always a work in progress but we are getting to the end of our stockpile of timber on the practice fairway.

