



# Superintendent Report

## November 2025



## PGA Legends Event

In October we successfully hosted the Sapphire Coast Legends Pro-Am as part of the Australian PGA Legends Tour. The event was an immense success with all parties of the Club providing a fantastic experience for both the professionals and amateurs.

Prior to the event our focus around the course had been preparing playing surfaces and detailing areas to improve aesthetics before this event.

Fortunately, the weather was favourable for the tournament day and the pros enjoyed their time at Tura Beach.

## Renovations

Now that our larger events have been completed for the year we move towards spring renovations. The aim is to renovate as many fine playing surfaces as possible. This can be timely as we do this procedure in house with limited resources at times.

We thank you for your patients as we know these practices create a lot of disturbance, however, we do believe the benefits are well worth it.

## Greens

The greens have been cored with a 12mm tine that ejects an 8mm core at approximately 30mm spacing. This helps to remove a portion of the greens thatch and organic matter. After coring the greens are top dressed using a special sand, this fills the holes, allows for better infiltration and firmer smoother surfaces. With this process we also apply soil amendments to improve any nutrient deficiencies that have been evaluated in our soil tests the previous month. We will be aiming to elevate our calcium numbers, as this will offset our high sodium and bicarbonates that are a result of using treated effluent water. We fertilise with a natural carbon-based fertiliser to assist with recovery, although our focus is promoting healthier roots and stronger turf quality as we lead into the summer.



## Fairways

The fairways have been scarified. As the kikuyu in our fairways can become grainy, we scarify the fairways in both directions to ensure we go against the grain and remove as much unwanted material as possible. This process takes a long time, although I do believe we benefit from the results all year. Once scarified we then core the fairways using an attachment on the front of our Ventrac. With these two practices we see firmer fairways with far better infiltration rates. We also have much less scalping from the mowers when we experience excessive growth in the warmer months.



## Tees

We have been treating the tees with a herbicide to control the kikuyu into the couch. This is a delicate process that needs to be achieved with little and often herbicide application. We aim to also scarify the tees; this will be done once all other renovations have been completed. The tees will recover better with warmer temperatures.

## 16<sup>th</sup> fairway

The first surface drain on the 16<sup>th</sup> fairway will be removed and levelled out in the coming weeks.

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