



Superintendent Report

January 2026



Over the Christmas holiday period the golf course has been exceptionally busy, with golf starting from sunrise each day. The golf course has handled the play well and the feedback has been positive.

The last few weeks of 2025 we finished off our fairway renovations. After we had scarified the fairways, we then cored them using our Ventrac and corer. We also lightly scarified all the tees.

The fairway recovery has been slower than I would have liked. This has been a result of a 6-week period with no rainfall combined with strong wind drying out the property.

Throughout this period, we had been heavily irrigating. The irrigation has been able to keep the fairways green. However, as the recycled effluent water is very high in sodium the kikuyu growth is drastically reduced making the recovery time slower. Now that we have had substantial rainfall the fairway growth has already increased and will continue to do so.

We received 150mm of rain in the recent storms. This rain was much needed and will do wonders for the golf course and our irrigation water supply. At times the rain was heavier than we would have liked, this causes a large mess with areas in garden beds and tree lines washing away. We also lost two significant trees and a few smaller limbs. The trees that fell were both healthy trees with no signs of structural defects.



16th fairway

The large surface drain on the 16th fairway has been filled in, reshaped and turfed. The area has blended into the fairway nicely and handled the heavy rainfall as we would have hoped. The 16th fairway now has great grass coverage with only the odd bare area throughout. We are planning to remove the preferred lies and have a local rule that bare areas on the fairway are to be treated as 'ground under repair'.



Bowling Greens

Both bowling greens have been lightly renovated. This process involved scarifying and topdressing. Both greens are now back in play and are in great shape.

Majority of the past couple of months has consisted of general maintenance and preparation of the golf course. We have had several staff members enjoying some annual leave and spending time with family as they are on school holidays. We are happy with the condition of the course and are looking forward to the rest of summer before we get into our golf tournament period.

Brad Foster – Superintendent