



# Superintendent Report

## March 2026



## **Increased Growth**

As we have welcomed consistent rain over the previous weeks our focus has purely been trying to keep on top of the excessive growth. This is always a challenge with our staffing numbers and limited machinery.

Below is a brief table showing the times spent mowing each area per week. When the overnight temperatures begin to decrease the mowing frequency will be reduced.

The table below shows the time spend mowing surfaces around the property. The rest of our time is allocated to blowing, spraying, bunker preparation, rolling greens, changing holes and much more.

Areas	Hours per mow	Mows per week	Total hours per week
Golf Greens	3	6	18
Tees	6	2	12
Green Surrounds	6	2	12
Fairways	12	2	24
Immediate Rough	30+	This time of year, the rough mowers are out at every opportunity and still struggle keep up.	
Secondary Rough	30+		
Bowling Greens	1hr Per Green	3	6

With the increase in fuel prices the cost of this mowing is set to increase dramatically. It's hard to forecast exactly how much, I predict we will use an extra \$15,000-\$20,000 this year. Our wholesale supplier is telling me supplying The Club won't be an issue, however, this could change at any moment.

## **16<sup>th</sup> Fairway Overseed**

The 16<sup>th</sup> fairway is in great shape and has almost full grass cover. We have overseeded some areas at the start of the fairway with a mixture of rye grasses. These areas have not been reshaped during the construction project. These areas become heavily shaded during the winter months and struggle with the cart traffic. The overseeding is to help promote full coverage throughout these cooler months.

We have also extended an area at the start of the fairway on the right-hand side. This has been a request from our ladies committee members.

### **Warm Season Grass Encroachment**

As we head into Autumn and temperatures start to decrease the warm season grass begins to take in the carbohydrates, making it the optimal time to treat the encroachment into our putting surfaces. The kikuyu and couch grasses are extremely difficult to control, and extreme care needs to be taken not to damage the bent grass putting surface. The process is a little and often approach with minor improvements being made each year. The timing of the year also collides with our busy golf calendar, so I am very mindful not to impose on the playability of the surfaces, I do understand the process can appear unsightly. It often feels like we are not making inroads into irradicating the issue, however, the below photos are a great example of how far we have come over the past few years.



9<sup>th</sup> Green 2021



9<sup>th</sup> Green 2026

### **12<sup>th</sup> Drainage**

We have added an additional drain line to the hill on the right side of the 12<sup>th</sup> fairway between the 150m and 100m markers. This area is almost completely dry now except for one small area that may require more work. Once this is completed, we will look to resolve the issues on the hill further down towards the green.

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