



Superintendent Report

May 2026



Tournament Preparation

April and May have been exceptionally busy months for the golf course, with several major tournaments taking place, including the Men's Club Championships, the Turassic Classic, and the Tura Open Championship. Combined with the Easter long weekend, these events provided a fantastic opportunity to showcase the course and gave our members the chance to compete in some of the Club's prestigious Honour Board events.

To ensure the course was presented at its very best, our staff have dedicated many extra hours to course preparation and detailing. Significant work has gone into maintaining and improving all playing surfaces, as well as completing important presentation tasks such as restoring sand levels in bunkers and whipper snipping bunker edges, dam surrounds, and other hard-to-access areas.

Iron and pigment have been applied to the warm season turf to extend growth and presentation as we head into the cooler months. The fairways and surrounds have great grass coverage, I believe with favourable weather conditions the surfaces will play well throughout the winter period.

Tree Management

McKill's Tree Service has been on site removing dead and hazardous limbs from the large tree behind the 14th green. This was a complex operation due to the surrounding garden beds, cart paths, retaining walls, and nearby main road. To ensure the work was carried out safely and efficiently, Kane utilised a large elevated work platform (EWP).

The crew has also completed the removal of dead and dangerous trees on the left-hand side of the 12th green. As we move into the winter months, further vegetation management works will continue across the course in similar areas.

These works form part of our ongoing vegetation management plan, with all tree maintenance undertaken in accordance with the recommendations provided by a qualified tree and vegetation management assessor.



10th Path Embankment

Restoration works have now been completed on the stormwater drain and pathway area leading to the 10th tee. The existing pathway had become unsightly over time, and the drain regularly silted up during heavy rain events.

To address these issues, we extended the concrete pipe and installed a new 375mm headwall. The surrounding area was then reshaped to widen the pathway and improve the contouring around the drain outlet.

The area has been turfed using grass from our couch nursery to help stabilise the soil and prevent future erosion. Couch was selected for this area as it requires less maintenance during the growing season. Given the steep nature of some sections, reducing the need for whipper snipping will improve both safety and efficiency for the maintenance team.



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