



Superintendent Report

July 2026



Vegetation Management

Tree Removal

Mckill's Tree Services have spent another day on site removing dead and/or potentially dangerous trees from around the course. All of our tree removal is in conjunction with the tree assessment conducted each year. Mckill's will be onsite again in the coming weeks to continue with the tree management plan. We will then aim to have them in to do a day of stump grinding in August.



Tough Cut (Ventrac)

We hired a tough cut mowing attachment for our ventrac. This attachment is a heavy-duty cutting deck designed for slashing harsh areas. The attachment has the ability to slash undesired saplings and overgrown areas that our ventrac finishing deck wouldn't be able to. The goal is to prevent these areas getting to a point where they are unmanageable and encroaching into the golf course playing areas. We intend to hire this deck for a number of weeks each winter. Unfortunately, our ventrac is so busy in the summer we wouldn't be able to mow these areas even if we did own the tough cut deck.



Weed Management

A number of weeds have been sprayed throughout the wetlands, these include Arum Lilies and Crofton weed. These are challenging to control and may require multiple applications.

Garden Maintenance

The team have sprayed, mulched, and planted out the hill behind the 18th tee as you head across the road. This area has been unsightly and difficult to maintain with the nature of the terrain and roots from the large trees. Once the native plants have established this area will give a much nicer appearance to passing traffic.

Several garden beds have been mulched, sprayed and undesired plants have been removed.

Road Work

A new diamond grid path has been installed on the 13th from the men's tees joining up to the bridge. The area has been reshaped to direct the water away from the path and into the drains. The areas above the new path have been patched with more bitumen. The other side of the bridge next to the lady's tee has also been reshaped to prevent water from puddling in the area. We may look to diamond grid this section if required.

The roads along the 3rd, 4th and 5th holes have had material added to them and have been graded. More importantly the build up of grass along the edges of the sleepers has been removed allowing the water to run off the paths. Removing the standing water will help eliminate potholes after heavy rainfall. Now that these paths have had plenty of traffic to help compact the new material, we will give them another light grade to fix any further imperfections.

The drains along the side of the main entrance road into the maintenance facility have been cleaned out. We have also added the same road base to the sections of this road that required it.



Work Experience

In June we hosted two year 10 work experience students from Eden Marine High School. This experience gives the students an opportunity to learn and understand the basics of a trade while still at school. Both students enjoyed the week and were able to contribute to the course maintenance and day to day operations in a positive way.



General Information

We have completed two pile burns with a third burn planned for late August.

Fortunately, so far, we have been experiencing a dry winter, this has made for more enjoyable playing conditions and less wear to our turf surfaces.

The 16th fairway is holding on ok, however, we are starting to see some signs of stress from excessive shade and cart traffic. We are asking that carts please stay off the fairway, especially the left side as it is impacted by the lack of sunlight. The fairway has a great foundation and will bounce back nicely come spring.

The fusarium in the fairways hasn't been as bad as some years due to the drier conditions and fungicide applications. We have been continuing with low rates of iron and pigment to enhance the appearance of the fairways and have them come out of dormancy faster when the temperatures begin to increase.

This year we plan to core the greens on the 12th of October if the weather conditions are favourable. We will spend most of November scarifying and coring our fairways and tees.

Brad Foster – Superintendent