



Superintendent Report

September 2026



Notable Events

NSW/ACT PGA Associate State Championships

In August, we hosted the NSW/ACT PGA Associate State Championships for the fourth time. Fortunately, we experienced ideal weather conditions across the five days of golf, which was a major contributing factor to the success of the event. Feedback from players, officials and other parties involved was very positive.

In the weeks leading up to the tournament, additional time was required to prepare and detail the course to a higher standard than normal. This included edging all bunkers, levelling bunker sand, whipper snipping around dams and edging some of the more visible cart paths. We also introduced the use of pigments on the fairways, which provided greater definition to the playing surfaces while also assisting with growth as we moved into spring. These types of events require additional preparation and attention to detail in the weeks beforehand to ensure the course is presented consistently throughout the tournament.

Ladies Open

September saw us host the Ladies Open, which again required additional preparation and attention to detail across the course. While much of the work is part of our normal maintenance program, preparing for an event means increasing the frequency and level of detail in areas such as mowing, bunker presentation, greens, surrounds and general course presentation.

The Ladies Open was a successful event, with favourable course conditions contributing to an enjoyable weekend for the players. Events such as these provide an opportunity to showcase the course. The ladies went beyond this and provided a great experience both on and off the golf course.



Root Pruning

We have root pruned the area between the fairway and the canopy of the tree line around the entire property. As the fairways are irrigated the tree roots grow towards the fairway and in some cases into the fairway as they search for extra water. The root pruner is essential for keeping the tree root zone at bay. We use both the tractor mounted root pruner and the trenching attachment on the ventrac in areas that have excessive root encroachment. The tractor mounted root pruner with new blades prunes to around 300mm below the surface with very minimal surface disturbance. The ventrac trencher can go as deep as one meter, however, this is a slow process with a large amount of surface disturbance, therefore we only use this machine on a handful of areas each year. Both these practices have little to no impact on the trees health when done correctly.



Chainsaw Course

We hosted a chainsaw course on site with Significant Risk Solutions. The course saw 6 people complete two days of training consisting of maintaining chainsaws, trimming, and cutting felled trees. Out of these 6 members three were TBBC staff and volunteers. As we need multiple trees for the course our wood pile was the perfect venue for the practical training. Additionally, we also had the arborist remove several unsafe trees free of charge for training purposes.



Due to unforeseen circumstance the course maintenance team has been short two staff members for the past 5 weeks. Fortunately, this time of year we have been able to manage ok, as the temperatures start to increase this will become more of a challenge. We hope to be back to full operating numbers within the coming weeks.

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