



# Superintendent Report

## May 2023



## **New Irrigation System Installation**

The new irrigation system installation has now been completed, with the exception of the 16<sup>th</sup> fairway, this will be installed after major works are carried out to the fairway in spring.

Waterland had a short break in April, several Tura staff also used this time to take some well-deserved annual leave.

Waterland have since returned and finished the 15<sup>th</sup> fairway, 16<sup>th</sup> tee and the bowling greens. Rainbird will be visiting in the coming weeks to complete some further software upgrades and provide additional training.

The installation has been implemented to plan and the project has been a major success. The Waterland team have been fantastic to work with and have delivered an impeccable product. Tura Beach staff have done an incredible job working along side Waterland. They have all worked many long and physical days. I am very fortunate to have a great team to work with, everyone has been responsible for the success of the project. The Tura team have all enjoyed the project and have learnt a lot along the way.

Majority of the course has healed well, with the exception of the areas that have been installed in the more recent months. In the springtime we will repair many areas, we hope the damaged has recovered towards the end of next summer.

## **Kikuyu Encroachment**

The edge of the greens has been treated for the encroachment of kikuyu. This is a delicate process and needs to be completed with several low-rate applications to avoid damage to the bent grass. The Kikuyu takes in the carbohydrates best in Spring and Autumn, making these the key times to spray the edges.



## **Greens**

The greens have received a light dusting of sand. They have also been treated with multiple soil amendments to help improve the soil health and structure. We aim to get back to our regular dusting program now that we have completed the irrigation works. The greens will also receive a small solid tine aeration in the coming weeks.



## **The Toolbox Team**

The Toolbox Team is the health and safety platform we use to ensure we are compliant with the practices we do. The Toolbox Team consults regularly with SafeWork Australia, state regulators and the EPA on a range of current industry trends.

The Toolbox Team completes an annual environment, health and safety compliance audit of our maintenance operations. This is made up of requirements from SafeWork NSW, the NSW EPA and associated legislation. We are working our way through the improvements identified and in conjunction with our regular team Toolbox Talks and the implementation of their resources, we are proactively managing our compliance responsibilities. I feel comfortable that in the event of an injury we would be able to demonstrate that we have a plan in place.

The Toolbox Team have recently launched a new app that we can use to record all our data. The platform covers all things health and safety and delivers it in a very user-friendly way for all staff. I have recently had zoom meetings to continue to upgrade our information and will have an onsite visit with the team this month.

## **Bowling Greens**

The irrigation system around the bowling greens has now been wired in, this means the greens can now be remotely operated. As the greens only required a new wiring system the damage on the green surrounds is very minimal.

## **Tennis Courts**

A contractor has been in a replenished the surface of the tennis courts using a speciality machine that brushes the surface of the courts and brings the sand back to the top. The contractor mentioned that the sand level was not sufficient, we intend to add more sand to the courts throughout the year.

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