



Superintendent Report

September 2023



NSW/ACT PGA Associate Championships

In the last week of August, we hosted the PGA Associate State Championships. This was an exciting opportunity for the Club to show case our facilities.

Our focus to the lead up of the event was prioritising the immediate playing surfaces, bunkers, and general tidiness around the property. With the dry weather this gave us the ability to present the course with firm and fast surfaces, while adhering to the guidelines from the PGA.

With the high calibre of the event, we wanted to achieve as much as possible in the morning preparation before the two tee start each day. Pat Wilson from Pambula Merimbula Golf Club sent over three staff members for three mornings to assist in the preparation. This gave us the ability to mow fairways each morning and present the course to a higher level utilising the extra manpower.

With the early morning two tee starts our preparation had to start outside of normal working hours. To make this possible I reached out the BVSC for a noise exemption and we did a letter box drop to all neighbouring properties. This turned out to be successful as we did not have any noise complaints.

The event was a major success from our department, and we have only had good feedback from the course. We would love to see events like this return in the future.



Education

- Shane, Scott and Zac recently attended the ACT Sports Turf Managers educational day in Canberra. This day consisted of many guest speakers from throughout the industry as well as a small trade show.
- Shane and I attended the NSW Education Day at Narooma. This day consisted of talks from Living Turfs agronomist and Rainbirds irrigation specialist.

We also had the pleasure of listening to Adam Marchant talk about the new rebuild about to happen at Royal Sydney.

- I was honoured to be the guest speaker for the Merimbula Rotary on Wednesday the 2nd of August. My presentation was about my career in the turf industry and the time I had spent overseas. I also touched on my tournament experience and spoke in detail about my recent trip to LACC for the US Open.

Finally, I spoke about the exciting things we have been doing at Tura and what we hope to achieve in the future.

Around The Course

- We have recently upgraded the entrance to the bridge on the 11th with diamond grid. We would like to do more areas like this in the near future.
- Trees from the ladies first tee have been removed as well as some other dangerous trees from around the property. The stumps will be ground at some stage.
- The greens have been dusted lightly with sand. Now that the temperatures have started to increase, we will aim to do this as often as possible to help improve the playing surfaces.
- September and October are a busy time for spraying as all our summer grub control programs commence, as well as increased weed activity.



Social Events

Friday the 8th of September Tura hosted the Broken Reel Challenge. This is an annual event where the Tura greenkeepers vs the Pambula greenkeepers. The day consisted of a small game of bowls followed by 6 holes of golf and a BBQ.

On the Friday of the Associate Championships the Tura and Pambula greenkeepers met and walked the course watching the talented golfers. We then all had lunch and a few drinks together to celebrate the week.

These social days are critical to help build a relationship between the two Clubs. Both Clubs are fortunate that Pat and I have a great friendship and are able to work together to produce the best results for both facilities and our teams.



Bowling Greens

Scott Pettit has finished his employment with the Club. Scott has taken on a Superintendent position back home. Scott's passion, dedication, skill set, and work ethic have always been outstanding and hard to come across. Scott's new chapter is exciting for him and his family, but he will be missed as part of the Tura team.

Scott has been able to transition the bowling greens over the past two years with the Club, I personally think the greens have never been better.

We intend on filling Scott's roll with a new staff member, until then the golf course staff will maintain the greens.

The new plinth on the top bowling green has been installed. The plinth has turned out to be a great product and Scott did a professional job with the installation. Within a couple of months it will be hardly noticeable as the grass will grow over the edge.

The bottom green will be undergoing a small renovation in October.



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