



# Superintendent Report

## June 2024



## Vegetation Management

Over the cooler months we continue our vegetation management program. The team have been busy cleaning up debris from around the property as well as pruning and removing dead and dangerous trees.

A contractor has been in and slashed the overgrown wetlands on the 13<sup>th</sup>, using an excavator and mulching attachment. He was also able to clear the water way above the 12<sup>th</sup> green. This gave us access to improve the water flow and help the hill above the green dry out.



## Drainage

The team have been repairing multiple drainage lines around the course. The recent wet weather has exposed these issues. Many are existing lines that have been hit with the plough during the irrigation system upgrade.

We have also added an additional drain line on the left side of the 1st fairway as you exit the cart path. This will help catch the ground water before reaching the fairway



### 11<sup>th</sup> Green

Unfortunately, the 11<sup>th</sup> green has suffered damage on numerous occasions over the last few months. The worst of the damage has been caused by cockatoos. The cockatoos are not looking for grubs but are feeding on the crown of the plant as a source of carbohydrates.

A group of young kids who reside in the Peninsula have also been spotted damaging the green on a number of occasions. They have also taken the pin and thrown it into the dam, some we are able to retrieve but most we are not.

The police have been informed and have been investigating over the past few months. They have also started to patrol the area more frequently as well as notifying the parents of the teenagers.

As they are under the age of 18 it's very difficult to hold them accountable. I am asking that if any neighbours or golfers see suspicious behaviour in the area to please try and capture a photo and/or phone the Club on 6495 9002.



### Work Health & Safety

Ky and Dave have been spending some time updating the Clubs WHS systems throughout the golf course and maintenance facilities. We will be running a volunteer induction session, and all volunteers will be required to fill out new documents to continue working on the property. This is to insure we are aligning our practices with the WHS standards, and the requirements outlined by our insurers and The Toolbox Team.



General Maintenance & information

- April, May and June have been busy for the golf course with a number of our larger events as well as multiple rounds from visitors.
- In early May we encountered some heavy rain events making some areas of the course wet. Since then, we have avoided more heavy rainfall, however with the cooler conditions the course remains wet in areas. Our goal is to continually improve the drainage around the property.
- Recently I attended the ASTMA annual turf conference. This is an educational event with guest speakers from throughout the world. The event hosts an enormous trade exhibition as well as hands on workshops. The conference is a great opportunity to network with fellow superintendents.
- All the fairways and surrounds have received a granular calcium application before the recent rainfall. They have also been treated with a fungicide to minimise the winter fusarium damage, as well as pigments and iron to help maintain a quality playing surface.
- Further applications have been applied for the kikuyu encroachment around the greens.
- The pipes on the 6<sup>th</sup> creek are scheduled to be installed next week, we will also be removing the old bridge and shaping the surrounding area.