

Course Superintendent's Report 2025

It has been an eventful and challenging year.

We have had major issues with the greens following a chemical incident which needed 2 greens to be completely rebuilt and 3 others to be resurfaced.

This was a very stressful time for me and my staff, and I would like to thank the members for their patience during this time.

The new green on the 4th opened in July and is a totally different hole then the previous one. It is much more pin friendly and gives the hole a lot more variety on how it is played. The 7th and 13th greens followed soon after this.

The 11th hole was opened in late November. The tee box was modified increasing the teeing area by 50%.

The green has almost doubled in size and is now a great green for a short Par 3. It can play from 90m to 140m depending on the pin location and tee markers making it a challenging hole.

We also realigned the 14th tee box placing the path down the left-hand side of the tee. This is to try and eliminate golfers being hit from the 16th tee.

We moved two bunkers on the 17th and 18th holes. These two bunkers were continually washing out with heavy rainfall which was causing the greens to be almost undermined. The fairway bunkers on the 5th were re done and the big bunker on the right was filled in.

We received 3 new machines this year. A new greens mower, fairway mower and tractor. These machines are a great asset to the club.

I would like to thank all the volunteers that come and assist on Monday mornings to help improve aspects of the course. **Rob Edgerley** and the crew of Parramatta grass removalists do an amazing job. They have also assisted with some of the bunkers by placing additional sand in them. **Jim** and **Sheelagh Preston** for their work in the clubhouse gardens, **Mick Collins, Mark Williams** and **Greg Stephenson** for their work on maintaining the areas around the clubhouse and carpark. **Noel Schneider** and the Bush care crew for their efforts around the course.

I would also like to thank the Board for their support in my endeavours to continue improving not only the course itself, but the machinery and staff that go along with it. It was a tough year, but we have come out of it in great shape.

I am looking forward to our next 12 months and some future projects that will begin at the end of the year.

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Course Superintendent