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COURSE NEWS

Course Renovation & Maintenance Update

Next week the ground staff will be carrying out a series of important maintenance practices to set the course up for the busy season ahead.

Greens Renovation

- Coring with 19 mm hollow tines to a depth of 4 inches - removes organic matter, relieves compaction, and promotes stronger root growth.
- Application of 120 tons of sand - smooths surfaces, improves drainage, and creates firmer, truer putting conditions.
- Verti-draining with 12 mm solid tines to a depth of 8–10 inches - relieves subsurface compaction and allows deeper penetration of water and oxygen.
- Air2G2 treatment to a depth of 10 inches - follows the verti drain, injecting air laterally into the soil profile to further relieve compaction and enhance gas exchange without surface disruption.

These combined practices are critical for maintaining healthy, resilient turf and delivering the best possible playing surfaces through spring and summer.

While there may be minor short term impacts, recovery is fast at this time of year, and the long-term benefits will be significant in providing consistent putting surfaces.

In line with recent soil testing, we'll also be applying key nutrient amendments to support turf health and balance the soil profile. This includes:

- 1.2 tons of calcium, to improve soil structure and aid nutrient uptake.
- 600 kg of magnesium, essential for photosynthesis and overall turf vigour.
- 500 kg of potassium, to strengthen turf against stress, heat, and wear.

As part of our ongoing Integrated Pest Management (IPM) program, the ground staff will also be conducting fungicide and insecticide applications across the course.



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These treatments are carefully targeted to:

- Protect turf from disease and pest pressures.
- Maintain healthy, resilient playing surfaces.
- Minimise chemical use by focusing on precise, need based applications in line with our IPM strategy.

These applications will complement our ongoing maintenance program, ensuring the course remains in excellent condition throughout the season.



Fairway Sand Slitting

Selected fairways will also undergo sand slitting. This involves creating narrow slits (50mm wide) in the turf and backfilling them with sand (approximately 90 ton/hectare) benefits of this are to:

- Improve drainage and surface firmness.
- Reduce soft, wet areas after rain.
- Encourage deeper rooting and healthier turf.

Some short-term surface disturbance may be visible, but recovery is quick, and the long-term benefit will be firmer, more playable fairways throughout the year.

This week we completed aeration on the tees using our new Verti Drain, fitted with 12 mm solid tines at a depth of 10 inches. This work relieves compaction and improves root development on these heavily trafficked areas.

Following the upcoming greens renovations, we will also run our new Air2G2 machine across the tees. This will further relieve subsurface compaction by injecting air laterally into the soil profile, enhancing oxygen exchange and overall turf health.

With these two new replacements to our maintenance fleet, we are confident the tee surfaces will continue to improve providing a more robust playing surface going forward.

James Stewart

Course Superintendent



GOLF SUB-COMMITTEE

From the Golf Sub-Committee

We recently held our first meeting since the 2025 AGM, and I'd like to introduce two new additions to our team: Vanessa Cariss and Paul Cruickshank. They'll be joining Phil Kamay, Fiona Bunting, Bev Moore, Tom Allan, and our Golf Operations Manager, Tristan Cross, from the previous year.

The Golf Sub-Committee is dedicated to offering a comprehensive range of golfing services and events for the enjoyment of all ages and abilities within our vibrant golfing community. Here are some of the key areas we're focusing on at the moment:

- 2026 Golf Syllabus: Designing the golfing calendar for next year to offer a variety of competitions that are evenly spaced.
- Reviewing and Improving Board and Trophy Events: Aiming to make these events more consistent, competitive, and enjoyable.
- Course Usage and Monitoring: With 70,000 plus rounds annually, working to monitor and ensure smooth operations around timesheets and usage.
- Representative Golf: Providing opportunities for our Juniors, Youth, Women's, Men's, and Senior teams to showcase their skills while representing the club.
- Junior Program: Continue to build on our legacy with a nurturing environment for young golfers to improve and excel.
- Correspondence: Carefully review all feedback from our members to continuously enhance the golfing experience.

Greenskeeper Fun Day!

To make the game a little more fun and challenging, we've decided to spice things up! After the green's renovation, during the week of social play on Tuesday, 30th September and Wednesday, 1st October, we've given James and the Turf Shed team the chance to place holes anywhere on the greens as part of a "Greenkeepers Fun Day."

The boys will be out and about playing with us, so they get to experience the challenges firsthand. It's all in good fun, so be prepared for some new pin positions and challenges on these days. It's a fun day!

Upcoming Events

- Youth vs Seniors Challenge Match on Saturday, 4th October: In the lead up to our representative golf season, the Youth team has thrown down the challenge to the Senior team, so it's game on. The match will kick off around midday. Come out and support your favourite player and cheer on both teams!
- Trivia Night on the Rules of Golf, Mid-Late November: We'll be hosting a trivia night, run by Ash Hall. It's a great opportunity to test your golf rules knowledge while having some fun. More details to follow shortly!

John Vidovic



Vice Captain &
Chair of Golf Sub-Committee

GOLF OPERATIONS

Golf Connect Update

Golf Connect is just over a week away. Some of you may have already been contacted by Golf Australia to confirm your details.

If you have not yet set up a golf.org.au account, please do so as soon as possible, as this will help ensure your GolfLink history transfers smoothly to your new Golf ID.

For more details, please click [here](#).

Green Acres Classic

The Spring weather turned it on with sunshine, although the wind picked up in the afternoon for the Green Acres Classic field. The event featured 18 groups in total, made up of 5 men's groups and 13 mixed groups.

Everyone enjoyed the team format of gentsomes ambrose, and there were some sizzling scores, with the winners posting over 100 points. With fantastic prizes on offer, the evening dining and presentation were always going to be a success.

Congratulations to the mixed team winners Tim Scully, Elena Tarasenko, Jonny McCafferty & Tim Yeong with 103 points, and to the men's winners John Vidovic, Jim Costa, Jim Anemikos, and Geoff Mortimer who scored 106 points.

For the full results, please click [here](#).

Course Closed

A reminder that the Golf Course and Golf Centre will be closed Monday 22nd, Tuesday 23rd and Wednesday 24th of September for the annual greens renovations.

Saturday Grand Final Day Timesheet

As in previous years, the timesheet for Saturday, 27th September will follow a modified format:

- AM Field: Tee times from 6:30am to 8:22am
- PM Field: Tee times from 11:00am to 12:36pm

Please note that rock-ups will be off the 10th tee during these times.

2025 Anniversary Cup

The 2025 Anniversary Cup will be contested at Patterson River Golf Club on Sunday, the 26th of October, for a special day of golf and dinner celebrating our clubs' shared history since 1948.

For more information, please click [here](#).



GOLF OPERATIONS

Bass Strait Reminder

The Bass Strait Trophy, played annually between Green Acres and Riverside since 1962, returns to Riverside GC on 1-2 November 2025. Riverside leads the series 33-27, though Green Acres won in 2024.



Pre-event golf at Barnboughe and Lost Farm is limited to 28 players. Accommodation is available at Lost Farm and Riverside. The field is capped at 32 per team, with only 7 spots left.

The traditional welcome drinks will be held Friday 31st October at 5.30 pm.

To confirm participation and accommodation, contact Cam MacSween on 0419 501 025 or cam@camswindowcleaning.com.au.

For more information, please click [here](#).

Tristan Cross



Golf Operations Manager

CLUBHOUSE NEWS

Clubhouse Hours

Due to the course closure for the greens renovations, the clubhouse will operate under different hours on Monday the 22nd, Tuesday the 23rd and Wednesday the 24th, opening from 10am to 5pm.

Thursday will return to normal hours and operations.

On Friday the 29th (being a public holiday), the Club will open at 6:30am and close at 7pm.

Pizza & Pasta Night

It's great to see such a fantastic response to tonight's Pizza & Pasta Night, with more than 80 bookings.

And, keep this date free - Friday 24th October. This will be our next dining event at the club. We will send out a separate communication next week with more juicy details...

Andy Curtis



Operations Manager

WOMEN'S GOLF

Kew/GA Challenge Bowl

Last Thursday saw a fantastic celebration of camaraderie and competition as a small group of GA women and the Committee headed over to Kew Golf Club for the 70th Anniversary of the Kew/GA Challenge Bowl.

Fourteen GA members teed off against their Kew counterparts in the traditional 18-hole event, while the respective Committees battled it out for bragging rights in the 9-hole challenge.

The course was in great condition, the weather was kind, and the spirit of friendly rivalry was alive and well!

Congratulations to Kew, who reclaimed the Challenge Bowl, taking the cup back after last year's GA victory. In the Committee event, it was a close finish with Jacqui Moorhead taking the win on a countback.

GA didn't go home empty-handed, though! Anne Smith (twice!), Lucy Dawson, and Julie Fisher cleaned up the minor prizes by dominating the Nearest the Pins!

The golf was followed by a lovely lunch full of laughter, stories, and new friendships, a fitting end to a memorable day.

We're already looking forward to next year's rematch at Green Acres. Bring it on!



Women's Sub Committee



GOLF CENTRE

Taylormade Fitting Event

Join us on Friday 3 October for a TaylorMade fitting day and experience their latest equipment, designed to deliver more distance, forgiveness and precision.

A great chance to test the newest technology and find the perfect fit for your game.

To book your spot, speak to the team in the Golf Centre.



Titleist Fitting Day

Friday 17 October between 10am and 5pm is your chance to try the latest Titleist clubs, with expert fitters on hand to match you with equipment that best suits your game.

A great opportunity to experience cutting-edge technology and take your performance to the next level.

To book your spot, speak to the team in the Golf Centre.

GOLF CENTRE

New Season Styles

Fresh new arrivals from Travis Mathews have just landed in the Golf Centre, bringing a modern blend of performance, comfort, and style.

The latest collection features a range of polos, shorts, and outerwear designed with lightweight, breathable fabrics that perform just as well on the course as they do off it. Known for their versatile designs, Travis Mathews pieces are perfect for golf, social occasions, or everyday wear.

Members are encouraged to visit the Golf Centre to explore the new range, update their wardrobe, and experience firsthand why Travis Mathews has become one of the most popular brands in golf and lifestyle apparel.

Be sure to get in early, as sizes and styles are limited.



Ash, Alana & Brian

Golf Centre Team





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