



Course Superintendents Report September 2025

Over the last month my team has put in a huge effort completing every task we set out to accomplish and I can't thank them enough for the hard work and dedication they have put into the course.

I was a little concerned towards the back end of August when we received a total of 93.5 millilitres of rain from the 18th to the 22nd of August resulting in a total of 178 millilitres of rain for the month but fortunately the rain subsided and the course dried out enough for us to complete everything as scheduled.

The greens renovations went well the first two days but due to the rain on Monday night it ruined our chances of giving the greens a final rub in before we applied our fertiliser and with the onset of more rain predicted on Tuesday night and Wednesday I took the gamble of applying the fertiliser and allowing the rain to water it all in for me although the amount of rain we received was more than what was predicted and may have affected some areas. The greens are coming back a lot slower than anticipated and if this continues another granular fertiliser may need to be applied at a lower rate to keep the greens moving in the right direction.

The irrigation is still ongoing with the bottom half of the course near completion; it is a long gruelling process because without knowing which direction the current pipe works head it is inevitable we are going to come across something so every time this occurs, we must shut the system down and repair it before moving ahead. During this process the irrigation system will be very unreliable, generally the best time to water is overnight so the grass can absorb the majority of the water with lower evaporation levels but with some sprinklers not working and not being able to set up the whole golf course at the same time we are relying on watering early mornings and through the day to keep everything alive so we can physically see what sprinklers work and what ones don't so apologies if certain areas dry out in these unusual times.

Over the last month all chemical and fertiliser applications have gone out as scheduled therefore leading into the club championships we can focus more on detailing the golf course and getting it looking as good as we can for this event.

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Course Superintendent

