



Course Superintendents Report April 2026

With temperatures, pest and disease pressures decreasing and daylight savings over we can now start producing a firmer and faster putting surface. Unfortunately, our dusting program has been hampered by short weeks over the public holidays and various trade days taking place, but we hope to start again as soon as possible. Mondays are normally our chosen days to perform this task because the majority of sand will be worked into the surface before Wednesday's competition. Over the next fortnight we have the Western District Ladie's Pennant and 100 players from the Fire Brigade the following Monday so our dusting may have to take place on a Tuesday depending on the weather and staff numbers.

Work has started on the 10th hole to extend the current pathway and returf the bare areas on the right-hand side. Due to the quality of the soil and how compacted the area is we must excavate the entire area and put fresh quality soil down, so it gives the turf a better chance of survival. During this process these areas will be treated as GUR with nearest point of relief taken. We will prepare other areas around the golf course through Winter and returf coming into the growing season, so the turf has more chance to produce a decent root system when temperatures increase and the grass starts to grow.

With the boards approval during Winter while the grass has slowed down and my team have time to perform some projects, I would like to renovate some problem bunkers around the course starting with the 5th greenside bunker. To keep the cost down with renovating we will use a bunker matting like we did on the 2nd greenside. If the project is passed and everyone is positive with the result, we hope to continue to other problematic bunkers such as the 14th.

During cooler forecasted temperatures with increased rainfall and high amounts of cloud cover the course will develop a lot of Winter Fusarium especially on fairways where the infiltration rates are lower, therefore starting this week a fungicide will be applied to reduce the effect with a follow up application taking place later in Winter.

It was nice to hear some positive feedback from the recent Cabramatta Cup, Golden Wattle Cup and Masters Monday events which my staff deserve all the credit for after all their hard work that went into maintaining the golf course during these events especially with the short weeks over the recent public holidays.

Peter Chard

Course Superintendent