



Course Superintendents Report May 2026

Over the course of this month, we have seen a significant increase in rainfall figures compared to last month's total of 8.5 millilitres over 2 days which has a dramatic effect on how the course plays, **especially green speeds**. During the Cabramatta Cup and Masters Monday events in April we were cutting very little grass off the greens due to cold temperatures, reduced humidity levels and high wind speeds which dried out the putting surfaces but with the arrival of rain most days throughout the month of May the greens have very little chance to dry out especially if there is very little to no sunlight and minimal wind speeds. Our greens are still actively growing at this time of year mainly due to the fresh water being applied to the surfaces by the rain and humidity levels at 100% most days.

We are currently cutting everyday and rolling 3 times a week on Wednesday, Friday and Saturday. Primo was applied to the greens on the 20th of May to slow the growth down and we also dusted greens and applied gypsum on the 18th of May to increase green speeds but there is very little I can do about how much rain, humidity, low wind speeds and sunlight we are currently getting at this point in time.

Most of the preparation work is complete on the right-hand side of the 10th fairway, we are waiting for the concrete path to be completed before we add our topsoil mix and turf. We are currently discussing the possibility of renovating the 5th greenside bunker, to stretch the invoices out over 2 months we can complete the preparation work over the month of June which will cost more than half of the price quoted last month and then add the sand in July which will cost in the vicinity of \$3,500.

Once the rain has disappeared and the fairways dry out, we will apply a fertiliser and pigment to fairways, tees, collars and aprons to keep them kicking over the cooler temperatures. A lot of work is currently being performed in the gardens while we have the chance and new plants will be bought to try and fill out some tired looking garden beds around the course.

I would like to thank some of the volunteer work that has been performed around the course with Robert Trice coming in most days to help out in the gardens and Wayne Park who volunteers a lot of time on Saturday and Sunday mornings which is great to see.

Peter Chard

Course Superintendent