

Letter from the Board



Course Development

The recent removal of the construction fence marks a major milestone in the course re-development. The date for this removal was set some nine months ago and the construction program generally has now been achieved. All earthworks and irrigation works are now complete.

All greens have been seeded and growth is well advanced. The new 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th and practice chipping greens are quite mature. The 3rd, 5th and 6th fairways are also quite mature.

As you may be aware, the weather during November and December has been much wetter and much colder than averages predicted and a continuation of this weather will not be helpful. Delays have been experienced in the delivery of both solid turf and stolons from our suppliers due to the high rainfall in the area of the turf farm but we are confident that since the original program allowed ample time for turf growth, we will see significant progress in this area over the coming 3 months which are the prime growing months in Sydney. The last fairway to be stolonised was the new 9th hole and this was accomplished by harvesting our own supply from the old 14th (current 7th) fairway. This interruption to play was required in order to avoid a 2 week delay on this work.

Final deliveries of solid turf are due starting the 9th January subject to weather and this will again provide ample time for the turf to mature before re-commencement of play.

Work over the coming three months will focus on plantings and cultivation of the rough area. A number of members have offered their assistance in this regard and we welcome anyone else who wishes to assist. Maintenance of the new holes and practice facility will progressively fall into the routine maintenance patterns of the course as a whole.

With the intended completion of the granitic cart paths within the next fortnight, the practice nets positioned at the end of the car park will re-open soon after. And the additional area car park will also be open for use from the time of construction fence removal.

On behalf of the Board

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