

# **Kwinana Golf Course** **Green Keeping Report**

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# 1. Occurrences of Months Gone

## Summary of Events

- 203mm since last greens report (Feb 25th)
- Liquid fed greens
- Tee signs, trees and paths sprayed around with round up and whipper snipped.
- Bunkers edged, whipper-snipped and tidied and sprayed with round up.
- Paths maintained and brick dust added.
- General maintenance and mowing program continued throughout the summer.
- Liquid fed fairways.
- Fed greens surrounds
- Weeded clubhouse gardens
- Granular fed tees and greens surrounds.
- Sprinklers unblocked as required
- Greens plugged as required, especially on vandalised areas.
- Club house and car park gardens tidied.
- 10<sup>th</sup> tee Tower built
- Wash down bay concrete poured
- 5<sup>th</sup> Lake dredged

## 2. Plans for Winter

### June

- Liquid feed greens
- Granular feed greens
- Edge bunkers
- Apply growth retardant to greens for winter grass
- Complete wash-down area
- Continue plugging and fixing bad areas on greens
- Dig out wet areas on 11 and 18
- Complete turfing bank on 5<sup>th</sup> Lake

## 3. Course Condition

### Greens

All greens have sealed up after renovations and are travelling OK, because we renovated them one month early this year we will find they will start to thin out slightly earlier in winter than usual. This is because they sealed up one month earlier rainfall can affect the surface as water doesn't drain as well once the grass is sealed up. I don't anticipate it being any major trouble however it is important that we realise what impacts occur when we move renovations around.

We have had a lot of vandalism on the greens since our last report. The two greens most affected have been the 3<sup>rd</sup> and the 6<sup>th</sup>. We have plugged and turned these areas in with a hole changer, this is the only way to do it, even if we had a nursery I would have plugged the areas and turned them in. New rolled out turf would not establish itself on such an old turf surface so it is best to use the turf that is there and encourage new growth.

## **Fairways**

Our fairways are looking good, we liquid fed them in April and they responded well. Our main wear areas and wet areas will start to bog out over the winter. Wet areas will slowly be repaired within time.

## **Tees**

The tees are uneven but playable, we fertilised them in April and they are growing okay. We will be protecting the yardage and the back of tees for clubbies, pennants and monthly mugs. This has to happen to protect the turf as by September there wont be a lot of grass on some tees such as 2,3,6,10,13,14,15,16 etc. This is common after for this time of year. So everybody should appreciate summer when long tees can be used all the time.

## **Green Surrounds**

All greens surrounds have been fed in April and they responded well. We have hooped off main traffic areas and keep off areas. It is important to obey these areas and replace any hoops you may disturb. I realise they can be in frustrating areas but they must be left as the benefits far out way the frustrations.

## **5<sup>th</sup> Fairway Drainage**

I would like to thank Ron Burn for helping us dig out the wet area on number 5, the area was dug out to a depth of 300mm and the soil replaced. The area is improving and will continue to improve over the next year. The next area to be tackled will be in front of the 11<sup>th</sup>.

## **Wash Down Bay**

The concrete was poured and the power installed. Greg Townly is going to hook up the pipes to the drain and install the pump. Then it can be banded. I am hoping to be using this facility by early June.

## **5<sup>th</sup> Lake**

We dredged the lake on the 5<sup>th</sup> to 1m deep, it was the best we could do. We are now in the process of grassing the banks and trying to make it look more presentable. The grass is being taken off the 5<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> fairways, these areas will be recovered by next summer. These areas are marked GUR. A new fountain will be installed shortly

## **Reticulation**

We have a number of valves to replace and fix over the winter. The main line break on the 5<sup>th</sup> will also be done shortly. Our pumps are running well but a variable speed pump is still an absolute necessity, especially if any new greens are on the cards. Communication between satellites and pumps is also a must. Total cost would be \$60K

## **Paths**

We re-applied brick dust to the paths in February, we will need some more at the end of winter. We will continue pushing up washaways and tidying up paths as necessary over winter.

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## **5. Occupational Health and Safety**

An Occupational Health and Safety audit was carried at the shed on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May, We have been given a scope of works and we are in the process of trying to comply with these requests. We have a lot of signage to erect, ventilation to be installed, assessments to be carried out, fire drills to perform etc. There are several more recommendations to be done. We will get straight into this and implement the suggestions. I will notify Muzz when were done

### **5. Staff**

All staff are working well and moral is good. Tim was in charge last week while I was on holiday. Tim and the boys carried out all tasks well.

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