



## **GOLF MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER**

**October 2018**

### **From the Course**

#### **Greens**

- As flagged in last month's newsletter, greens staff will shortly begin trialling zoysia grass as a transition grass between the fairway couch grass and the greens hybrid grass on selected green surrounds. Two greens have been selected for the trial - the 3rd and the 13th greens - where fairway couch encroachment has proved to be a particularly difficult problem, which cannot be effectively managed in the long term by either spraying or hand weeding.
- Soil testing and irrigation water testing have been carried out in the lead-up to greens renovations, which begin in mid-October. Following a very dry winter, elevated salt levels have been detected in the irrigation water. Salt levels will continue to be monitored with a new salt detection tool. This will enable greens staff to log changes in sodium levels and apply products to displace sodium from the soil as required.

#### **Fairways**

- The fairway grass transition projects on the 5th and 16th fairways, the scope of which was described in last month's newsletter, are now well underway, and our fingers are crossed for optimal growing conditions in the October/November months.
- As part of the fairway grass transition work, the replacement of the fairway bunker on the 16th hole with grass mounding has been completed and will have the opportunity to settle in during the 4 week period from the beginning of October, when the right side of the fairway is quarantined from play, and the 16th hole is played as a temporary par 3.

### **Golf Operations**

#### **Information sessions on changes to the Rules of Golf**

- Many golfing members will be aware that from 1 January 2019, the most significant changes to the Rules of Golf in several decades will come into being. For the Golf Management Committee, there will be a need to plan for changes to a number of signs and to the terminology used in a number of Local Rules. For golfing members, there will be a need to become familiar with the rule changes that will come into being on 1 January 2019.
- To assist members in understanding the changes to the Rules of Golf, the Golf Management Committee has scheduled two information sessions at the Club for 6.30pm on Wednesday 7 November and at 6.30pm on Wednesday 28 November. The information sessions will be facilitated by our Sports Director and Club Professional, Chris Graham. At these sessions, Chris will be handing out copies of the new Players Edition of the Rules of Golf and a handy brochure from Golf Australia setting out the 10 main changes to the Rules.
- For golfing members who wish to improve their understanding of the new Rules prior to the Club's information sessions, Golf Australia has made available on its website 30 very informative one minute (approximately) videos illustrating the various rule changes - see: <https://www.golf.org.au/newrules#videos>.