



## **GOLF MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER**

**January 2019**

### **From the Course**

#### **Greens**

- To take advantage of ideal growing conditions and consequent high growth rates in our greens, green staff are continuing the program of periodic verti-cutting and light dusting to further improve surface purity and speed of our greens over the summer period.

#### **Fairways**

- Good grass coverage and prolific fairway growth have improved both the presentation of our fairways and their overall playability. A number of isolated dry patches in some fairways were improved by consistent rain intervals in the lead-up to New Year. However, a lack of follow-up rain after New Year has been presenting challenges for greens staff. The 5th fairway remains patchy due to the ongoing weed eradication program.

#### **Project work**

- As foreshadowed in the December newsletter, it is expected that work will commence later in January to fill, level, and re-turf the area of the first fairway bunker on the 13th hole, before work begins to improve the design contours and quality of the second fairway bunker on that hole.
- The turf required to replace the area currently occupied by the first fairway bunker on the 13th hole will be sourced from the existing fairway grass "apron" around the 13th green, where a project to introduce a zoysia grass barrier apron around that green is about to commence, as part of a trial aimed at reducing and eventually eliminating fairway grass encroachment into our greens.
- While work to fill, level and re-turf the first fairway bunker on the 13th hole is taking place, it's likely that the 13th hole will be played from a temporary tee, as a par 3 for about a week, with the area of work to be roped off and signed as a "no play zone" for a further period of time when normal play resumes on the 13th hole.

### **Golf Operations**

#### **Changes to the Rules of Golf**

- Most members will be aware that the new Rules of Golf have been applicable from 1 January 2019. For those members who were unable to attend the Club's two information sessions on the changes to the Rules, copies of the new Players Edition of the Rules of Golf are available from the Pro Shop.
- Golf Australia has also made a number of very handy 30 second to 1 minute videos on the various rule changes, which can be found at the following link: <https://www.golf.org.au/newrules#videos>
- The changes to the Rules of Golf have also required some changes to the Local Rules on the back of our scorecards, and members are encouraged to make themselves familiar with those revised Local Rules.

#### **Cigarette Butts on the Course**

- Complaints are increasing about cigarette butts around greens. Smokers, please dispose of butts responsibly.