



# Golf Course Maintenance Monthly Report

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## Greens

The greens have come back a lot quicker than I first thought 14 days after coring and we will be cutting, we won't roll greens for at least another 2 weeks because we have seeded and I don't want to break the crown on the plant, and I can see it's been a good result so far time will tell.

## Fairways

The fairways are that hydrophobic no water will get in, 2 things have to happen over winter; slicing every month, and make sure all irrigation is working.

## Tees

The tees are in good condition. Very happy with the way they have come up, we will spray for the poa now with a pre-emergent, and this will not let the poa germinate so we should have clean tees all winter.

## Practice Green

The chipping green is holding on really well with all the traffic it gets. We will start the new driving range mat area this week, this will take about 2 weeks then we will also look at doing some more targets on the range.

## Machinery/Staff

We have a new staff member on board Heath Grundy. Heath done he's apprenticeship here under Peter Jans and Brett Hawkie then he went to Koorinal as a trade person for 2 years then moved to Northern as a foreman. He has some good experience in the field which I hope he can bring to us. Machinery is in good condition, over the winter months the cylinder mowers will be sent back for a regrind (sharpen the reel) we might get away with not sending the fairway mowers.

## General

The course overall is in good condition. The rough has dried out to the point where we don't have to cut it the couch is slowly going into dormancy so we won't be cutting tees, surrounds and fairways. Over the winter we will start doing a lot of cleaning up around the course trees, shrubs and anything else that has to be removed, a lot of over sowing of walk off areas. It's all about getting it ready for spring this year.

## Sprinkler System

Over the winter months we will be doing a full audit on the irrigation system and what needs replacing will be replaced so come spring we are ready to go. The water usage since August last year is about 100 meg. It has been a dry summer we can't do much about that but with the slicing of fairways all winter I am sure the big water usage of fairways will drop next year.