



CONSTRUCTION WORKS MEMBER UPDATE 18.3.21

We now have had plenty of rain to keep us off the site. Once the rain cleared for a week, we made great headway into the project, but unfortunately short lived. With the forecast of wet weather for a couple of weeks, we look to recover some lost time once we are able to get back out there.

CURRENT WORKS

9th and 17th Greens

The 9th green was seeded and all surrounding turf layed. This turf was harvested off the old 12th fairway as TRN was accommodating in allowing us access. The surrounds has been cut down to 12mm and has had over a handful of cuts. A top-dress will follow.



The 9th green was seeded and germinated within 7-10 days as expected. It has had 2 rolls and a first cut. We are now cutting at 7mm in height.

The 17th green also germinated in about 7-10 days and we have a good strike on that green. It is still yet to receive its first roll. Turf for this green surrounds was taken off the back of the old 8th fairway, was playing hole 11. A fungicide was applied to both greens, as well as a granular fertiliser and a foliar fertiliser.



The 17th getting trimmed and final shape before seeding.



Turf for this green surrounds was taken off the back of the old 8th fairway, playing previous hole 11.

Some 1500m² of turf went around the 17th green, and some 4000m² around the 9th green. All of which was cut, lifted, moved and re layed by our staff.

16th/18th tees

The new tees have been laser levelled. Irrigation has been installed with the mainline, valves and laterals in the ground. The 18th tee received some couch from the existing 11th (old 8th) fairway.



18th Fairway Extension

Weather was definitely holding up the 18th fairway extension to be completed. Trimming just could not occur as consecutive dry days were not on offer. Once we hit a window, trimming commenced and shortly after turf was done. This area will be a major part of the 18th hole as a carry and landing zone. An area with no topsoil and irrigation is now finished and soon the ropes down and golfers playing off it



UPCOMING WORKS

- 16th fairway solid turf
- 17th fairway Solid turf

- Irrigation install 16th fairway, 17th tees, 9th Fairway (current 10th) last lateral line on outside, 14th green, mainline 13/14th holes
- 16th green final shaping
- 13th green construction
- 13th fairway construction
- 14th Tee, fairway and green construction
- 15th tees and fairway construction



Sewer lines through our construction should be complete in a week or two. At some stages they are going 6m in depth. A major 1800mm storm water line is also started and ongoing. At this stage we have not been held up by these works, and they are necessary to go in now so we don't have Sekisui come back to them once our course is complete.



The club pushed the driving range back as long as we could. Once we had a date and working out boundary areas and temporary fencing locations and works, a location for 2 hitting bays has commenced next to the putting green. Weather has hampered our ability to lay a slab and erect these nets. We do apologise and will have them ready as soon as possible.



As you all would have seen the temporary fencing is now up and has created some issues of Out Of Bounds areas etc. This fence is not the boundary line of development but is needed to maintain their works within that area. The fencing is to protect all our golfers and the construction workers as well. Some fencing will create some extra distance to get from green to tee or vice versa. We are working closely with WEM to enable access wherever we can it to minimise the extra distances. More tree removal will commence in the coming weeks.

Areas needing better access like the path to the 12th tee have quickly been rectified by our staff.



The future 2nd green and the new 9th tees will also have to be completed and are in line later on in the mid-year. This is dependent on their construction timelines and infrastructure put in place by WEM and Sekisui.

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