



**20<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2021 – 25<sup>th</sup> MAY 2021**

**CONSTRUCTION WORKS MEMBER UPDATE  
19.5.21**

Finally a month for April that was dry. Turf was sourced and delivered from Queensland. This was laid over a huge chunk of the 16<sup>th</sup> fairway. We then had some rain at the start of May and this once again meant we couldn't get turf in off the farms for a week and layed. The areas that were prepared needed preparing again, and the clay just wouldn't dry. Major storm water infrastructure has been installed and is a big part of upgrades to safe guarding the golf course and the water that we receive from neighbouring developments. Earthworks have now moved down the 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> and once this occurs these holes will take shape very quickly. Currently we are looking at finishing works in a couple of months and have the grasses ready for the spring and start of summer grow in, within the schedule that was provided. The timeline of the works was sent out and as a guide this will hopefully help members understand that we aren't that far away from having our 18 hole golf course finished.

**CURRENT WORKS**

*9<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> Greens*



The 9<sup>th</sup> green was top dressed twice, fairly heavy, and is now just getting cut at 3.3mm. Weekly foliar fertiliser is applied to encourage some growth and rolling to firm the surface has commenced. Plugging of areas that were affected by the March rain has settled nicely and all knitted in. We are looking to bring this green into play at the end of this month, start of next month and take out the temporary on this hole.



The 17<sup>th</sup> green has also received a heavy top dress and is currently at 4mm. We are cutting 3 times a week and we also are now covering with growth mats. These two greens 16/17 were seeded later than the 9<sup>th</sup> and as temperatures lower and frosts are around the corner, we need to encourage some nice growing conditions. A timely exercise that hopefully will see these holes in play quicker than leaving them alone to fend for themselves.



The 16<sup>th</sup> green got a great strike on the seeding and we were very happy. A granular fertiliser was applied and also a foliar fertiliser. Two separate fungicides have been applied as a preventative program. Covers are on and this green will hopefully receive its first cut at 8mm in the coming week. Once down to 4mm it too will be heavily top dressed.

## *14<sup>th</sup> Green*



The 14<sup>th</sup> green drainage and sand profile has gone in. We are just awaiting topsoil around the outside and this green will be final trimmed.

More drainage pits will be installed and finished off in the surrounds.

## *Hydro mulching*



Hydro mulching native areas was also completed. This was the first stage with other areas completed as turf goes in.

## 16<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup> tees



The new tees have been completed and all paths and surrounds finished. Hydro mulching native rough areas was also completed. The tee platforms were cut and top dressed. The platforms nearest the dam are the 18<sup>th</sup> with the one platform on its own the Black 18<sup>th</sup> tee. The 16<sup>th</sup> tees have not been cut in just yet and they sit the other side of the dividing mound in the middle.

## *Storm Water*



Major storm water piping was installed with drop boxes and headwalls. This is the dam that some would remember on the RHS of the old 7<sup>th</sup> hole. It will now line the LHS of the 16<sup>th</sup> green. This will help take water under the fairways and reduce the amount of over land water. This infrastructure will also take water from the 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> holes, with the main stormwater from the new 13<sup>th</sup> dam (old dam 12<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup> hole) finding its way down through here.

As you can see here is one of the major pipes that now come into our dam on the side of the new 13<sup>th</sup> fairway (location-the Old 16<sup>th</sup> green for those that can remember). This 1.8m pipe is now completed and will channel water straight into the dam and bypass the 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> holes, allowing them not to take as much water as they once did. This water is also coming from across at the crest.



*9<sup>th</sup> (current 11<sup>th</sup>) Dip*





The 9<sup>th</sup> dip area was completed. This was major storm water upgrades and again will assist in limiting water that comes across the fairway. We also added a drop box to help raise the water level on the creek and highlight this feature. Headwall fixed up over the other dam as well. It was deemed necessary to complete before the new green opens, as we did not want to disrupt more playable holes than we had to.

### **UPCOMING WORKS**

- 16<sup>th</sup> fairway solid turf
- Irrigation install 17<sup>th</sup> tees, 9<sup>th</sup> Fairway(current 10<sup>th</sup>) last lateral line on outside, 14<sup>th</sup> green, mainline 13/14<sup>th</sup> holes
- 13<sup>th</sup> bulk earthworks
- 13<sup>th</sup> fairway, green and bunker construction
- 14<sup>th</sup> Tee, fairway and continue green construction
- 15<sup>th</sup> tees and fairway construction
- Major drop box infrastructure for dams and water ways
- 9<sup>th</sup> tees
- 2<sup>nd</sup> green and basin construction



The hitting bays were finally installed. I apologise for the time it took but with the rain we were delayed with many things like the slab and then the install from external contractors. They are here now, usage will be monitored and kept a close eye on. As you can see with the temporary fencing so close, we have to wait before any decisions are made in regard to this whole area.

### **ENTRY ROAD/WEM update/ DEVELOPMENT STAGES**

The stage 1 entry road should, weather depending, will be complete in 6-7 weeks. Entry to the club will be via the new set of traffic lights. At this stage there will be some changes to traffic flow and how the two carparks interlink. Information will be provided. As most would also be aware the temporary fence around the putting green has also moved close to the edge. Services are to run under our new tunnel and this is in preparation for them to commence this work. There will also be an extra walk required to get to the 1<sup>st</sup> tee once works commence around this tunnel area. Again signage and information will be provided and we hope it is only for a short duration.

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