

## SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT 2024

What a year it has been. It has been a very different year weather wise, Heavy rainfall through the middle of the year, drought like conditions at the start of summer, wind and freak storms. We have also had some issues with the greens, and these have had an impact on the course, but we will come out of this even better.

We have rebuilt the 9<sup>th</sup> tee complex and have made the green a lot bigger and much more golfer friendly with full access of the green for play. With the 4<sup>th</sup> green and 11<sup>th</sup> green programmed for the future this will complete the construction phase for a few years.

Our new staff members are fitting in well. They are a good fit with our team and have been a great addition to us.

As you all would have been aware the course did suffer a lot of wear during the year. We have had record numbers of rounds of golf, and they are still rising.

The greens have had their issues these last 3 months. High humidity, little rainfall and warm temperatures had affected the playing surface as well as increased traffic. They are still healthy and with some natural rainfall and cooler temperatures they will bounce back.

We have received 3 new machines in the last 12 months, a surrounds mower, a fairway mower and cylinder grinding machines. The grinders will help us maintain the sharpness of the cylinder and sharpness that is required. As they say "Sharp machinery means a sharp golf course"

I would like to thank all the volunteers that come and assist on a Monday with the function of the course. **Rob Edgerley** and his crew of Parramatta grass removalist do an amazing job. They have also assisted in the bunkers with placing the new sand. **Mick Collins** for his work on maintaining these areas around the clubhouse and carpark. **Noel Scheider** and the Bush care crew for their efforts around the course.

I would also like to thank the Board for their support in my endeavours to continue improving not only the course itself, but the machinery and staff that go along with it. It has been a tough back half of the year, but I am looking forward to the next 12 months with the new green complexes on 4 and 11 as well as the greens we re-surfaced.

Cheers

**Will Ockenden**

Course Superintendent