

# April Course Report

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April has been a productive month on course, despite some challenging weather conditions. Over 200mm of rainfall was recorded during the period, but thanks to proactive planning and the dedication of the team, the course has continued to present well, and playability has remained at a high standard. The greens have responded exceptionally well following the recent renovations, showing strong recovery with improved surface density, consistency, and pace. The feedback from members and visitors has been overwhelmingly positive, which is a great reflection of the team's hard work and attention to detail.

Bunker maintenance has continued as a priority, with improvements to sand depths, edging, and presentation being carried out across several areas of the course. These ongoing efforts are already making a noticeable difference and will remain part of our regular maintenance strategy moving forward.

Looking ahead, we're excited to begin the rebuild of the 7th hole greenside bunker in early May. This project will incorporate EcoBunker synthetic edging and Capillary Concrete technology—both designed to improve drainage, reduce washouts, and significantly enhance the overall look and performance of the bunker for many years to come. Preparations are already underway, including the installation of a temporary green on the 7th, ensuring minimal disruption to members while the upgrade is in progress.

As part of this project, we will also be completing a 120-metre extension of the existing concrete path, linking the 7th green with the 8th tee. This upgrade will enhance course flow, provide improved access in all weather conditions, and contribute to the overall quality and usability of this key transition area.

Over the coming weeks and months, the team will be running at slightly reduced numbers as staff take some well-earned annual leave. This is a planned and important part of our annual calendar, giving the crew a chance to recharge as we move into the winter maintenance period. With smart scheduling and prioritisation, we are confident we will continue to maintain high standards and stay on track with all scheduled works.

In summary, the course is in great shape heading into May, and we are well-positioned to continue making positive progress. I'd like to acknowledge the team's ongoing effort and commitment, particularly in navigating the challenges of wet weather and limited staffing with a positive and proactive approach. The upcoming 7th bunker and path project marks another exciting step forward for the course, and we look forward to delivering a high-quality result for members and guests to enjoy.

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