

Stonecutters Ridge Golf Club
Monthly Management Report
David Aplitt



Monthly Course Management Report			
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Course Management Summary

General maintenance of the course continues with regular bunker maintenance being our highest consumer of time per week. Holes are changed 4 times per week plus public holidays, Surrounds are cut twice per week at 14mm, Fairways are cut at 14mm twice per week, Collars and tongues are cut at 10mm twice per week, Tees are cut at 10mm twice per week, Roughs are cut at 46mm weekly.

Climate Update

- The month of April has so far had 0 days of rain with a total of 0mm.
- Last 3 months rainfall:

Month	Rainfall mm	YTD Total	Last Year YTD Total
February 2026	122.9	228.7	163.7
March 2026	101.3	330	252.7
April 2026	0	330	286.7

- April was dry with light breezes, zero days of rain totalling 0mm.

Greens Report

- Green renovations went well; recovery is a little slow with night temps dropping.
- All greens will continue to have light dusting of sand
- Foreign grasses are being sprayed or hand weeded in greens.
- Applications of fungicides, fertilisers, herbicides, growth regulators and wetting agents for plant health and recovery were applied during the month of April.
- All greens are being cut at 4mm whilst sand is still being collected in the catchers.
- Green renovations started Tuesday 7th April and continued until Thursday 9th April. During this time, we scarified all greens and cleaned up. Next was the coring with 12mm hollow tines and cleaning up behind. We then added amendments before topdressing and rubbing in the sand. Rubbing in sand and adding extra sand continued for a few more days until all holes were filled.

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Fairways Report

- All fairways have a good coverage of grass.
- Fairways and rough lines will continue to be sprayed for Kikuyu, Paspalum and Mullumbimby couch.
- Fairways will be spiked again during Autumn
- Play as it lies is currently in place.
- Fairways and roughs have been sprayed with a pre and post emergent herbicide for Winter grass, paspalum and kikuyu.

Tees Report

- The growth and recovery on tees are slowing up with the cooler weather, Course staff filling divots when time allows. Any help in filling divots would be appreciated.
- New plates have arrived and will be put out on course soon.
- New tee signs have been installed.
- Driving range tee is being well used and sand not being placed in divots by the user.
- The 17th tee has been oversown and top dressed to improve grass coverage. The tee will remain closed until grass coverage improves.

Bunkers Update

- Bunkers refurbishment on 16th and 17th has started. 16th has sand and awaiting compaction before bringing into play.
- New bunkers will continue to be worked on, keeping sand on face to a minimum to avoid plugging balls and keeping sand wet to improve compaction on the faces
- New sand has been added to some old bunkers to bring the depth up.
- Levelling and addition of sand is ongoing in all bunkers.
- Weeds have been sprayed.

General Staff Update

- We currently have 9 fulltime and 2 casuals.
- Annual leave will be taken in the coming months by all staff members.

Machinery Update

- Maintenance on all machines was undertaken as per schedule.

Irrigation Update

- All pumps working well
- Sprinkler issues in some areas requiring attention, will be fixed as soon as possible.
- Staff are busy repairing in lots of areas, prioritising which is done first.
- Sydney Water have not supplied water from Wednesday 15th through until Sunday 26th and still unsure when supply will be running again, they'll notify us. Potable water supplementing the irrigation pond now.

General Update

- Paspalum and Kikuyu is being sprayed in tees, fairways and rough lines.
- Spraying of weeds in gardens with the help of volunteers.
- Fairway aeration will continue throughout Autumn to allow water penetration.
- Greens will be regularly aerated and dusted.

Winter grass in greens

- Program will start again in May and will continue throughout the Autumn, Winter and into the Spring months.

Volunteers program

- Volunteers are doing a great job with gardens and general maintenance around the golf course. They've been maintaining gardens around tee boxes, footpaths, behind residences and around the clubhouse. Also removing fallen branches. Thank you to all volunteers.
- 3 years of voluntary service for our golf club, much appreciated by our staff and members. Thank you Chris for organising your volunteers each week.

Snakes

Snakes are less active; but care still needs to be taken in all areas of the golf course

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