

Report to Red Cliffs Golf Club Committee of Management
10th February 2011

1. Assessment of Flood Damage – Greens and Fairways

- 1.1 – Fairways flooded and still inundated include the 3rd, 4th, 5th, and half of 6th.
- 1.2 – Fairways partially flooded rendering the hole unplayable include 10th, 11th and 13th.
- 1.3 – Fairways partially flooded yet playable include 2nd, 7th, 12th, and 18th.
- 1.4 – 3rd green inundated despite attempts to dam and pump water off.
- 1.5 – 4th green surrounded by water and inaccessible
- 1.6 – Serious concerns regarding potential condition of these greens (3rd and 4th) when waters recede
- 1.7 - General scouring of paths car park etc.
- 1.8 - Soil washed onto entry roadway
- 1.9 – Irrigation system appears to be functioning at this stage (pump can be turned on) however, concern some decoders, earth rods etc, may become u/s due to prolonged submersion.

2. Assessment of Flood Damage – Turf Farm(s)

- 2.1 – Planting alongside 10th fairway had taken a month to dry out and had just been mown prior to the latest rainfall event.
- 2.2 - This area has been fully submerged since last Saturday
- 2.3 – Indications are that it will take at least another month to drain (if no more rain falls)
- 2.4 – There is a real possibility that replanting of this area will be required. If this eventuates, turf may not be available from here until next Spring.
- 2.5 – The ‘cricket ground’ planting is inundated and has been so for some time (refer ‘pumping implications)
- 2.6 – Water on the ‘Practice Fairway’ plantings is receding. Hopefully staff will be able to get on this area to mow and spray within the next ten days.

3. Implications of Pumping onto the Course

- 3.1- Local resident to relieve his flooding, has been running multiple pumps (3-4) to pump water across Coorong Ave onto the roadside reserve bordering our property, on at least three recent occasions.
- 3.2 – This pumping has led to the flooding of the ‘cricket pitch’, practice fairway, 9th fairway, entry roadway and area between the roadway and Mc Phee’s Rd.
- 3.3 – This water has inundated turf plantings in these locations and has adversely impacted upon our ability to grow and subsequently harvest turf.
- 3.4 – Water running across the road is a traffic hazard and has resulted in deposits of soil on the asphalt surface.

4. Options Available for Golf Activities

- 4.1 - Front nine not available

4.2 – Back nine not available – possibility it may be able to open next weekend, depending on weather and effectiveness of current pumping operations.

4.3 – 1st, 2nd, 6th (partially), 7th, 8th, and 9th holes currently playable.

5. Options to Lift Turf From Fairways

5.1 – Fairways identified as able to provide the opportunity for turf harvesting include; 7th, 9th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 16th and 18th.

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