

Member letter – 15<sup>th</sup> Feb. 2011.

Dear Member,

As you are probably aware by now the Red Cliffs golf course has been quite seriously damaged as a result of the torrential rainfall through the Sunraysia district in early February. Our course staff and volunteers have worked very hard to get the course operational again and that process continues.

The Committee of Management met on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> February to review the situation and to formulate a plan of action to get things back to normal as soon as possible. Given the extent of the flooding it's highly likely that some sections of the course will be unplayable for some time. It is difficult to get an accurate assessment of the damage because sections of the course remain inundated. However, it's likely that two greens will be significantly damaged and may need to be completely rebuilt. In addition, several fairways will be under water for some time, which will require large areas to be completely renovated. All of these works will take quite some time to carry out and will put significant pressure on the club's financial resources. In addition the flooding has impacted heavily on the club's lawn turf enterprise, which will severely affect the club's income in the months ahead.

As I indicated above, the priority has been to get as much of the course as we can, playable as soon as possible. By the Wednesday after the deluge we were able to play on six holes and although the field was relatively small it was great to see that the many hours of work put in by our staff and volunteers was worthwhile. As the days have gone by we have been able to access the back nine, which will mean that 14 holes will be playable and by playing 1, 2 & 6 twice we will be able to conduct club competitions over 17 holes. At this stage holes 3, 4, 5 & 10 are unplayable and will remain so for some time but quite a lot of the course is open, so we need our members to get out and play to support the club through this very difficult time. As a member-based organization, it's important that we keep everybody informed about what's going on. To keep up to date with the situation you are urged to use the club's website @ [www.redcliffsgolfclub.net](http://www.redcliffsgolfclub.net) and go to the 'Members login' page where all the latest information can be found. In addition, all members should use the notice board in the clubhouse where relevant information will be displayed.

The last matter I would like to advise you about is the decision taken by the Committee of Management to conduct a 'Special General Meeting' [SGM] on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> March @ 11.00am to bring members up to date and formalise any additional action that may need to be taken. You are asked to put this date on your calendar and make every effort to attend. Further details of the SGM, including any specific items of business to be put to the meeting will be displayed on the club's notice board and on the 'Members login' page on our website, within the minimum 21 days notice as required by the club's rules.

Although we have been hit very hard by the flooding, we are a golf club and need to keep things in perspective. There are many in our community, including some of our own members, who have had houses destroyed or severely damaged and/or their livelihoods significantly compromised. It's these people we feel for and one of the best things that we can do for them as a club is to ensure that community facilities are maintained and operating. That's our focus at the moment and what you can do, as a club member, is to get out to the club, play golf and support it through the difficult times ahead. I'm confident that the traditional Red Cliffs Golf Club spirit will once again come to the fore and we'll be back on top sooner rather than later. I look forward to your continued support.

Yours Sincerely,

Robert Underwood,  
President – Red Cliffs Golf Club Inc.