



CASTLE HILL COUNTRY CLUB

Improvements to the 2nd Hole Castle Hill Country Club

Dear Members,

In consultation with Harrison Golf (CHCC course Architects), we have finalised a strategic package of improvements for the 2nd hole at CHCC, as well as a minor, but impactful, modifications to the area left of the 1st green. These enhancements aim to improve playability, visual appeal, traffic flow, turf health, and long-term maintenance efficiency. Proposed works include removing the unsightly cart path, expanding the fairway, drainage and irrigation upgrades, vegetation enhancements, 2nd tee expansion, and removing the mounds left of the 1st green to promote better foot traffic distribution.

Proposed Changes

We are expecting that work will commence (weather permitting) on 28th July. The scope of works that will be carried out is shown in the attached plan and summarised below.

Cart Path Removal and Reconfiguration

- Objective:** Remove the existing unsightly cart path currently impacting the natural aesthetic, strategic integrity of the hole, traffic flow and turf quality.
- Action:** Re-route the path from the 1st green approach, the entire 2nd hole and approach to the 3rd tee area. The path shall be more discreet and functional, and be relocated to preserve visual appeal.

Fairway Expansion

- Objective:** Broaden the fairway to enhance visual aspect of the hole, accommodate a wider range of skill levels, and reduce penal outcomes from slightly off-line shots and higher handicap players.
- Action:** Redefine mowing lines and turf management zones to extend playable fairway areas, ensuring seamless integration with existing landscape contours. Back fill current creek bed in and add subsurface drainage. Old drainage lines dug up and new drainage laid, which will connect into the sub-surface drainage where the creek is currently located.

2nd Tee Expansion

- Objective:** Improve teeing area conditions and flexibility, aesthetics of surrounds and accommodate increasing player volume.
- Action:** Expand the existing championship tee complex to provide additional surface area for wear distribution, varied tee placements, and enhanced views of the fairway.

Irrigation Improvements

- Objective:** Improve turf health year-round.
- Action:** Upgrade irrigation to a more efficient, targeted layout for optimal water distribution.



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Vegetation Enhancement Behind the 2nd Green

Objective: Improve the visual framing and ecological health of the area behind the 2nd green.

Action: Remove overgrown and invasive weed species, replant with a curated mix of native and ornamental vegetation to provide a more polished appearance and support biodiversity.

Removal of Mounding Left of the 1st Green

Objective: Improve player flow and reduce concentrated wear on narrow walk-off areas.

Action: Remove existing mounding to open up the space and allow more even distribution of foot traffic, improving turf durability and wear areas.

Construction of a new Black tee on the 3rd hole.

Objective: Create strength to the hole and beautify the 3rd tee and surrounds

Action: New tee will be located behind the vertical sandstone wall, where vegetation has recently been cleared. It will provide a more suitable length difference from the blue tee.

It is anticipated that this will take 4 weeks to complete.

Please note the following temporary changes during construction:

- The 2nd hole will be closed on weekdays to ensure a safe and efficient work environment.
- Three temporary holes will be rotated during this period to maintain course flow and variety.
- We are anticipating that the 2nd hole will remain open for play on the weekends.

We appreciate your patience and understanding as we undertake these important improvements to the course. These changes are designed to enhance both the playability and the long-term sustainability of the course.

Regards,

Tony Cruise
Captain

Aaron Fluke
Course Superintendent