Report to Committee 18 August 2021.

From the grounds sub-committee, and Stu Adamson.

We have meet and discussed our ongoing course development plan. The last time that we did this was in August 2019 so I am including first the report that we provided the Committee at that time.

Report August 2019.

Apart from the usual, the following will occur over the next financial year

Repair holes in no1 fairway, and sow

Extend lime path on entrance to fairway 2 to remove the current hole.

Install nova flow pipe into the ditch across the start of no 2 fairway to improve the drainage

Install new water sprinklers for tee no 3 to encourage better grass coverage

Trial spraying lumpy rats tail tussock grass in no1 fairway

Install extra sprinklers in tee no 7

Install drain in no8 green

Relocate wood burn pit from no7 fairway to old sand pit beside no11 fairway

Larger projects.

We have reviewed the latest detailed course development plan and set our views for discussion/adoption by the Committee. We list the works on a hole by hole basis, and at the end suggest our priorities.

Holes 1/10.

Remove the Norfolk pine to the front left of green and extend the green to the left to allow a two pin green. No more bunkers.

Holes 2/11.

Relocate tee for no 2 closer to the hill side and a little further back but not as far as No 11. This will provide better safety.

Commence construction of new green to the right and a little bit further back from the current green. This will be elevated with drop offs to the right side and back. A reasonable amount of fill will be required and this will come from the removal of the large mound in the no 5 fairway. This will open up this fairway to provide a good view of the green and bunkers from the tee.

The current green for 2/11 can remain in play while the new one is created. This work can only commence in midsummer to avoid unnecessary damage to the course when moving the fill.

Holes 3/12

Construct a path to the front of the tee from the Mac in front of the no 2 green. This will have a cut on the upper side which we will retain.

Holes 4/13.

No change

Holes 5/14.

Remove the hump in the fairway as before.

Extend the green to the far right to allow two level two pin green.

Holes 6/15.

No change. Note we are suggesting the abandonment of the previous suggestion to convert to a par 4 with a new green around the corner.

Holes 7/16

Complete construction of extended green to allow two pin placements and to be in play before Men’s Open.

Holes 8/17

No immediate changes. Maybe extend green to left rear at some stage.

Holes 9/18

Close off path from green 8 to the left hand side of tee 9 and redirect to right hand path to improve safety, especially necessary when green no1 is extended. Either raise the right hand path to provide easier access to tees or build steps to tee 9.

Enlarge green to left rear to allow two pin placements.

Priorities.

All of this work will take several years so the following order of priority is suggested

No 1. Over the 2019/20 years

Complete the green for hole 7, install the path to tee 3, commence work on new green for 2/11 including the removal of the mount in the no5 fairway.

Raise path or install steps to tee 9/18.

No 2 Over years 2020/21

Continue construction of green for no 2. Commence extension of larger green for holes 5/14.

No 3 Over years 2021/22

Extend greens for holes 1/10 and for 9/18.

Tree Plan

We recommend the adoption of a tree replacement plan to give members confidence that we are committed to the replacing of trees and not just their removal.

The selected removal of old and dangerous pins will continue.

Areas suggested for replanting are;

1 More natives alongside no4 fairway

2 Level the slope into Greenlees reserve and plant with native shrubs.

3 Plant selected pine trees to right of no6 fairway and between fairway 1 and 9.

4 Plant a mix of both pines and pohutukawa trees the right of the no6 green and towards the existing pines. The pines would be removed once the Pohutukawa's are well established.

Update August 2021.

1. We have made reasonable progress since the plan above was adopted. As usual we keep modifying it and this update provides our suggestions for the future for discussion and adoption. We will comment on a hole by hole basis, with our suggestions for priorities at the end.
2. Holes 1/10.

We have agreed to remove the Norfolk pine to the front left of the green and planning for that is underway.

We still suggest an extension of the green but to the right as you face the green from the fairway rather than to the left. The bunker will remain but no new one.

1. Holes 2/11.

Complete the new green and bring into play ASAP, probably late summer 2022.

1. Holes 3/11.

Construct a path alongside the existing tee block from the south to allow carts access to the back of the tee block rather than travelling back down the number 2 fairway. We don’t consider that it needs to be retained.

1. Holes 4/13. No change.
2. Holes 5/11

Do not remove the hump in the fairway but continue with the plan to extend the green to the far right to allow a two level pin placement. Details still being considered.

1. Holes 6/15. Over time extend this green to allow two pin placements and improve drainage.
2. Holes 7/16.

Provide extra fertilizer to this green to improve the strength of the extended area so this can be brought into play.

1. Holes 9/18.

No change to existing plan and still propose an extension of the green to the left rear.

Priorities for this work and other more minor enhancements.

1. Over the next year;
2. Install nova flow pipe in ditch at beginning of number 2 fairway.
3. Remove Norfolk pine next to green 1.
4. Build new tee block for number 2 tee. This will be to the right of the current tee block and back a bit but not elevated. The main reason for this is to improve safety especially if the green for no 1 is to be extended to the right.
5. We propose to stop using the area next to the number 7 green as a work and storage area. It is to be cleaned up grassed with trees/shrubs and the out of bounds area extended.
6. We will remove the divider between the sand bunkers next to the implement shed to improve drainage and access for trucks.
7. Install a water line from the implement shed tanks to the clubhouse and a water pipe for tree irrigation between fairways 1 and 9.
8. Once the new green for 2 has been in play for a few months, recheck the strokes for all holes.
9. Check the distances for all holes and relocate where necessary the distance markers on the tee block and then use our actual measurements for hole distances rather than the dot golf measurers on the score card now which are not accurate.
10. Continue our tree planting plan.
11. Check drainage to the right of the new no 2 green.
12. Install safety net next to front of implement shed.
13. Over years 2022/23 Commence extension of larger green for holes 5/14, and 6/15
14. Over years 2023/24 Commence the extension of greens for holes 1/10, and 9/18.