

# Avondale Golf Club

## Course Presentation and Maintenance Policy

**Objective - Maintain a best in class bushland golf course and environs**

**Goals -**

- Maintain fairways, tees, greens, roughs and off fairway areas to agreed standards
- Enhance gardens and surrounds to the same standard of excellence as fairways and greens
- Protect and maintain the water supply in the dam
- Recognising that shade is an issue for some greens and tees, establish a shade policy that is a) pre-emptive and b) proactive

To address the above goals the following quality requirements have been identified:

The overriding quality benchmark to be applied to the course is the standard that course would be two weeks out from the Avondale Amateur Medal. This benchmark is to be taken in the context of the prevailing seasonal weather conditions.

AREA	QUALITY REQUIREMENT
Greens	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All greens to be G2 Bent grass cut to a height to provide consistent putting surfaces</li> <li>• Greens to be free of foreign grasses (poa, couch, etc)</li> <li>• Pitch marks:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Educate members in the correct method of pitch mark repair.</li> <li>• Pitch mark repair, incorrectly done by players, to be regularly repaired by Course Staff.</li> <li>• Greens to be firm enough to reduce pitch mark damage.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Pin placement on greens to be set from an agreed rotation plan.</li> <li>• When holes are cut into or replaced in greens, the playing surface around them is to be flat with the surrounding green.</li> <li>• Manage rotation programme for 11A to rest greens such as 10 and 12 which struggle from time to time.</li> <li>• Ensure light sand dusting programme is optimised.</li> </ul>
Greens Surrounds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maximise the fairway quality turf around the greens.</li> <li>• Steep banks around greens to be cut to fairway height.</li> </ul>
Fairways	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All fairways to be Santa Anna couch cut to a height of 10mm</li> <li>• Fairway width to be controlled through 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> cut rough so that balls are constrained when rolling off the cut fairway.</li> <li>• Fairways are to be free of foreign grasses</li> <li>• Minimise fairway scalping by use of plant growth regulators</li> <li>• Tree and flora dropping to be regularly cleared from fairways.</li> <li>• Fairway width to be maximised at a distance of around 180 m to 220 m from championship tee and minimised at around 220 m to 250 m.</li> </ul>

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Tees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preferably Santa Anna couch cut to a height of 10mm.</li> <li>• Tees to be free of foreign grasses.</li> <li>• Maintenance staff to apply green sand to tee divots on a regular basis.</li> <li>• Shady tees of 11, 11A, 12 and 16 to be managed according to a separate plan of Rye oversowing and turf replacement to achieve the quality of the other tees.</li> </ul>
Fairway Rough	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The fairway rough is to be Santa Anna couch with the 1<sup>st</sup> cut at 25mm and the second cut at 50mm</li> <li>• Tree and flora dropping to be cleared regularly from the surface.</li> <li>• The areas between fairways 3 and 5, 5 and 7, 12 and 13, 16 and 17 and 1 and 18 to be regularly cleared of tree and flora droppings.</li> <li>• Trees within 3 paces of the fairway are not to have branches that grow to the ground.</li> <li>• Tree roots noticeably protruding into the fairway are to be cut and removed</li> <li>• Tree stakes are to be managed in accordance with the growth requirements of the tree and removed when considered appropriate.</li> <li>• The condition of Hazard markers is to be regularly reviewed.</li> <li>• Wood chip is to be eliminated from areas that are likely to come into play</li> </ul>
Deep Rough	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regularly clear the deep rough to minimise bushfire hazard and improve player access.</li> <li>• Particular emphasis to be placed on the back of 10<sup>th</sup> green, right of 11A fairway/green, left of 11<sup>th</sup> fairway, right of 15<sup>th</sup> green, the entrance roadway and areas around walkways.</li> </ul>
Bunkers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Install Bunkerwol on all steep faced bunkers.</li> <li>• Regularly clear tree and flora droppings from bunkers.</li> <li>• Ensure bunker entrance is raked after use of bunker machine.</li> <li>• Educate members in the correct method of raking bunkers.</li> </ul>
Tee and Inter-Tee Gardens	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identify these gardens on a garden plan.</li> <li>• All these gardens to be native plants.</li> <li>• Maintain as bushland setting gardens, free of weed and foreign grasses.</li> </ul>
Shade Reduction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Establish a plan to reduce the effect of shade on tees and greens.</li> </ul>