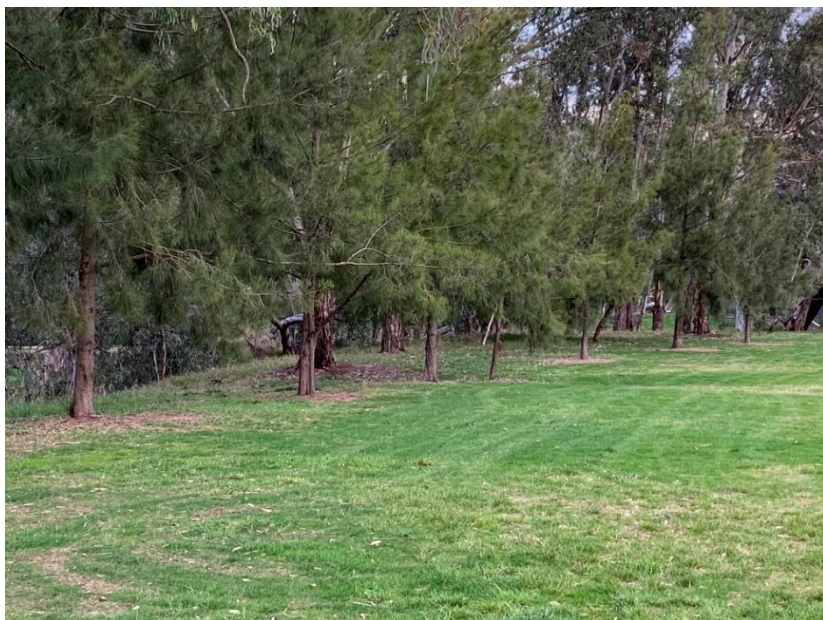


MEMBER INFORMATION

With the intention of keeping members informed of developments at the golf course while there is no play, the following information is shared.

General Committee has recently approved a recommendation from the Course Committee that 13 sheoaks be removed from the left hand side of the 4th fairway. These trees stretch from about where golfer's drives finish, to the dip in the fairway.

The main reason for their removal is to allow us to widen the fairway on the left hand side and thicken the rough that can be grown leading out to the hazard area. These trees currently make it difficult to grow rough with any thickness. An extra irrigation line is planned to be installed along the left hand side of the fairway.



The trees to be removed sit under the canopy of the native red gums and yellow box trees. Their removal will not only allow improved conditions to grow fairway and rough, it will return the view of the natural vegetation bordering the hole, right through to the river reserve area.

On a recent course walk, General Committee noted many trees are beginning to encroach into playing lines for all golfers. Many of these trees still have years of growth left to go and will become significant and expensive issues to deal with in the next 10-20 years. Course and General Committee will look to develop a staged plan to address these issues.

In May, we will continue our targeted tree planting around the course, building on the work Ken Morrison has put in around the course. Recent rains will have significantly improved the moisture levels in the soil.

Initial areas for planting include the hillside area between the 18th and the 2nd, and then the hillside triangle between the 1st, 2nd & 3rd. These out of play areas will be planted out with the aim of adding significant native colour to the course.

Depending on what COVID guidelines are in place at that stage, we may be looking at some working bees to assist with the planting and initial watering.

Lex Johnstone, Course Committee.