

# Mallacoota Golf Club Update

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During the recent school holidays, I paid a visit to the Mallacoota Golf Club to see how the course was going following the VGCSA working bee in March. I was warmly greeted by Club President Bruce Gaudion and Course Supervisor John Bell, who happily showed me the progress of all works, including the seeding and turfing work undertaken to a number of the greens.

All turfing work on the greens had bedded down well, and the overseeding had improved the surface on the other greens. There is still some minor scarring remaining on a few of the greens and it is planned to have this rectified in spring. The most noticeable change on the course was the clearing of all the burnt trees, reduced to mulch on the ground where they once stood. The only burnt trees that can be seen now are those that border the golf course on public land, which will be cleared some time in the future by Council. Once this tree clearing is undertaken, it will further open up some spectacular views of the neighbouring coastline.

The future for MCGC is much brighter now. At this point in time, they have received insurance funding for the vegetation clean-up, and bushfire relief grants from the Commonwealth Bank and AGIC/Golf Australia. The money that has come in has already been put to good use, with a new pump shed under construction and plans to install a new irrigation pump and modern control system once the shed is complete.

There is some hope for a future grant from the Australian Government, which will help them redevelop the golf course utilising a course architect. The plan is to redesign and rebuild all the greens, change the routing of a number of holes and replace much of the previously vegetated areas with natural heathland. If all this comes to fruition, it will be a remarkable turnaround for this once fire ravaged course. Something that all the volunteers can be very proud of.



