

Romsey Golf Club

Longer Term Plans for Improvements to the Golf Course.

(Circulated to all members for comment after Dec 2011 Committee meeting)

- Must –** Must be done for safety or basic course improvement/maintenance
Should - Should be done for above reasons but not so pressing
Would be Good Good ideas but only possible if we have time, money and workers
Safety Always important, should be considered in all projects
Priority I - Imperative, **VH** - Very High, **H** – High, **M** – Medium & **L** – Low.
NB: Ongoing maintenance and improvements to the greens is a given.

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Area & Rating

1. Hole 1	Must	Should	WBG	Safety	Yes/no ✓/X	Priority
Plant longer lived trees between the wattles on the south side of the fairway						
Plant out the area immediately behind the 10 th tee, variety of native and exotic trees/bushes						
Move gateway to nth side of 2 nd tee. Trim back branches to allow better vehicle access						
Seek out road shoulder type soil to stabilise track to new cross-over.						
Remove damaged pine on nth of green						
Allow ~10m behind green and then plant out with trees/bushes						
Plant trees/bushes close to OOB fence, behind existing pine tree						
Increase size of green, forward and wider						
2. Hole 2						
Improve buggy cross-over near women's 10 th tee.						
Tree out the area between the 2 nd fairway and the 3 rd tee.						
Trim lower branches on large pine nth side of fairway						
Trim lower branches on trees between 2 nd and 3 rd fairways						
3. Hole 3						
Repair old 15 th tee as 3 rd tee for women						
Remove large pine tree on the northern edge of tee						
Remove pine behind green						
Remove Hawthorne Hedge and install 5m mesh fence behind green						
Increase size of green to the west and wider						
4. Hole 4/11						
Trim poplars heavily to provide track behind						

new mound						
Construct mound to push track as far back from the green as possible						
Build up women's tee with sleepers or similar edging						
Improve reliability of all drainage on 4 th fairway into dam						
Trim lower branches between 2 nd and 4 th fairways						
5. Hole 5/12						
Allow ~10m and then tree behind green						
Move Jimmy Freestone's memorial plants from the 5/12 and place in middle of triangular planting behind the 18 tee (John Freestone is OK with this). Re-organise this area into new garden with deep mulch & tall flowering gum in centre. Use treated pine posts to create garden edge.						
Repair north side of tee, possibly bluestone and/or treated pine sleepers						
Possibly plant a few trees in the area between the 4 th and 5 th fairways.						
Allow for mowing by removing sleepers from front & rear of 12 th tee						
Remove one tree to north of tee to allow access to track behind new mound						
Level back of 12 th tee						
Trim lower branches of yellow cypress and pine trees near tee						
Build up women's tee with sleepers or similar						
6. Hole 6/13						
Move seat to east side of tee - safety						
Fill and level "holes" at south end of fairway. (Cores plus any other available soil)						
Stronger cable and better mesh for barrier protecting the 7 th /14 th tee						
Put pipes in to allow for vehicle access to the shed via the gap in the pine trees. "Bentley Top Soil" could be used to build up new track through the trees.						
Move track away from dam and to the east side of the course						
Rotary hoe track beside dam and sow down						
Build up women's tee with sleepers or similar						
7. Hole 7/14						
Tree southern side, (before the fairway begins)						

Tree area behind women's 7 th tee back to edge of 6 th fairway						
Tree the gap between the fairway and the "native grass"						
Build soil up around the concrete stormwater inspection pit						
Rotary hoe the track						
Triangular planting of trees/bushes behind the 7 th green to protect from errant shots off 17 th tee.						
Plant additional trees between pines on right of 7/14 and left of 8/17						
Build cross-over over drain at the beginning of the fairway.						
Build up women's tee with sleepers or similar						
8. Hole 8/17						
Plant border on 17 th tee						
Level 8 th tee						
Fill in drain, similar to works done on the 7 th /14 th						
Possibly build new green ~20-35m behind existing green. This would not interfere with the current course and could be brought into play when ready.						
Plant trees on Sth of green						
9. Hole 9						
Possibly use turf cutter to remove santa ana grass from old 18 th tee, half for 9 th /18 th tee, half for 17 th tee.						
Remove grey/green cypress on Sth corner of new 9 th fairway.						
Continue planting of trees on Sth of fairway around to large pine						
Fill drain between 9 th and 18 th fairways						
Remove tree on south of entry to green						
Gradually top dress newer section of the green and bring into play						
Plant out left of new fairway and triangle between 9 th and 18 th fairways/greens						
Construct a mound behind green to push track away from course.						
10. Hole 10						
Fill crab holes at beginning of fairway. (Cores, old 15 th tee and new soil)						
Coppice, to about 2m, most easterly tree in line towards dam.						
Tree (Swamp Gums, Blue Gums) boggy area Sth of women's 10 th tee/Nth of new walkway						
Build up women's tee with sleepers or						

similar						
11. Hole 15						
Thicken trees on south side of fairway						
Thicken trees on north side of fairway						
Mow & plant out triangle between 15 th and 26 th fairways						
Review sprinkler locations/numbers to get better coverage of green						
12. Hole 16						
Tree the area to the right of the fairway, past the pine/drain						
Clean-up old 10 th tee, push to east to make new "Old Course" 10 th tee.						
Plant out along Nth side of fairway						
13. Hole 17						
Build up women's tee with sleepers or similar						
14. Hole 18						
Continue planting Nth of 9 th green up the 18 th fairway , level with 18 th green						
Trim lower branches of trees close to green						
Possibly remove two natives on Nth side of fairway as approaching green						
Construct mound behind green to push track as far away from course as possible.						
Turf cut NW side of green, raise to make more level then replace turf						
Build mound on Nth of green 3 m from raised green						
Remove two pine trees on north of fairway, plant out area with native/exotic trees & bushes.						
15. Other thoughts						
Really get stuck into recycled water options. - all greens and tees and initially final 100 - 150m of each fairway						
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Locate and identify native orchids then burn and weed large native grass area (between 7/14 and 8/17). • Construct two greens in this area. A par 4 from around the existing 6th tee and a new Par 3 back towards the 6th fairway, possibly level with ladies 7th tee. • Reshape Native Grass or speak with WW to re a large storage dam so that players hit overwater to either to the greens. • Allow min of 30m of fairway in front of each green. • Native Grass to be treated as water. 						

<p>Players must take a drop thus no divots allowing invasive weeds etc into the native Grass. This area might be a high value Native Grass Land but is currently full of weeds.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shire Environmental Planning Officer supports this concept and would support us with DSE. 						
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plant out gaps between pines along nth side of 7th fairway 						
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construct a new figure 8 green where the 2nd green is. One green for the 2nd other for the 10th Construction would not interfere with current playing of the course 						
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construct a new, par 3, hole running from near Old Course 10th tee to a new green west of large pine at top of the 9/18 and 						
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New plastic rubbish bins on all tees. 						
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New plastic sand bins for all tees 						
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gradually scarify & top-dress all tees to make them level 						
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fairway grass which is more drought resistant to be sown – couch if possible 						

Please add any other comments, suggestion, ideas – all contributions welcomed!
