



Tree Management
Muree Golf Club

April 2019 Report

The Muree Golf Club Tree Management Committee met on the 26 March 2019 to review a range of trees that have come to the attention of the Club for various reasons, some of those reasons being that the trees have died, borer infestation, and incursion into the playing zone of the course.

The approach to the report is similar to the first report and will follow the course in numerical order.

3rd Green pathway to the 4th Tee: A melaleuca adjacent to the pathway from the 3rd green to the 4th tee has died and is to be removed. Given the site and surrounding trees, it is considered that replacement is not warranted due to the number of trees in the area. Refer Figure 1.



Fig. 1

5th Tee: Adjacent to the Ladies teeing area is a very large eucalypt with a large number of dead branches and die back in many others. This tree presents a danger to players and ground staff and the committee agree that it should be removed. The tree does not contribute to the rating of the hole. It is also noted that the Ladies committee had previously written to the Board seeking its removal. This request was not supported at the time, but due to the danger the tree now presents it must be removed. Refer Figures 2 & 3.



Fig. 2



Fig. 3

5th Fairway: On the right-hand side of the 5th fairway and on the bank of the 5th dam, there is a medium sized eucalypt with a number of dead branches. The tree committee agree that removal of the dead branches from this tree would assist the tree to better establish itself. However, if it is discovered during the removal of the branches that the dead branches are as a consequence of borer infestations and the tree is likely to die, felling of the entire tree will be undertaken. Refer Figure 4.



Fig. 4

Men's and Ladies 11th Tee: A large eucalypt to the front right of the 11th tee has two branches protruding into the teeing chute, the committee agreed that removal of the branches that impact on the playing zone should be removed. Refer figures 5 & 6



Fig.5



Fig. 6

12th Tee: At the rear of the 12th tee, there is very large eucalypt that is leaning precariously over the 12th tee and has a number of very large branches that are infested with borers. This tree presents a danger to players and staff as there is a very real possibility of the borer infested limbs falling and or the tree falling. The committee recommend that this tree be removed in its entirety. Refer Figure 7.



Fig. 7

12th Ladies Tee: To the left hand side of the Ladies 12th tee are a number of smaller eucalypts that have branches that impact on tee shots from the white and blue markers of the men's tee. While removal of the branches will solve the issue in the short term, these trees will continue to grow and produce limbs that will grow back into the playing area. It is recommended that these trees be removed to prevent a future issue with this teeing area. Refer Figures 8 & 9.



Fig. 8



Fig. 9

No consideration to replacement planting has been undertaken for this round of tree removal. The committee will review this requirement on the next occasion.

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