



Howlong Country Golf and Bowls Club

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\$5,000 REWARD OFFERED FOR GOLF CLUB VANDALS

The Howlong Country Golf Club today announced a reward of \$5,000 for information leading to the conviction of the person(s) responsible for the malicious damage to greens 2,3,4 and 11.

Between Christmas and New Year four of the Clubs greens were maliciously attacked by unknown person(s) with a chemical most likely Glyphosate (round up). In the early hours of Thursday 17th February the club experienced a further malicious attack on the greens. A motor vehicle has driven on Greens 11 and 3 causing extensive damage. These two greens were recently returfed following the earlier attack. The ground staff have worked extremely hard to ensure that all greens have been repaired and returfed and are back in play in excellent condition.

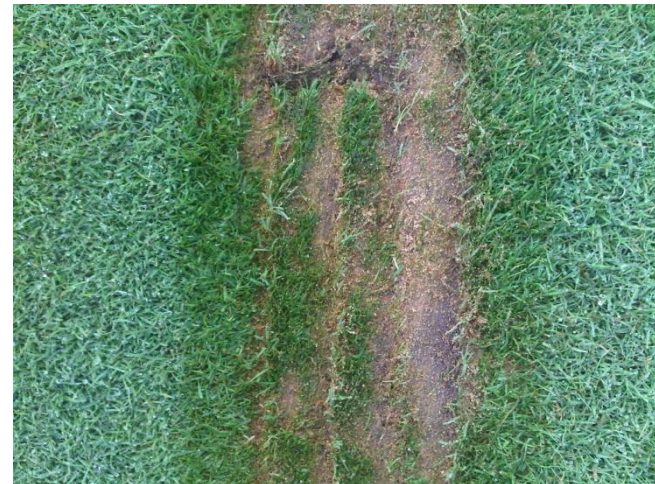
Club President, Mr. Ken Walton said *"These incidents have the potential to critically damage the club with these matters being taken very seriously. The police investigation into the attacks continues and it is hoped that we will be able to find the culprit/s and initiate suitable actions. The Club has taken the step of offering a substantial reward in the hope that this will assist with the conviction of the culprits"*

Club General Manager, Mr. Chris Rebbechi said *"The Course Superintendent and her staff have worked extremely hard over recent months faced with many challenges from the weather, locusts and now repeated malicious damage attacks. They keep getting knocked down but manage to stand up taller and stronger each time to tackle all challenges that are placed in front of them. The Ground staff deserve to be congratulated for their hard work and dedication during these very difficult times"*

Mr. Walton said *"the support from our members has been tremendous with many members donating their time to assist the Club."*

The Club is pleased to advise all members and visitors that despite these attacks the full course is now back in play. Mr Rebbechi said, "the legend couch on the fairways is in immaculate condition and we continue to receive many favourable comments from our golfers"

Anyone with information in relation to the attacks is requested to contact the Howlong Police or the General Manager.



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For further information please contact:

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About the Howlong Country Golf Club

The Howlong Country Golf Club is a not for profit community owned Club located on the banks of the majestic Murray River, 29 km west of Albury, within a renowned gourmet food and wine region. The club has a picturesque 18-hole golf course, two superbly manicured bowling greens, 25-unit motel, large club house with bistro, function rooms, 76 gaming machines, TAB and Keno.