



Howlong Country Golf and Bowls Club

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GOLF CLUB ANNOUNCES MAJOR IRRIGATION UPGRADE

The Howlong Country Golf Club has announced that they are calling for tenders for major works to the Club golf course irrigation system.

Club President and Chairman of Greens Mr. Walton said *“Once completed the work will result in annual savings of between \$65,000 and \$75,000 per annum as a result of reductions in water usage, power, labour and parts. This work will ensure that quality of the Howlong Country Golf Club course will be maintained for many years to come”*.

Club General Manager Mr. Chris Rebbechi explained that *“The first stage of the project is estimated to cost between \$500,000 and \$600,000 and these important irrigation works will be predominantly funded by the sale of general security water rights. This funding source will enable us to keep our membership fees at the same low levels”*

The construction work is likely to commence at the end of May, with the construction process to take between 9 and 12 weeks.

Mr Walton said *“most of the work on the fairway surfaces will be able to be completed by mole ploughing which will leave little surface damage and allow quick recovery. The Golf Course is an important asset to the Howlong community and this further investment will enhance our member’s enjoyment of the course.”*

“The Legend Couch on our fairways is in fantastic condition and this irrigation project will ensure that we maintain this quality playing surface for future generations to enjoy.”

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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.