

Greetings from Kauri Cliffs,

12th of March, 2021

While the past several months have certainly been a challenge for us all, we do hope you have managed to enjoy some great summer weather with family and friends. Hopefully, this has included a visit or two to Kauri Cliffs and if this is the case, a sincere thank you for your continued support and patronage.

This summer has once again, proved a challenging one for the golf team at Kauri Cliffs and we wanted to keep you up-to-date on the status of the golf course and a couple of upcoming projects which are both exciting and imperative to the ongoing health and conditioning of the course at Kauri Cliffs.

As many of you may know, Kauri Cliffs and the wider Northland region has once again, for the second year in a row, experienced exceptionally low rainfall levels, leading to drought. This has caused the golf course to suffer in condition yet again, but the significant rainfall received during the middle of February, should now see us through with adequate irrigation into the winter months.

Because of this drought in early 2021; greens, fairways and rough have suffered loss in density of turf cover as we began to conserve water from mid-December, to ensure the most crucial areas of the golf course were maintained. Our golf maintenance team has already begun reseeding areas most significantly affected by the latest drought, so we are optimistic that conditions will begin to improve over the coming weeks.

To ensure the wider property at Kauri Cliffs is able to meet future water demands and ensure instances such as these do not occur, ownership and management have agreed on the following water management plan to ensure the long-term health and sustainability of the property.

- We have engaged a Geotechnical Hydrologist to complete a seismic survey of the property which will identify any potential ground water locations, allowing us to access additional bore holes to help supplement our existing water supply.
- During the past twelve months, we have been actively proceeding in the design of a new, large capacity storage reservoir which is in the final design stages, with the formal consenting process to begin shortly. This new reservoir will increase our water capacity by nearly eight times; enough to meet the needs of the property in the event of a two year drought.

Finally, we are excited to announce that we will be undertaking a substantial greens renovation which will involve removing the existing turf from all greens and replacing it with a new, more suitable grass species. During the course's 20+ years, species contamination has occurred throughout the greens, leading to inconsistent putting surfaces. The new greens will be much more consistent in both speed and trueness of putt. The dates in which the golf course will be closed are as follows:

- Golf course closed: Tuesday, July 20th – Wednesday, Sept. 15th
- Golf course available to lodge guests only, on temporary greens: Thursday, Sept. 16th – Wednesday, Dec. 1st
- New greens & course to reopen to limited play: Thursday, Dec. 2nd

We are certainly optimistic about the work and progress that has already been made and want to ensure that future tasks are completed to continually improve the conditions of the course and the experience which our guests have come to know and love at Kauri Cliffs.

On behalf of the entire Robertson Lodges family, we sincerely thank you for your continued support and we look forward to welcoming each of you in the near future.

Kind Regards,

Jonathan McCord - Director of Golf
The Lodge at Kauri Cliffs & The Farm at Cape Kidnappers