

## CCJ: WOODMEAD BUNKER PROJECT

Dear Members,

We are pleased to confirm that the long-anticipated Woodmead Bunker Upgrade Project will commence this winter, starting in May and proceeding with a staggered rollout across the course, with completion expected by December. While a few bunkers will undergo minor design changes, the focus will be on refining the majority to enhance access, simplify maintenance, and improve both aesthetics and playability.

The installation will be carried out by Golf Data Construction, in close consultation with a dedicated project committee, which includes Head Superintendent Craig Hunter and Assistant Superintendent Daniel van den Heever.

The project will once again make use of Bunker Armour—the high-quality bunker liner previously installed on Rocklands. This product has proven successful in enhancing consistency and reducing contamination, and we are confident it will achieve the same on Woodmead.

Following challenges experienced on Rocklands—particularly sand compaction after heavy rains—we undertook extensive testing of various sand grades from multiple suppliers. These tests evaluated permeability, compaction, and playability, and concluded that the most suitable choice is White Bunker USGA sand due to its superior drainage and playability.

This new sand has already been trialed in some of the more problematic Rocklands bunkers, including the front-left bunker on the 9th hole, where it performed exceptionally well. To ensure consistency across both courses and address the previous issues on Rocklands, the existing sand will be replaced with the new blend as part of the annual bunker sand top-up.

We thank you for your continued patience and support as we invest in the ongoing enhancement of our world-class facilities.

For further information, please contact Golf Management.

Kind regards, CCJ Management



