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**Mr. Dale Stewart**  
**Chief Executive Officer**  
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In the redevelopment of the Country Club site we paid considerable attention to the need for a much greater level of security than had previously been the case. Our Club House building situated adjacent to the South Coast Highway is a prime target for vandalism and so we improved the security system. Our grass greens and irrigated fairways are also tempting targets for moon drivers and we installed bollard systems and blocked many of the easier access points on to the course. We were conscious that these measures were unlikely to stop the more determined vandals from inflicting damage and were mindful that in the last few years prior to redevelopment there were several instances where considerable damage was done to fairways in the dead of night by vehicles.

Following the appointment of our present Green Keeper we looked at how we might be able to use him as an additional deterrent to vandalism. The idea of an on-site Caretakers Caravan was canvassed and it was agreed with the Green Keeper that he should spend several nights each week in the caravan, having full access to the Club House facilities during those times. The arrangement has been successful in that the Green Keeper has been able to respond to numerous alarms from the Club House security system and the rather conspicuous location of the caravan has been an impediment to any with thoughts of breaking through the bollard system onto the golf course. So far, we have not had any damage inflicted on our redeveloped facilities.

The arrangement has also complemented the Green Keeper's course and equipment maintenance roles, in that he is on site to attend efficiently to any urgent needs which occur during the night. These needs include the computerised irrigation system which operates in off-peak power times, storm damage to facilities and any matters which could prejudice the safety of those using the facilities.

In retrospect we realize that we should have sought the Shire's agreement to this arrangement prior to its introduction, and we apologise for this oversight. In an ideal world, our best solution would be to incorporate a Caretaker's cottage on the course, but this is beyond our financial capacity for the foreseeable future. The current arrangement seems to be our best option for the time being, and is demonstrably beneficial in protecting the facilities of the Club and the safety of those using the facilities. Your concurrence to the continuation of this arrangement will be greatly appreciated.

With kind regards  
 Yours sincerely

*Phillip Middleton*

**Phillip Middleton**  
**President**  
**29 July 2014**

