



A SHORT HISTORY OF THE BEGINNINGS OF THE CABOOLTURE GOLF CLUB AT LESLIE AVENUE, CABOOLTURE

Sunday 13th February 2022 marks the 58th year since the first competition was played at Caboolture Golf Club on a nine-hole course (played twice for 18 holes) and a farmhouse turned into a club house.



The women had the first opportunity to try the new course on Thursday 13th February 1964.

The following weekend of the 22nd and 23rd February, a continuous play was held for a special trophy in which Frank Unwin came in first with an 83 gross and setting a course record in the process. Bunny Perry and E Holmes came in a close second with an 84 gross.

Ironically Frank won the last competition at Attewell (the old course) and the first competition at the new course.

The best women's score on the day was by Mrs Pat Perry with a gross of 104.

The weekend prior to relocating to the new course on Sunday 9th February 1964 was the final competition at Attewell - a mixed foursomes which was won by Frank Unwin and Mrs Franks with a nett 66¹/₃. The long drive on the day was won by Allan Eeles and the approach was won by Frank Unwin.



The Caboolture Golf Club relocation decision was made at a committee meeting held in the old club house at the Attewell course in early 1963. The voting to relocate to another course was carried by just one vote.

The current land was originally owned by the Caboolture Shire Council and was put up for tender, with the club entering a tender price of £6,100 pounds and were the successful bidders. The club obtained finance from the Commercial Bank of Australia with four members and two non-members going guarantor for the loan with a deposit of £500 pounds and the balance was paid back over 10 years at 5% interest.

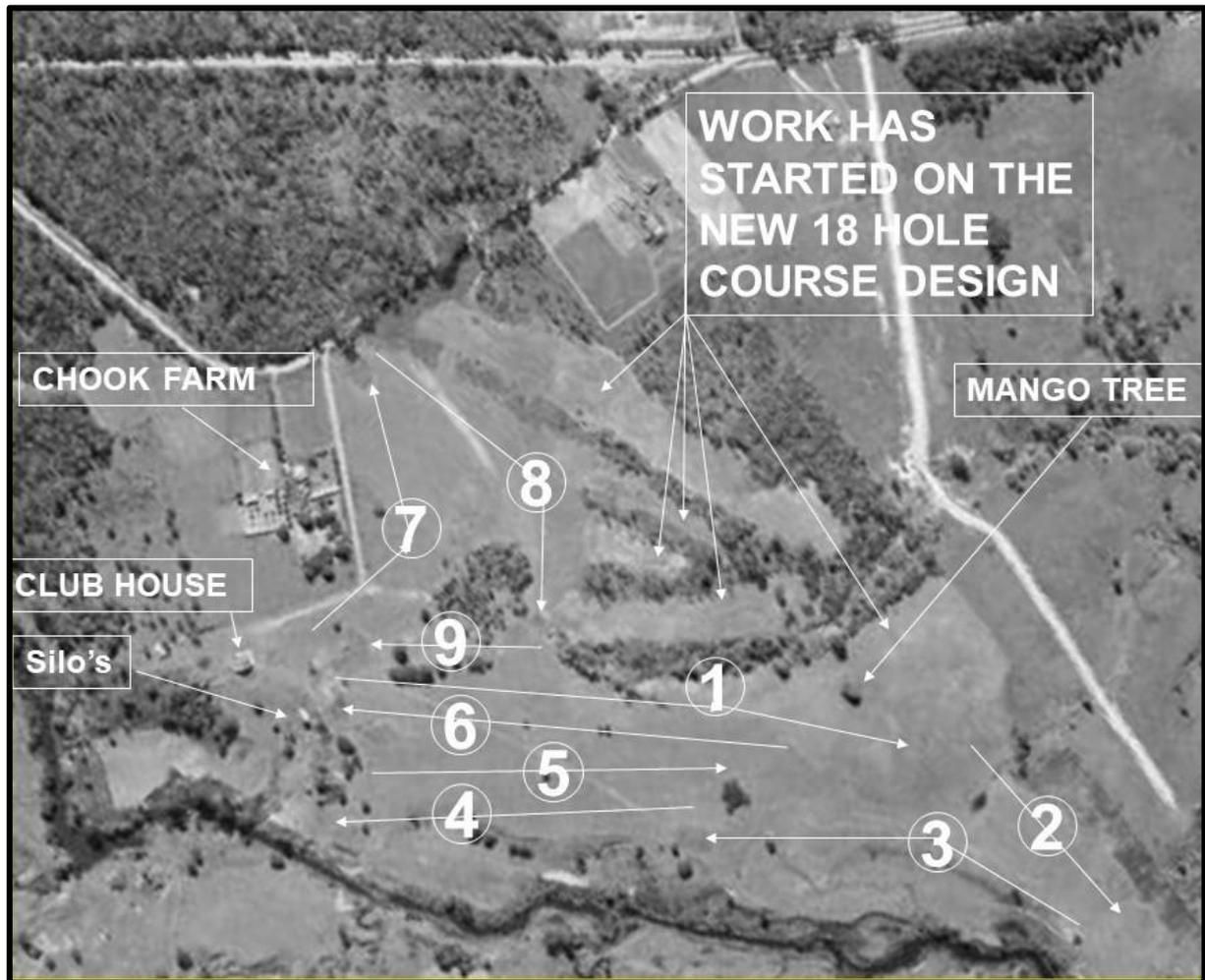


By August 1963 the machinery had moved in with work commencing immediately. Along with the many volunteers providing countless hours on clearing the land. A massive 242 charges of explosives were used in blasting out stumps and other obstacles.

A well-known Sydney architect, Al Howard, was hired to design the course with a temporary nine holes which were designed so that some of the greens would become part of the 18-hole design. His fee was £600 pounds with £300 pounds paid at the commencement and the balance paid some years later.

The Golf Course was officially opened by the then President of Queensland Golf Union, Mr George Houston Mocatta on Sunday 19th April 1964. Following the opening of the course the state member for Murrumba, Mr Dave Nicholson opened the ideally situated and laid out club house from which there was a commanding view of the course and surroundings.

The aerial photo taken on 12 July 1965 some 17 months after the first competition shows the position of the initial nine-hole golf course and the early redesign development of the 18-hole golf course that would come into play during 1966.



Look for more history snippets as we get closer to our 60th year at Lesley Avenue in 2024.