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Lara Golf Course works delayed to maximise holiday play

Initial irrigation upgrades at [Lara Golf Course](#) have been rescheduled to allow local and visiting golfers to enjoy the course over the Christmas/New Year holiday period.

As patronage at the region's most affordable 18-hole course spikes in late December, \$2.4 million in water security initiatives will now begin on Monday 5 January 2026 with contractors on site. The first nine holes and driving range will close from Monday 12 January until April/May.

Play on the second nine holes will be impacted from April/May to September/October.

The wider project includes drainage and dam remediation works, upgrades to course irrigation and a feasibility study into long-term sustainable water solutions.

The driving range and pro shop are in line for \$1 million worth of upgrades, with works expected to be completed in April.

Timings around the upgrades' duration and closures may change without notice.

Greater Geelong Mayor Stretch Kontelj OAM said the decision to delay works was made to ensure the most efficient use of the course during the busy period.

"We've been in discussions with course staff, the Project Control Group, members and visiting golfers on how to best manage the closures and reduce impacts to golfers," Mayor Kontelj said.

"The team has informed Lara Golf Course's 297 active members of the revised dates, while signage around the course will inform casual users.

"I hope golfers enjoy a leisurely post-Christmas round with loved ones.

"The upgrades will take around ten months to complete.

"We understand that the closures will be inconvenient in the short-term and thank everyone for their patience.

"These works are planned to ensure Lara Golf Course remains sustainable for years to come and a destination course."

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