



Dear Members,

### First Stage of Major Runway Upgrades

It's taken a while to get here, but the first steps in upgrading our runways took place today. After engaging the expert assistance of Graham Sullivan (from VARMS), he has put us on the path we need to be on. We are very grateful to Graham for his help to date.

For a few hours this morning, we had a John Deere Precision Cut machine carry out a demonstration on the main runway with outstanding results. This machine allows us to cut the grass to a much lower level that is needed to encourage the right grass coverage. This is the type of machinery that we need to maintain the standard on our runways that we are seeking.

Further updates as they come, but our next step is to document the project costings and further upgrade plans to our members at a general meeting.

Thanks to David Law today for his assistance in the Field Management role and to Norm Morrish for sourcing the commercial John Deere equipment for us at short notice.



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Thanks again for your patience as we work through these necessary steps to enhance the quality of our runways.

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