

WA Turf Seminar and Trade Show

Wednesday 7th June 2023

Mills Park Complex
86 Brixton St
BECKENHAM

8:00am - 3:00pm



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Seminar Overview

The Sports Turf Association (WA) and the Turf Growers Association of Western Australia are proud to host the acclaimed WA Turf Seminar and Trade Show 2023. We return to the magnificent Mill Park Community Complex in Beckenham with four inspirational, motivational and educational interstate guest speakers.



Matthew Oliver, recently appointed Curator of Suncorp Stadium in Brisbane, will present, “Passion Creates Opportunities”. Matthew is a Sports Turf Management professional with a Diploma in Sports Turf Management and qualifications in Ornamental Horticulture and Agriculture. His personal career highlights include countless international events at Marvel Stadium ranging from Rugby Union Tests, International Football, AFL and Rugby League matches, KFC T20 Cricket games, the 2015 Asian Cup at AAMI Park and countless music Concerts.

In 2020, Matthew was the Grounds Manager at the Queensland Sport and Athletics Centre (QSAC), QSAC engaged Australian Sports Turf Consultants to manage a comparative 12-month study on assessing different couch grass types. The project was designed to help QSAC management choose a suitable grass for turf replacement of their Main Field in 2022. Matthew played an integral role in this research project and will share this fantastic story.



Phil Beal, Director Tallowood Advisory Services, will be presenting “Leading with Empathy”. Phil will go through his career experiences and openly talk about the mistakes he made both professionally and personally. Phil has a passion for curating good mental health and wellbeing in the workplace. He hopes that by sharing his story, attending delegates will understand how their own and their colleague’s mental health is key to a resilient and stable performing team.

The short and long term impacts on mental health, both good and bad has been at the forefront of Phil’s mind throughout his career as navigated his challenges and triumphs. Insights gained from past struggles have enabled him to be a stronger and more empathetic leader. Phil has 35 years’ experience in the golf industry, working as a Course Superintendent and also as Project Manager during major course construction developments.



Rob Cooper, CEO for Living Turf, is presenting “Regenerative Turf Management”.

As a qualified Turf Agronomist, Rob’s focus is to assist turf managers produce superior turf surfaces without negatively impacting the environment. Rob Cooper started Living Turf in 2003 with the goal of developing a technically competent product distribution service for professional turf managers. With well over 30 years of experience in turf agronomy, Rob spent the past 20 years developing his business Living Turf with the knowledge and skills gained from an MBA at Deakin University in 2001.

Beginning from the ground up working on bowling greens, turf wickets and sports fields Rob’s career also included a stint with a multinational manufacturer of fertilisers which no doubt helped develop an invaluable understanding of turf science and practical application. In 1994, Rob then achieved qualifications as an Agronomist from The University of Sydney to enhance his capabilities in weed, pest and disease control, nutrition, soil and plant science and problem solving. Working equally across golf, sports and open space turf maintenance sectors, Living Turf’s consultancy activities are well suited to be involved in a variety of construction projects.



Adrian Knapping, Sports Turf Agronomist for STRI Group will be presenting “Water Quality, Irrigation Issues and Drones”. Adrian has been a part of STRI Group since 2018 and is actively involved in undertaking sports field audits, agronomical testing and reporting, disease diagnosis, and drone photogrammetry. Adrian is also regularly involved in field trial work both throughout Victoria and within Brisbane in Queensland. Adrian’s involvement in field trial work has ranged from assisting with trial set up and treatments, to undertaking comprehensive assessments and in-depth report writing. Adrian regularly undertakes water quality and soil chemistry audits, testing and reporting on a wide variety of local government and private clients’ sports fields.

As well as providing suitable recommendations to aid turf growth in sporting and landscaping surfaces he also provides professional recommendations for sustainable management of recycled ground water use within the sports facility. Adrian also specialises in undertaking a range of drone-based aerial imagery surveys to create orthomosaic and NDVI maps to assist in key decision making by tracking systemic changes in turf quality.

The afternoon session of the Seminar will include a Trade Show. On the landbridge outside the seminar room an array of Trade Expo marquees will be set up representing various turf industry equipment and product suppliers and distributors ready to display their wares and services. These lead out onto the larger turf arena where a group of larger equipment and machine displays will be set out.

While looking over the brilliant displays of diverse brand new machines and gadgets, ask your colleagues and the representatives at the booths why should you choose this specific type of machine? What is the purpose of outfitting the equipment in that configuration? How will it achieve differing outcomes as compared to differing machinery and or configurations?

Don't miss such an ideal opportunity for direct and uncrowded interaction with multiple and diverse vendors of products, turf equipment and machinery. Thank you to Nuturf Australia for being this year's major sponsor. Informed choices are better choices! An educated turf industry is a resilient and progressive industry.

Register your place and book simply online now by clicking the link:
<https://www.trybooking.com/CGYBK>

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Delegate Registration Form Purchase Orders



Please process this registration and send a tax invoice. Purchase Order #

RSVP Booking essential, no later than 26th May 2023

Registration Forms to be sent by mail or email to: Sports Turf Association (WA) | PO Box 8492 | Perth BC WA 6849

Email: treasurer@sportsturfwa.asn.au | Office: 9313 9378 | Mobile: 0422 120 990 / 0417 977 734
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STA(WA) / TGAWA Member rates (All fees GST free)

Individual = \$200 x

Group of 4 = \$600 x

Non-Member rates (includes STA(WA) membership until 31/12/2023)

Individual = \$300 x

Group of 4 = \$900 x

NOTE: Alternately payment can be made upon receipt of invoice via Try Booking to complete registration
<https://www.trybooking.com/CGYBK>

RSVP Booking essential, no later than 25th May 2023. If you have any queries, please contact via
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WA Turf Seminar 2023 Program

| | TITLE | SPEAKER |
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| 08:00 | WELCOME AND SEMINAR INTRODUCTION | Mr DARREN KIRKWOOD CHAIRPERSON, TURF GROWERS ASSOCIATION WA |
| 08:05 | FORMAL OPENING | THE HON REECE WHITBY MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT, CLIMATE ACTION, RACING AND GAMING |
| 08:15 | PASSION CREATES OPPORTUNITY | MATTHEW OLIVER SUNCORP STADIUM QUEENSLAND |
| 09:00 | LEADING WITH EMPATHY | PHIL BEAL TALLOWOOD ADVISORY SERVICES |
| 09:45 | MAJOR SPONSOR PRESENTATION | SIMON BOURNE NUTURF |
| 10:00 | MORNING TEA AND TRADE EXHIBITOR SHOW | |
| 10:30 | REGENERATIVE TURF MANAGEMENT | ROB COOPER LIVING TURF |
| 11:15 | TURF WA - STING NEMATODE FREE TURF CERTIFICATION INITIATIVE | DARREN KIRKWOOD TGAWA |
| 11:30 | IDENTIFYING IRRIGATION AND WETTABILITY ISSUES WITH DRONE TECHNOLOGY | ADRIAN KNAPPING STRI AUSTRALIA |
| 12:15 | CASE STUDY - MINERAL MAGIC | NIC CLAYTON MINERAL MAGIC |
| 12:30 | LUNCH AND TRADE EXHIBITOR SHOW | |
| 1:00 | TRADE SHOW | |
| 2:30 | RAFFLE DRAW | <i>Every delegate receives one raffle ticket upon entry, winners must be present to receive their prize, multiple prizes drawn, great chances to win.</i> |
| 15:00 | SEMINAR CLOSE - THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING | Mr TONY GUY PRESIDENT, SPORTS TURF ASSOCIATION (WA) |



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