



SUSTAINABLE GOLF

At the recent Australian Turfgrass Conference in Hobart, the concept of sustainable golf course management was discussed. Of particular concern were the challenges that golf clubs face in achieving a high level of presentation at a time when budgets and resources are tight. A key example of this was the discussion on bunker maintenance which can account for more than 20% of available maintenance manpower.

Golf courses have never been better conditioned and presented than they have been over the past 5 – 10 years. The high quality of playing surfaces has created a demand and expectation that the golf course will always be in 'perfect condition'. At the same time, climate change, weather extremes, the global economy and environmental pressures are creating new challenges for clubs to maintain these standards. It is a time when the term sustainability has never been more apt. With the pressures of diminishing resources and in particular water, more extreme weather conditions and tightening budgets, golf clubs have to assess what is sustainable. The challenge of maintaining a golf club that is economically, socially and environmentally sustainable is an international issue.

To discuss these issues the AGCSA has invited Steve Isaac, Director – Golf Course Management of The R&A, to participate in a series of seminars on sustainable golf. Steve is responsible for helping to develop and enact The R&A Golf Course Committee's sustainability programme. Steve will also be able to share with us his experiences in other parts of the world as they cope with a changing environment. This is an event that golf club administrators, superintendents and board members must attend if they want to ensure the future viability of their facility.



WHERE: **Melbourne** – Tuesday 8th September
Sydney – Thursday 10th September
Brisbane – Monday 14th September
Adelaide – Thursday 17th September
Perth – Monday 21st September

COST: \$ 88 per person
 \$200 for 3 from one club
 \$ 66 for 4 or more from one club

Expression of Interest

Name/s :

Organisation:

Number to attend from club.....Please send Invoice: Yes / No

Mobile:.....Email:.....

- I will be attending:
- Melbourne** – Tuesday 8th September, TBA
 - Sydney** – Thursday 10th September, ANZ Stadium
 - Brisbane** – Monday 14th September, Nudgee Golf Club
 - Adelaide** – Thursday 17th September, The Grange Golf Club
 - Perth** – Monday 21st September, Mount Lawley Golf Club

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