



Company Profile



SportsTurf Consultants (Aust.) Pty Ltd

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Servicing the Turf Industry

SportsTurf Consultants is Australia's largest independent company specifically orientated towards the provision of technical advice related to construction, management and product development in the recreational turf and horticultural industries.

QUALITY and **PERFORMANCE** are important to us and we adhere to "**best industry practice**" in all aspects. We take pride in our work and are professional in our approach. The sportsturf industry demands a cost-effective and efficient service capable of meeting deadlines. We aim to provide this for all clients.

Our clients come from many areas of the turf and ancillary industries. They include golf, bowls, racing, sports clubs, municipal councils, landscape architects and contractors, project managers, seed and chemical companies and product developers. This diversity ensures that we are current with our ideas and enhances our experience and problem solving skills so that all benefit.

Our consultants have over 100 years combined experience in the turf and horticulture industries. We are current with the latest technologies and research from around the world and incorporate this to ensure our advice is sound and up to date.

While we are Melbourne based we service all of Australia and our skills cover all sporting codes.



The resources of Australia's largest independent turf consultancy company are at your disposal

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Services



Consultancy

- Turf maintenance programs and advice
- On-site inspection and problem solving
- Contract monitoring and turf quality assessment



Construction Planning, Specification & Supervision

- Preparation of specifications and tender documentation
- Assessment of tenders
- Supervision of works



Surface Assessment

- Performance testing of natural and synthetic playing surfaces
 - surface hardness, green speed, infiltration rate etc.
- Risk assessment and safety audits



CAD Surveying and Design

- Survey of an existing area and fixtures for record purposes
- Survey for new construction design levels, Calculation of cut and fill volumes
- Design and set out of an area for drainage or irrigation installation
- Production of 3D picture models for presentation

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Diagnostic Soil, Water & Plant Analysis

- Soil, leaf tissue and water analysis
- Construction soil suitability testing
- Disease, insect and weed identification
- Nematode testing



Research & Product Development

- Industry funded research projects
- Pesticide and fertiliser evaluation for the chemical industry
- Grass cultivar assessment for seed companies



Education & Training

- Seminars, short courses and lecturing
- On-site staff training
- Provision of articles for trade magazines and scientific journals

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Key Personnel



Ron MacCartney
Dip.Agr.Sci., Grad. Dip.Agr.Extn.
Principal

Ron has extensive experience in the selection, nutrition and maintenance of grasses for the turf industry. He has specialist knowledge in the construction and refurbishment of all types of turf facilities including sportsfields, golf courses, bowling greens and racetracks.

Ron has provided specialist consultancy to many organisations throughout Australia. He is also a regular contributor to national turf publications.



Terry Woodcock
B.Agr.Sci (Hons.), Dip.Agr.Sci.
Principal

Terry has a diverse background in research and consultancy; he worked at the Plant Research Institute (1969 - 82) and was Manager of the Turf Research and Advisory Institute (1983 - 92) prior to forming Sportsturf Consultants.

He has a wide consultancy range including all aspects of construction and turf grass management across the industry. Problems solving and preparation of cost effective solutions, related to budget and usage are key skills. Terry has lectured and presented a variety of papers on turf management at International and local conferences



Michael Robinson
B.Agr.Sci (Hons.)

Michael has widespread experience in the testing of natural and synthetic surfaces, soil and water analysis, R&D, computing and statistical analysis. He has conducted numerous contract research trials and product development work for industry including the evaluation of new pesticides, fertilisers, turfgrass varieties and management techniques.

He is a regular speaker at industry seminars and conferences, lectures turf students from apprenticeship to degree level and runs short courses around Australia. Michael has authored two turf books, had papers published in Scientific Journals as well as written numerous articles for Turf magazines.



Key Personnel



David McGeary
B.Agr.Sci., M.Agr.Sci.

David has been a turf consultant since 1989, following on from 8 years as a Research Scientist with the Department of Agriculture.

David has extensive experience in all facets of turf consultancy, with special reference to on-site problems solving, disease diagnosis, golf course and sportsfield audits, construction design, formulation of tenders and construction supervision. David's Australia wide experience brings value to all client services.



Peter Anderson
B.App.Sci. (Hort.), Dip.App.Sci (Hort.)

Peter is actively involved in servicing clients within all sectors of the turf industry as well as providing specialist advice to the landscaping industry, soil suppliers and public & private schools.

Peter's expertise across a range of disciplines in horticulture allows him to provide cost effective solutions where growing conditions are not ideal.



Alan Stobbie
Adv. Cert., (Sports Turf Management), Ass.Dip.Sci., (Sports Turf Management)

Alan has been involved in turf management for over 20 years in Australia, having worked as the head curator at a major grammar school; for a renovation/construction company; at NMIT TAFE College as a teacher and running the turf consultancy section (including CAD survey and design, plan production; contact and specification writing, and Supervision); and finally for a major construction company involved in golf courses, sports ovals, bowling greens and race courses. This gives Alan a wide range of knowledge and experience in all aspects of turf management from the perspective of the client through to the practical needs of the contractor.

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Recent Projects

- **General**

Parks & gardens condition and impact assessment for the Commonwealth Games (City of Melbourne)

Australian National Turfgrass Evaluation Program coordinator for Tall Fescues (2002 – 2005) and Perennial Ryegrass (1997 – 2000)

Surveying and CAD design for Wesley College (Glen Waverley), Hailebury College (Keysborough), Rosanna Bowling Club, Morack Golf Club, Evergreen Turf

Agronomic specifications, problem solving and site investigation for landscapers and engineers – Hassell, Murphy Design Group, GBLA, Mirvac, GHD, Prime Life, J.A. Dodd, Warrandale

Synthetic soccer pitch feasibility study for City of Melbourne and advice to Bowling Clubs on surface selection

- **Golf**

Golf course condition audits:

Morack Golf Course, Brighton Golf Course, Elsternwick Park Golf Course, Sandringham Golf Course, Waverley Public Golf Course, Freeway Golf Club, Oakleigh Golf Course, Yarrambat Golf Club, Goonawarra Golf Club, Murrumbidgee Country Club (ACT)

Specifications for course construction, redevelopment & site investigation:

Morack Golf Course, Eynesbury, Heritage Green (Newcastle), Laguna Quays (QLD), St Andrews Beach

Regular assessment & soil testing:

various clubs including Growling Frog, Portarlington Golf Club, Churchill Park Golf Club, Latrobe Golf Club, Yarra Valley Country Club

- **Racing**

Specialised consultancy & on going maintenance advice:

Royal Randwick Racecourse

Agronomic advice for reconstruction and on going consultancy:

Caulfield & Sandown Racecourses, Flemington Racecourse

Site investigation for reconstruction:

Mowbray & Spreyton Racecourses (Tas.)

Regional seminars and workshops:

Racing Victoria



Recent Projects

- **Sportsfields**

Reconstruction – design, specification & project supervision:

Essendon Football Club (Windy Hill), Ben Frilay Reserve (Hurstbridge), Robert Bruce Reserve (Brimbank), Caulfield Grammar School (Wheelers Hill Campus), Geelong Grammar (Glamorgan), Waverley Park (AFL training ground)

Site assessment & provision of refurbishment options:

Albert Park (Parks Victoria), Viking Park (ACT), Wendouree Oval (Ballarat), Murrumbeena Park (City of Glen Eira), Truemans Road Reserve (Mornington), Grange College (Werribee) and various private and state schools

Ground safety audits and condition assessments:

Hume City Council, Maroondah City Council, Brimbank City Council, City of Yarra, City of Melbourne, Shire of Macedon Ranges, City of Whitehorse, Moonee Valley City Council, City of Glen Eira

Cricket wickets:

Ballarat Cricket Association, City of Bendigo, Korumburra Cricket Club and numerous soil assessments

- **Bowls, Tennis and Croquet**

Design, specification & construction supervision:

Rosanna Bowling Club, Clayton Bowling Club, Essendon Bowling Club, State Croquet Centre (Cairnlea)

Surface assessment of synthetic bowling greens:

Donvale Retirement Village, Rosemont Retirement Village, Edithvale Bowling Club

Assessment and specialist consultancy:

Swan Hill Tennis Club, croquet courts throughout Victoria for VicSport

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