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Dates for your Diary

- 23 August 2018, Turf NSW Annual General Meeting, Windsor NSW
- 23 August 2018, Control of Pest in Turf IPM Workshop, Windsor NSW
- 17-18 September 2018, Australian Regional Development Conference, Tweed Heads NSW
- 10-11 October, Biosecurity Queensland Partners' Forum, Brisbane QLD
- 11-14 October 2018, International Festival of Landscape Architecture, Gold Coast QLD
- 14-17 October 2018, PLA International Parks Congress, Melbourne VIC
- 12-13 November 2018, The International Urban Design Conference, Sydney NSW

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Get on the TRAIL

Want to be part of the Australian Rural Leadership Foundation's Training Rural Australians In Leadership (TRAIL) Emerging Leaders Course?

The turf industry has two funded positions available for the TRAIL course running from October 7-15, valued at \$9000 each.

Applications for funded places is through Turf Australia, please contact admin@turfaustralia.com.au

More information on the course can be found [HERE](#).



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Gold



Women in Turf Conference 2019

Ladies, this one is for you!



Planning is now underway for a conference for women working in turf, whether it be in the office or on the farm. This event will be designed to support, inspire and connect you with other women in our industry to develop a strong community to share ideas with and hear from some great presenters.

Now is your chance to let Turf Australia know what you would like to see at the Women in Turf Conference 2019. Any topics, presenters, activities or suggestions you might have, please email your ideas to admin@turfaustralia.com.au

Silver



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NSW drought assistance available



Growers who are impacted by the extenuating drought conditions in NSW may be able to access drought assistance measures.

For information on drought assistance visit

<https://www.raa.nsw.gov.au/assistance/drought-assistance-fund> or phone the Rural Assistance Authority on 1800 678 593

Hort Innovation news



The latest edition of Hortlink is now live at www.horticulture.com.au/hortlink-2018-edition-2.

Hortlink is released by Hort Innovation quarterly, and provides an update on all new, current and completed levy-funded activity in the Turf industry, along with all of the other horticultural industries. As well as project updates, results and resources, Hortlink also features profiles in the 'Faces of Horticulture' section, industry contacts and more.

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  <p><small>Hort Innovation Strategic Levy Investment</small></p>	<p>This project has been funded by Hort Innovation using the turf research and development levy and funds from the Australian Government. For more information on the fund and strategic levy investment visit horticulture.com.au</p>
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"It is very important growers are part of this production survey to ensure we can gather accurate information about our industry," Turf Australia's Jenny Zadro said.

"Accurate information benefits all growers as it allows the industry to prove its value outside of our own industry ... it can be used to promote our industry, lobby for additional funding and allows us to show in black and white figures how valuable the turf industry is to the Australian and State economies."

The project aims to gather survey responses from all growing areas (metropolitan and regional) and every state to ensure the results are truly representative of the industry. This project aims to gather responses from more than 120 growers to ensure statistically accurate results are produced.



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The turf industry race day was instigated by Pitt Town turf producer Graeme Colless, Dad and Dave's Turf and Evergreen Turf, 10 years ago and has now raised more than \$2 million for the Living Cancer Trust.

More than 600 guests attended the event this year which featured fundraising raffles, silent auctions, and high-profile appearances and performances by the New South Wales State of Origin team, media personality Ray Hadley, and racing identify Ken Callander.

The live auction of items on the day was conducted by Ray Hadley and alone raised in excess of \$100,000.

Some notable sales included a framed saddle used by champion racehorse Winx during her win of the 2018 Cox Plate, which sold for \$50,000; a horse sculpture made from horse shoes by sculptor Stuart Weir (\$10,000) and a boxed bottle of Remy Martin Brandy (\$8500).

The auction of the bottle of Remy Martin Brandy has become an institution of the day and typifies the sentiment of the event. For a number of years, it has been auctioned off for extravagant amounts, only to be donated back to the organisers by the successful bidder and re-auctioned the following year. It alone has accounted for many tens of thousands of dollars of fundraising.

This year the lucky bidder was interstate turf producer Lynne Davidson of Jimboomba Turf in South East Queensland who was more than happy to add to the tradition and after being knocked down as the successful bidder, immediately donated the bottle back for the 2019 event.

Another highlight of the day included a generous offer of race winnings from the Throsby family. Their horse, Karavali, won race five on the day, and the race winnings (almost \$50,000) was donated to the fundraising effort.

Appreciation is extended to the many sponsors of the day, particularly the race sponsors including Living Turf, Dad n Dave's Turf, Southern Cross Turf, Elite Sand & Soil, the SCG Trust, Elite Haulage, Hi Quality Turf and Turf Drain Australia, and the Greenspace Turf Co-op members who volunteered their time to help organise the event.

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Non-members can access these designs for a fee, or by becoming a financial member of Turf Australia. Contact admin@turfaustralia.com.au for more information.

As a reminder to growers why farm safety and machine guarding is important, an online video produced by the National Farmers' Federation, demonstrates a simple four-step process for managing safety risks.

The video identifies the process involves identifying the hazard, assessing the risk, removing or controlling the risk and then reviewing the work. The video and information sheet about the fines which can be imposed for not guarding machinery can be found [HERE](#).



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Conducted by IPM Technologies, the workshop aims to understand what invertebrate pest issues NSW growers are currently dealing with, what control measures are currently being used, and what information growers need about integrated pest management.

The IPM workshop will run from 3pm-5pm and the annual general meeting of Turf NSW will follow immediately after (5pm-6pm) with growers then invited to stay on for a meal in the RSL bistro for a social catch up.

Growers are asked to RSVP their attendance to Matthew Plunkett, Turf NSW IDO ph 0434 147 988 or info@turfnsw.com.au

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The online induction tool allows an employee and employer to sit down and talk through relevant general farm safety processes and understanding of safe work practice on any working farm, including turf.

The online tool can be found [HERE](#).

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Please contact Turf Australia if you and/or your organisation are also interested in sponsoring and supporting our great turf industry.

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I have seen today that T.A has donated \$200â€ to help my wife try and fight for as long as possible this terrible disease. I don't know how you found out about this, but I am absolutely gobsmacked and so thankful that you, as an organisation, thought to have kindly donated. It has been very difficult over the last couple of months, but the love and kindness from others does help and make us feel somewhat better about it all. Whilst the doctors' prognosis is not good, I researched far and wide, and this treatment we are doing in conjunction with conventional treatment makes me feel that I have at least done all I canâ€ so that I canâ€ have my wife here for the important things in life, our twin girls' 18th, their weddings, their grandchildren. Thank you again so much.

If you would like to make a donation, you can do so via the Go Fund Me page, <https://www.gofundme.com/allanahs-fight>

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The revisions to the project arose after the impact of the initially-proposed 42-storey tower and the shading it would cause to the community and experience was considered.

The most significant changes see the retail complex cut to 14,000 square metres, with public space greatly increased to 15,000 square metres and include a Cockle Bay Park area.

This plan will greatly increase Darling Harbour's capacity to host public events, with the area to accommodate up to 20,000 people for large events such as New Year's Eve, VIVID and Chinese New Year.

Cockle Bay Park will be a key community space, as the only green area in the Darling Harbour waterfront.

To read the full story click [HERE](#).

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