

## Women In Turf Registrations - STILL TIME TO BOOK



There is still time to book for the inaugural Women In Turf event being held at Sydney's magnificent Coogee Beach on March 24 and 25.

We have a full program of speakers and interactive sessions designed to build knowledge, skills, networks and friendships within the women of the turf industry.

[CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION AND THE PROGRAM](#)

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

## Dates for your Diary

**24-25 March 2019**, Turf Australia Women in Turf Conference, Coogee, NSW

**27-31 March 2019**, Melbourne Flower & Garden Show, Melbourne, VIC

**1-2 April 2019**, National Sustainability Conference, Brisbane, QLD

**1-2 May 2019**, Green Industry Growing Leaders (Part 1), Sydney, NSW

**19-21 May 2019**, Turfbreed Conference, Hunter Valley, NSW

**30-31 May 2019**, Turf Australia National Conference and Field Day, Sydney Olympic Park, NSW

**1 June 2019**, Turf Charity Race Day, Rosehill, NSW

**18-20 June 2019**, Landscape Irrigation Conference & Exhibition, Gold Coast, QLD

**24-28 June 2019**, Asia Pacific Turfgrass Conference, Brisbane, QLD

**15-16 July 2019**, Lawn Solutions Aust Conference, Sydney, NSW

**28-30 July 2019**, Turf Australia NxGen Forum, SA

**1-2 August 2019**, Green

## Farewell Noel Ferris

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## Landscape Irrigation Conference - June 2019

**Message from Bryan Ward, Chief Executive Officer, Irrigation Australia:**

"It is my pleasure to invite you to Landscape Irrigation Conference & Exhibition 2019, which will be held at the Gold Coast Convention and Exhibition Centre from Tuesday 18th to Thursday 20th June 2019.

Irrigation Australia extends a warm welcome to our members and those from allied industry associations that have an interest in the efficient use of water in urban irrigation.

Irrigation Australia is delighted to announce that Nursery & Garden Industry Australia (NGIA), Turf Australia (TA) and Landscape Queensland Industries Association (LQIA) will be event partners for the Landscape Irrigation Conference & Exhibition.

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## Hort Innovations releases 2017/18 Hort Stats Handbook

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Horticulture Innovation have released the 2017/18 Hort Stats Handbook, stating that it is 'THE MOST comprehensive and contemporary data available on all sectors of the Australian horticulture industry is now available through the release of the 2017/18 Horticulture Statistics Handbook.'

The Handbook features information drawn from several supply chain and trade sources and it includes data on more than 70 horticultural products including fruit, nuts, vegetables, nursery, turf and cut flowers.

[Click here to read more](#)

## AusGAP - Platinum Sponsors of Turf Australia



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## Turf Manager Position

Industry Growing Leaders  
(Part 2), Brisbane, QLD

**12-13 August 2019**, Liveable Cities Conference, Adelaide, SA

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Top End Turf is seeking an experienced, motivated hands on turf manager to join our team.



Top End Turf is part of a mixed cattle, hay and turf farm in the Douglas Daly, which is a social farming community 2 hours south of Darwin located between the Douglas and Daly Rivers (yes that means weekend fishing if you're not swimming at the Douglas Daly Hot Springs next door).

CLICK HERE to find out more about this position

## Last chance to have your say in Hort Innovation planning

The final workshops for growers to have a voice in the development of Hort Innovation's new strategic plan, are being held on the following dates:

- Darwin, NT - 18 March
- Mareeba, QLD - 21 March
- Bowen, QLD - 22 March
- Mildura, VIC - 25 March
- Loxton, SA - 26 March
- Adelaide Hills SA - 27 March
- Sunshine Coast, QLD -2 April
- Grove, TAS -4 April



For more information on the workshops [CLICK HERE](#)

The outcomes of these workshops will be integrated into the development of the new Hort Innovation Strategic Plan, to be released mid-2019.

There is also the opportunity to provide comment via the website.

## 2019 industry events for all growers and businesses!



Turf Australia has hit the ground running in 2019 with the planning for its three big industry events well underway. This year's events are aimed at providing informative programs for all people who work in turf businesses.

**Women in Turf event:** March 24 – 25, Coogee Beach, Sydney.

**Turf Australia National Conference:** May 30 – June 1, Sydney.

**NxGen Forum:** July 28 – 30, Adelaide Hills, South Australia.

Note down these dates and keep an eye out on Turf Australia's facebook page ([www.facebook.com/turfaustralia](http://www.facebook.com/turfaustralia)), the website ([www.turfaustralia.com.au](http://www.turfaustralia.com.au)) and future editions of the eNews bulletin for presenter, venue and registration information.



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](http://horticulture.com.au)



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*FERRIS NOEL Tragically Taken*  
*26th February 2019 of Mandalong, NSW Aged 77 Years*

*Adored husband of Anne, precious father and father-in-law of Terina and Mark, Brenden, Latecia and treasured grandad of Calissa and Ember. Dearest brother-in-law of Lyal and Roma, Marie and Bob and their families.*

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To further see the success of Sir Grange in the golf world, 35 LSA members will take off to Thailand and Vietnam to inspect new Sir Grange golf courses designed by the likes of Tiger Woods, Greg Norman and Peter Thompson. Whilst Sir Grange has already taken off as a superior golf course variety around the world, it is starting to gain serious momentum in Australia and can be found on Killara GC, Boon Doon GC, Teven Valley GC, Indooroopilly GC and the Catalina Country Club just to name a few.

LSA's other new variety, TifTuf, is also making great inroads in the Australian turf market and will soon have the first NRL game played on TifTuf anywhere in the world when the Tigers take on the Bulldogs at Campbelltown Stadium. LSA members now have more than 1,000,000m<sup>2</sup> of TifTuf in production being produced to the highest AusGAP standards, perfect for use on sports fields!

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The annual system audit and farm inspections ensure the turf producers licenced under AusGAP are ITGAP compliant and the grasses involved in this transpacific certification program are in fact genetically pure and meet the certification standards. Billy Skaggs and Bill Carraway spent a week with AusGAP General Manager Nick Dorney travelling in Queensland, New South Wales and Victoria to carry out on farm inspections and staff training.

“The participation and enthusiasm shown by the AusGAP growers in Australia has been amazing and I am pleased to say that the standard of the farms over here is comparable to the best producers in the states.” Billy Skaggs commented.

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