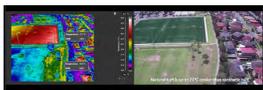




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Growers keen to see how the industry's levy funds have been allocated can now access the 2017-2018 Turf Levy fund annual report.

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The overview shows project expenditure and allocation of funds across a broad range of research and development projects, and strategic collaboration projects across industry which benefit turf growers.

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A plan to 'homify' a drab concrete community space in Canberra will see natural turf installed into the nation's capital.

The Woden Square project began earlier this year with a 6-week discovery session where the existing Woden Park area had a pop-up park installed (with natural turf) and a survey of users and local residents about their current feelings towards, and aspirations for, the community space.

The artist's impression of how a transformed area could look will see natural turf used to increase the usability of the area for people of all ages.

<http://streetfurniture.com/au/wodenexperiment-discovery-report-now/>



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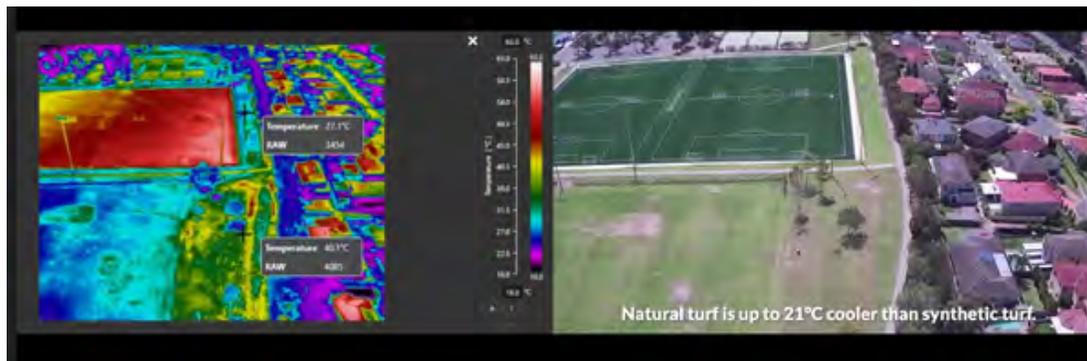
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The results of this work mean there is now an up-to-date, short video available to Turf Australia and its growers, that can be shared around our industry networks to clearly show what the industry has been championing from some time. It also means Turf Australia has an additional bank of images to use.

The images will feature in the next Turf Australia industry magazine (Summer edition distributed in January 2019) and will also be used to create excellent industry resources to promote natural turf. These resources will be available for growers, and will be used by Turf Australia in its promotion of the industry.

You can find the video online on the Turf Australia website [HERE](#).

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Turf Australia and the state turf bodies completed the surveying in October and early November and the data will be analysed by Mind Tap Research.

Those growers who participated will receive individual benchmarking reports in the post directly from Mind Tap Research, early in 2019.

The national industry data will be made publicly available early in 2019. This data should allow Turf Australia, Hort Innovation and growers in the industry, to better promote the benefits of the industry economically and strategically invest in the industry – either at a grass roots business level or across the industry nationally.

This *Turf Industry Statistics 2017-2018 to 2019-2020* (TU17005) project is a strategic levy investment under the Hort Innovation Turf Fund, using the turf research and development levy and contributions from the Australian Government. Hort Innovation is the grower owned, not-for-profit research and development corporation for Australian horticulture.

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The day will include demonstrations of the Air2G2, hybrid mower, recycled top dresser, robotic line marker, moisture indications and Nano Bubble technology.

While the program is still being finalised, there will also be an education session on ground pearl which is becoming a big issue for sports fields, golf courses and bowling clubs.

There is also the offer of 'bring your boss for free', so employees can bring along someone on the management team, board or committee member, as an ideal way to show them the benefits of investing in new technologies.

Morning tea and lunch will be provided.

Free online registration can be completed here: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/sta-nsw-innovation-science-field-day-registration-49678654192>

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Around 400 people attended LawnFest at GoTurf run by the Australian Lawn Fanatics in Qld, which also benefitted from national exposure on the Weekend Today live weather crosses every hour and an attempt at a world recorded for the largest number of people mowing at the one time.

In WA, homeowner desire to keep their much-loved back lawn prompted about 750 people to come along to the WA Lawn Expo, run by the Turf Growers Association of WA, which was much about lawn promotion as it was about learning how to manage lawn with limited water resources.

An excellent turn-out of 50 sports turf managers and landscapers at the Turf NSW Grass Roots Field day has ensure they left the day with a better understanding of the production of the turf they spend their days maintaining.



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As the industry comes out of winter dormancy South East Queensland is feeling the pinch for couch and Sydney for buffalo.

Steve said that "Under these circumstances, every other agricultural industry would adjust their pricing. All growers should maximise this opportunity and extract the full value out of the market place whilst supplies are low," he stressed.

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There are group feedback sessions where growers can join a conference call with others at set times, or individual over-the-phone feedback sessions that can be arranged with a large degree of flexibility.

One-on-one phone sessions can be organised for virtually any time between now and early December.

For more information, contact Jennifer Jones at Deakin University on 03 9246 8383 (dial the extension 95216 when prompted) or at [jennifer.jones@deakin.edu.au](mailto:jennifer.jones@deakin.edu.au), or contact Rose Elphick-Darling 03 9246 8810 or at [rose.elphickdarling@deakin.edu.au](mailto:rose.elphickdarling@deakin.edu.au).

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