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AUSTRALIAN IRRIGATION EXHIBITION TURF & OPEN SPACE MANAGERS & GROWERS SHOULD BE THERE

There have been many developments in water application solutions for turf over the past two years. At the Australian Irrigation Exhibition in Sydney in June open space and professional turf managers will find all the new products and technology under one roof.

The Exhibition will be held in Sydney in June as part of the biennial Australian Irrigation Conference & Exhibition, the largest event of its kind in the southern hemisphere. For sports field and turf managers the Exhibition is a must visit destination. **You don't have to be a conference attendee to visit the Irrigation Expo.** It's open to all, free, and will feature over 100 companies from Australia and overseas showcasing a vast range of irrigation equipment, technology and knowledge. The latest products and solutions will be displayed and staff at the stands will be there to discuss your irrigation and water management needs.

Companies displaying products and technology of particular interest to turf specialists include Toro Australia, which regularly has one of the largest stands at the Expo and this year will be no exception. Their urban sector display will specifically target staff from councils, commercial parks and gardens and golf courses and domestic landscapers. New products on show will include their Precision Series Spray Nozzles with a 25mm/hr precipitation rate that ensures that water is applied slowly and evenly to help irrigation professionals eliminate run-off and reduce water bills. Nelson Australia's focus is to provide complete water application solutions to all sectors by distributing two brands, and they will be displaying products from their own brand specialising in residential, commercial, turf and golf irrigation and the newly acquired Hunter's Golf range including the new and improved Ultra sprinklers and advanced controller technology.

Two of the Exhibition 1½ -2 hour workshops are directly designed for turf managers. **Getting the best playing surface possible** will address how to get the best surface with the available resource, with a focus on irrigation management. The workshop on **alternative water sources for sports fields and parks** will involve a presenter from Ku-ring-gai Municipal Council which has been one of the most proactive Councils on water harvesting and sustainability within the greater Sydney basin, with experience from the very simple through to stormwater harvesting and a sewer mining golf project.

The Conference theme *One Water Many Futures* will look to the future of irrigation and its role in food and fibre production, in our lifestyles and in its interaction with the environment as the irrigation industry undergoes a transformation in policy and practice. Conference sessions covering topics on urban irrigation, alternative water sources, managing environmental water and competing water demands in peri-urban areas will cater most directly for open space and turf managers plus turf growers, but a host of topics in other streams will also be directly relevant.

What: Australian Irrigation Conference & Exhibition 2010
When: 8-10 June 2010
Where: Sydney Convention & Exhibition Centre, Darling Harbour
Registration & more info: www.irrigationaustralia.com.au