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The Empire Golf & Country Club



World-Class Turf Solutions for Kai Tak Stadium's Grand Opening

The "Crown Jewel" on the new Kai Tak Sports Park, the Kai Tak Stadium, recently opened having their first rugby event. In the week before this event, their advanced Lay & Play turf system was installed using the I-Trac system to protect the artificial turf surface.



I-Trac is fast becoming the temporary matting system of choice by event & concert promoters worldwide to protect sensitive surfaces, either natural or artificial turf indoors or outdoors.

We also supplied 9 SGL LED440's and LED50's with the exclusion of infra-red. This highly advanced LED grow lighting system will provide sufficient light to help maintain a world-class surface in such a challenging environment. The LED grow lights are finely tuned to adapt to Hong Kong's seasonal changes, ensuring top-notch turf quality while consuming minimal energy.



Progressing delivery of turf maintenance equipment to Kai Tak Sports Park in Hong Kong.

Since October 2024, we have been delivering dedicated equipment to Kai Tak. Including the Kioti tractor, Sidekick Aligner, KWMI installer and Infinicut cylinder mower (FX34).

The Infinicut FX34 is equipped with a 60Ah lithium battery which allows it to mow at least one standard soccer field. Other features such as Infini-App and on-board backlapping are also user-friendly.

Most importantly, it could be one of the most maneuverable 34" walk-behind mowers on the market.



Seletar Country Club Receives New Air2G2 for Turf Management

Seletar Country Club recently started using the Air2G2, a tool that helps improve soil health and strengthen turf. It works by injecting air into the ground to boost oxygen levels, support root growth, and improve drainage. This makes the turf healthier and more resilient, all without causing much disruption to the surface.

A big thank you to Nick Brown from Campey Turf Care Systems for traveling to Singapore to assist with operator training, alongside Tanner Kelder, Centaur Asia Pacific's dedicated Product Support Specialist.



Selectline Easyliner Delivered to Hong Kong Sports Ground



We recently delivered the Selectline Easyliner to a sports ground in Hong Kong, and our client has been satisfied with its ease of use and performance. Paired with our ready-to-use paints, Selectline Direct and Selectline Ready Fit, the Easyliner offers an efficient and reliable solution for line marking.

The machine is simple to operate—just place the paint jug on the machine, insert the suction tube, and press a button to start. A full battery charge, which takes 10 to 12 hours, allows the Easyliner to mark up to 4 or 5 football pitches, making it a practical and time-saving tool.

Unlike traditional wheel line markers, the Easyliner consistently produces bright, sharp, and durable lines, even in challenging conditions like wet grass after rain.



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Centaur Asia Pacific Appointed as Official Distributor of Profile Products in Australia

Centaur Asia Pacific is excited to announce its appointment as the official distributor for Profile Products in the Golf and Sports Turf markets across Australia. This partnership aligns with our shared mission to deliver cutting-edge solutions for turf management, and we look forward to bringing Profile's advanced products to customers across the region.

To kick off this collaboration, Waterford Valley Golf Club in Melbourne hosted the first Australian installation using Profile's Porous Ceramic (PPC) technology with the revolutionary DryJect machine. This event highlighted how the combination of PPC and DryJect enhances turf health while minimizing downtime when compared to other renovation methods.

The DryJect machine—now distributed by Centaur Asia Pacific—represents a breakthrough in turf renovation. Using high-pressure water, it fractures the soil and creates 300mm-deep channels in the rootzone, improving gas exchange and water infiltration. Unlike traditional methods, DryJect can inject sand or amendments directly into these channels, eliminating the need for full-surface topdressing and allowing greens to return to play within hours.

DryJect is already used on 51 of the Top 100 Golf Courses in the USA, and it's now available to Australian courses, thanks to Centaur Asia Pacific. This efficient system reduces disruptions and enables superintendents to manage greens more effectively. Superintendants are amazed that they are mowing their greens at regular height within hours of using the DryJect, as opposed to days with traditional methods.

At Waterford Valley, Course Superintendent Tom Smith amended the greens with Profile PPC. This material greatly enhances air porosity and water retention, providing essential support as the course prepares for the upcoming summer season, which is predicted to be one of the hottest summers in Victoria. "With DryJect and PPC, our greens were ready to play in 24 hours," said Smith. "It's a huge improvement over traditional hollow coring methods."

The event at Waterford Valley brought together John Maddock, President of DryJect, and Matt Majernik, Manufacturing Manager, to provide hands-on training for Waterford Valley staff and visiting turf managers. Participants saw firsthand how DryJect and Profile PPC work together to enhance turf quality with minimal impact on playability.

"This partnership showcases the benefits of combining advanced renovation technology with smart soil solutions," said Maddock. "We are excited to see Centaur Asia Pacific introduce these innovations to Australian golf and sports turf facilities."

Centaur Asia-Pacific expresses gratitude to Waterford Valley Golf Club for their hospitality and support during the event. This collaboration marks the beginning of many exciting opportunities to revolutionize turf management across the region.

The partnership between Centaur Asia-Pacific and Profile Products offers Australian turf managers access to innovative solutions that improve greens from the inside out. By leveraging the combined benefits of DryJect and Profile PPC, we ensure healthier turf with minimal downtime.



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Surfers Paradise Golf Club Upgrades Greens with Hydrowick Drainage System

Surfers Paradise Golf Club on the Gold Coast, Australia, has incorporated Centaur Asia Pacific's revolutionary Hydrowick drainage system into two newly renovated greens. Known for its clean, efficient, and cost-effective installation using the patented Hydrowick Sandbander, this innovative system is transforming the approach to green construction.

Replacing traditional USGA drainage methods, the Hydrowick system eliminates the need for gravel layers, perforated drainage pipes, and trenches. Instead, the hand-laid Hydrowick drainage element is placed directly on the sub-grade, similar to the "California Method" for greens, offering enhanced efficiency and performance.



Quick and Efficient Hydrowick Installation at Sanctuary Cove Golf Course

As Queensland's wet season approaches, Centaur Team Australia, in collaboration with the Sanctuary Cove Golf Course team, successfully installed Hydrowick drainage on Monday, the 11th.

The project aimed to tackle wet areas and puddles on the apron of hole 9. Work started in the morning and was completed by the afternoon, with minimal disruption to the surface. Thanks to Hydrowick's efficient installation method, the hole was open for play the very next day!



A big thank you to Cameron Smith and the Sanctuary Cove team for their support in making this installation a success. We look forward to returning to address more wet areas in the future!



Another Successful Project Completed!

Team Centaur Australia wrapped up a Hydrowick drainage installation at Mount Coolum Golf Club on Queensland's stunning Sunshine Coast, and the results speak for themselves.



Superintendent Todd McNamee tested the system the day after installation by flooding the area with irrigation and was thrilled with the outcome: "In about 15 minutes, it was all dry when normally it would stay wet with water sitting on the surface for a long time. A no-brainer for me. No disruption to golf is the winner and done in half a day."

This is efficient drainage in action! A big thank-you to Todd and his team at Mount Coolum Golf Club for their support and collaboration.





Empire Brunei Country Club Completes Greens and Bunkers Renovation with Advanced Solutions

The Empire Brunei Country Club has successfully completed a major renovation of its greens and greenside bunkers, elevating the course's playability, durability, and aesthetics. The renovation incorporated innovative technologies, including Profile Porous Ceramics (PPC) for the greens and CapillaryFlow liners with EcoBunker edging for the bunkers. These upgrades ensure a superior golfing experience while reducing long-term maintenance needs.



The bunker renovation featured CapillaryFlow technology, which provides exceptional drainage and moisture retention, ensuring the sand remains playable during heavy rain. EcoBunker edging, made from recycled materials, enhances both the durability and appearance of the bunkers, resisting erosion and wear. These improvements, praised by Superintendent Mark Bateman, are set to enhance the course experience for years to come.

Back to school at TAFE Queensland for Hands-On Training

Centaur Asia Pacific returned to TAFE Queensland, Grovely Campus, to demonstrate the installation of CapillaryFlow to students in the Construction unit.



Colin Coles and Simon Parker from Centaur Australia guided the students through the process of installing CapillaryFlow and explained the benefits of using Capillary Material in bunkers. The students had the chance to apply what they learned by installing the product themselves.

A big thank you to teachers Steve Buttigieg, Eddie Bennett, and Tim Collins for their support. Centaur looks forward to collaborating with the Grovely Campus team on future training opportunities.

Supporting the industry with the Asian Golf Industry Federation Conference 2024

Centaur Asia Pacific was proud to sponsor the Asian Golf Industry Federation (AGIF) Kuala Lumpur Conference 2024, held on October 23-24 in Malaysia. This sponsorship reflects our ongoing commitment to the golf industry and our dedication to supporting AGIF's efforts in advancing the sector.

It was a pleasure to see attendees and panel members engage in meaningful discussions, exchanging ideas and insights that will shape the future of the industry. Centaur remains committed to driving innovation and collaboration within the golfing community.



Cairns Golf Club Expands with Four New CapillaryFlow Bunkers

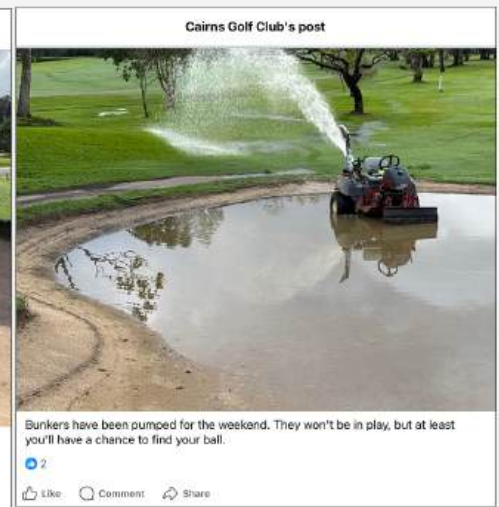
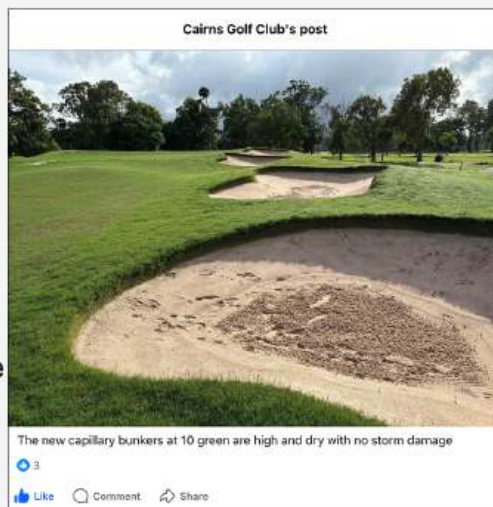
Cairns Golf Club has expanded its CapillaryFlow Bunkers and EcoBunker edges with the addition of four new bunkers on the 10th hole. Designed by David Burrup and installed by the Cairns maintenance team, the project was completed with support and supervision from the Centaur Asia Pacific team. By utilising in-house staff for installation, the club has made achieving top-quality bunkers more affordable than ever.



The Key to Storm-Resilient Golf Courses

Storms can be devastating for golf courses, but CapillaryFlow bunker liners keep your bunkers in peak condition, regardless of the weather. Traditional bunkers often flood and become unplayable after heavy rainfall, but CapillaryFlow's advanced drainage system ensures they stay dry, durable, and always ready for play.

CapillaryFlow bunker liners offer multiple advantages beyond storm resilience. By minimising sand washouts and preventing contamination from underlying soil, they significantly reduce repair time and costs. Golfers benefit from consistently high-quality bunkers, while maintenance teams save valuable time with a streamlined upkeep process.



Federal Golf Club Enhances Course with CapillaryFlow Bunker System



Federal Golf Club in Canberra has undertaken a significant bunker improvement program to address heavy rain and labour-intensive washouts. With design input from Crafter and Mogford Golf Strategies and installation support from Golf Spectrum, five new bunkers featuring CapillaryFlow technology have been added, earning praise from members for their performance.

Capillary Bunker Liners efficiently drain excess water while maintaining optimal moisture levels, ensuring consistent playability and reducing maintenance needs.

The addition of Capillary Wash Boxes further simplifies upkeep by allowing sand cleaning instead of replacement. With a 15-year warranty, the system offers long-term savings and a return on investment within five years.

Centaur Enhances Bunkers at Duntryleague Orange with CapillaryFlow

Centaur was thrilled to contribute to the bunker rejuvenation program at Duntryleague Orange. Over two days, we installed 25m³ of our patented Capillary Material mix, helping the club achieve greater consistency across their bunkers.

Duntryleague is committed to ensuring their bunkers remain playable after heavy rain, making CapillaryFlow the ideal choice. With support from shaper Marc Lavermicocca and the dedicated Duntryleague greenkeeping team, the results have been outstanding. We look forward to partnering on more projects in the future!



Supporting Turf Education: SCTMA Seminar Sponsorship

The Jockey Club Kau Sai Chau Public Golf Course Limited, Asian Sportsturf/Birkdale Limited, and Centaur Asia Pacific (HK) Limited recently sponsored an educational seminar organized by the South China Turf Management Association (SCTMA). The seminar featured insightful presentations from Peter Kirby and Tim Kennedy of Indigo Specialty Products on Disease Management, Weed & Pest Management, and Stuart Morton of BioCycle (HK) Ltd, who discussed Sand Wasps & Termites.

All attendees enjoyed this seminar so much, with knowledgeable information and new technologies on turf management



Wrapping Up Centaur Asia Pacific's 21st Anniversary Celebration



As 2024 came to a close, Centaur Asia Pacific proudly wrapped up our 21st birthday celebrations. The year was a remarkable milestone, marking over two decades of innovation, growth, and strong partnerships in the golf and turf industry. Our journey from humble beginnings to becoming a trusted provider of cutting-edge solutions was a testament to the hard work and dedication of our team, as well as the unwavering support of our clients.

We extend a sincere thank you to all our clients, partners, and friends who have been part of this journey. Your trust and collaboration were essential to our success. It was a privilege to work with such a passionate and dedicated network, helping to enhance golf courses and turf management across the region.

Looking ahead, Centaur Asia Pacific remains committed to continuing the legacy of excellence we've built over the past 21 years. We're excited for the future and look forward to fostering even stronger relationships and delivering innovative solutions in the years to come.

Thank you once again for your ongoing support throughout this special year!

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