

# A Champion Turf



- ✓ Safe Cushioning Surface
- ✓ All year round performer
- ✓ Recovers quickly from wear



**Village Green**  
TURFGRASS FOR THE FUTURE

# You're on the right track

Appearing on racetracks throughout Australia, Village Green has quickly become a favourite among Track Managers around the country.

Village Green is a high performance turf like no other. Selected in Australia for Australian conditions, it's a tough, hard-wearing premium turf, ideally suited to the demanding pressures of the racing industry.

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It's hardy and has a soft, dense and quick-repairing cover. It is drought and cold tolerant, maintaining its colour and growth long into the winter – literally a turf for all seasons.

Consider the outstanding features that make its use on racetracks a sure thing:

## SAFE CUSHIONING SURFACE

- Village Green has a much shorter internode length (up to 40%) that makes it unlike any other Kikuyu. Shorter Internode spacing makes for a tighter and much more dense thatch, matt, runner and leaf cover - increasing the cushioning effect of the surface.
- Village Green can be maintained at a lower height for a faster racing surface.
- Village Green's stronger cover and root system means there's less "chopping-up", providing a safer surface with rapid divot recovery.

## RECOVERS QUICKLY FROM WEAR

- Village Green's higher density and quicker growth rate gives it the ability to resist damage and recover quickly from wear.
- Village Green has a longer growing season and holds together better during cooler months - less need to oversow.

## ALL YEAR ROUND PERFORMER

- Village Green remains active all year round and maintains its colour, even at differing mowing heights.
- Experience from the field to date shows that fertiliser, herbicide and watering inputs can be significantly reduced compared to other varieties
- The massive root system and tighter cover gives added protection for extremes of weather conditions and weed invasion.

Wherever you're racing you can't beat a proven performer like Village Green. For better cushioning performance, improved wear, quicker recovery and a deeper, consistent colour - you're on the right track with Village Green.

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## What they are **saying**

Village Green has quickly become the champion of many Track Managers throughout the country.

Improved wear-resistance, quicker recovery and better winter growth and colour are being validated by on-the-ground testimony Australia-wide.

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### Royal Randwick Racecourse, NSW

*"We've certainly seen what can only be described as dramatic establishment,"* says Nevesh Ramdhani, Royal Randwick Racecourse Manager, of the newly completed Kensington Track.

*Village Green is "a freak of a grass". "I've never seen anything quite like it, and its vigorous growth and cushioning will allow us to race at a much lower height than normal."*

Nevesh's comments are fairly standard amongst those working with the Village Green variety so far. Apart from the colour-holding attributes, it's the shorter internode length – almost half that of normal Kikuyu, as well as literally double the root mass that makes the difference.

### Bunbury Racecourse, WA

Kim Wallace, Track Manager at Bunbury Turf Club, speaks highly of Village Green's other attributes.

*"We've been working with Village Green for a couple of years now, and I can say that from a track-management and racing point-of-view that our decision to go with this variety is one of the better things we've done,"* says Kim.

*"We're racing at a shorter length, our fertiliser inputs are a lot less, and cushioning is really evident by a lot less divot work after each race; I'd say around half of what it was before, maybe more!"*

Another significant feature that probably goes unnoticed by many, says Kim, is the consistency in colour with the variety.

*"Both before and after mowing there's not much colour difference and you get consistency for the entire track. Apart from appearance, it's an important aspect as well for safety in racing, for both horses and jockeys,"* explains Kim.

### Yarra Valley Racecourse, VIC

Yarra Valley Race Track Manager Matt Clark is encouraged by the improvements he's seen since installation.

*"The new surface has been down just on 12 months now - we weren't expecting too much initially and were surprised at the grow-in rate; the establishment was certainly quicker than expected,"* says Matt.

*"We're finding that we can steer away from oversowing, we're fertilising a lot less, it's pretty-much weed free and we can prepare the surface to racing-condition at a lower height".*

**Isn't it time to add your name to the growing list of professionals excited by the use of Village Green!**

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Comparative trial work demonstrates the advantages **Village Green** has over common Kikuyu.

Features	Common Kikuyu	Village Green	The Village Green Advantage
Total Root Length	450mm	930mm	Double the root volume for more efficient uptake of nutrient and water <i>See Image # 9</i>
Stolon Thickness	3.4mm	4.4mm	30% thicker stolons for greater sod strength and better survival <i>See Image # 10</i>
Internode length	77mm	43mm	45% shorter internode length for higher density <i>See Image # 10</i>
Winter colour	2.8 rating	5.0 rating	Improved winter colour for year 'round quality <i>See Image # 11</i>

## Village Green

now racing at...

- Royal Randwick Racecourse, NSW
- Yarra Valley Racecourse, VIC
- Moe Racecourse, Moe, VIC
- Mornington Racecourse, VIC
- Bunbury Racecourse, WA
- Gawler Training Track, SA



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9. Massive root system 10. Village Green runner versus common kikuyu 11. Close up of Bunbury Racecourse, Village Green on the left, common Kikuyu on the right 12. New mounting yard at Royal Randwick Racecourse.