

HAWTHORN MALVERN HOCKEY CENTRE PTY LTD

(Trustee of the Hawthorn Malvern Hockey Centre Unit Trust)

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Over the Christmas break, between the Winter season and the 2010 start of the Summer season, Grassports Australia installed a new surface on our H1 ground in Auburn Road.

The Board of the Hockey Centre, comprising of 3 Directors each from the Toorak East Malvern and Hawthorn Hockey Clubs, spent a great deal of time interviewing and researching the appropriate new surface for our ground.

Prime consideration obviously was cost, but equally we were keen for a quality surface that would provide a genuine water based field, but without the water.

Whilst we took calls from many installers and manufacturers, in the end, we in depth, went into 3 tenders, personally interviewing them all, and spending a month examining their proposals. Grassports Australia, with a hybrid turf sourced from STI, based in Dandenong, won the tender.

A couple of Directors were still nervous that we had not made the right choice. This is always the case when one makes a decision about a purchase that is worth nearly \$500,000.00, and on behalf of many members of both clubs.

I can say, without reservation, that we are not only satisfied, we are proud and pleased as punch with the end result.

The ground looks sensational, we have had no complaints at all from any players, our own or opposition players, about the way it plays.

Given the fact that initially it was laid in a drought situation, where bedding down of sand can be difficult, and the play of the ground can therefore be difficult, this is truly a great feat.

There has been no creeping of the lines, almost no initial breakdown of seams or construction of the surface, only a couple of minor faults to correct, in the first year. This is way above our expectations.

The surface has been laid now for almost 12 months, yet we still get compliments from both opposition players and players from our own club.

A neighbouring club, Camberwell, currently is looking to replace the surface on their ground. Given our experience, the Directors at HMHC just cannot see what their hold up is. At present we would be of the opinion that the surface we have installed has no peer, and the installer has no peer at the present time.

Yours faithfully,

*Peter C Lugg
Director
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