

Croquet: Maintaining Lawns

Zoom workshop: 1800 Wed 2 December 2020

- **Welcome & rules for the next hour
– Kate McLoughlin (CNSW Board)**
- **Introduction – Peter Freer**
- **4 x 10 minute presentations**
- **15 minutes of Question & Answer**
- **Ideas for future Zoom sessions?**

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Issues include:

- **hire professionals or do it yourself?**
- **annual renovation – when, how & how expensive?**
Compaction/drainage?
- **watering – how often & how?**
- **fertilizer – what, when & how?**
- **weeds – identifying/anticipating. What to do & when? Who does any spraying?**
- **ants, beetles & grubs – what to use & when? Who does spraying?**
- **mowing – how often? How low? Target lawn speed?**
- **rolling – helpful or waste of time?**
- **ball barriers – which is best & what impact on the grass?**

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- **line marking – paint, string, diesel, copper or plastic strip?
Equipment? Which paint?**
- **when to move hoops (rabbit runs & loose hoop holes)? Swing or move? How?**
- **vandalism – concerns & solutions?**
- **finances/budget mainly for updating and replacement of existing equipment.**
- **type of equipment - domestic versus commercial.**
- **battery technology over petrol motors.**
- **Equipment maintenance and yearly servicing.**
- **sharing of equipment.**
- **how to get more out of club volunteers.**
- **what else?**

Four Presentations - addressing the above issues but each with a particular emphasis:

- **Rob Elliott – Cooks River Croquet Club (Tempe)
(preparing national level lawns)**
- **Ben Vang – Dubbo Croquet Club
(artificial turf courts)**
- **Ralph Richardson – Canberra Croquet Club
(dealing with contract greenkeepers)**
- **Kevin Davies & Chris Williamson
– Toronto Croquet Club
(sharing lawns with other sports)**