## **International Turf Maintenance and Client Demands**

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International events on the World Stage take years of planning and building relationships to make them run like a well-oiled machine. The maintenance of turf and the client demands are no different. I will take you through my experiences of what is involved to plan, maintain and prepare international venues for World Cups and other Sporting and non-sporting events.

Bio

In 1991 I started my turf career as an apprentice working for the Richmond Football and Cricket clubs at the old Punt Road Oval, this also Included 8 years as Turf Manager. I was then Assistant Arena manager at the now Marvel Stadium for 9 years, overseeing many international and other domestic events. In 2010 I became the Sports field Coordinator for the Melbourne & Olympic Parks Trust at AAMI Park where I remain now. I have also recently consulted for the AFC, World Rugby but most notably FIFA for the 2014 Soccer World Cup in Brazil.