

CASE STUDY: 02

KERRY EMERY OVAL CRICKET WICKETS, QLD



IRONCUTTER®
ELITE HYBRID BERMUDAGRASS



When performance matters

Tough turf. Low input. Real results. IronCutter® Elite Hybrid Bermudagrass proves its strength on the cricket wickets at Kerry Emery Oval. Less maintenance. Better cricket.

BACKGROUND

Kerry Emery Oval, situated in Maroochydore on Queensland's Sunshine Coast, serves as the home ground for the Sunshine Coast Scorchers, participants in the Queensland Premier Cricket competition. The choice to install **IronCutter® Elite Hybrid Bermudagrass** on the oval's cricket wickets

demonstrates a commitment to offering players a consistently high-quality and durable playing surface, in-line with contemporary standards for playability. This decision reflects the broader emphasis on effective cricket wicket maintenance and advanced turf solutions at sports venues such as Kerry Emery Oval.

TESTIMONIAL

NICK SELMAN – CURATOR,
SUNSHINE COAST SCORCHERS

"The regrowth and recovery and being able to use it 3 weeks after using it after an extensive period has been unreal! I'm looking forward to working more with this grass in the future."

WEARABILITY

- Foot holes are coming back quick, within 2-3 weeks. Cricket wickets are being able to be made constantly on the deck for a period of 3-4 months season.
- Between 4-5 games are being played on the wicket for the season, compared with the other wickets on average 1-2 games with full recovery.
- In total there is a 21-day turnaround with the wickets – use: recovery: use again.

KEY FEATURES

LOW MAINTENANCE (COMPARISON TO WINTERGREEN):

- Less maintenance in-regards-to grooming and verti-cutting for prepping is required when compared with Wintergreen.
- The thin leaf makes it easier to prep wickets compared to Wintergreen. The cricket wicket with IronCutter® is scarified and groomed once for the whole season compared with the Wintergreen wickets. They must be done 7-9 times in the season.

MOWING:

- A fully recovered wicket is being mowed at a height of 8-10mm and keeps its colour.
- For game day wickets, it is mowed at 4mm. Again, it keeps its colour and bounces back afterwards.
- A mowing height is back to 8-9mm after one week of recovery.

MATCH DAY PERFORMANCE:

Batters and bowlers love it, and their feedback has been extremely positive. Because it keeps its green colour, players were initially a little weary of it, but it plays true. It kisses off the surface lovely due to the low thatch. There is a little bit of turn for the spinners. A cricket wicket using IronCutter® Elite Hybrid Bermudagrass is an all-round awesome wicket!"

IN CONCLUSION

- ✓ Turf that endures intense activity
- ✓ Low maintenance demands
- ✓ Fast recovery from wear and tear
- ✓ A premium, professional-quality playing surface

The choice of IronCutter® Elite Hybrid Bermudagrass is a smart investment. It delivers long-term savings in both time and money.

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