



# A partnership in amenities turf management

Management of grass growth and seed heads in mown roadsides and amenity areas is often a difficult and expensive practice for many councils, parks and sporting fields.

Cultural control methods and mowing can be labour intensive, and sometimes when chemicals are used, the active ingredients work well on some species but can be detrimental to other desirable species, especially in a mixed sward.

Syngenta is a founding partner in an exciting three year project aiming to develop vegetation

management techniques and best management practices to suit the Australian environment.

Co-sponsored by two of the largest councils in Australia (Brisbane City and Gold Coast City), one of the largest spray contractors in the country (Technigro), and various other industry representatives and bodies (including Horticulture Australia Limited), the Integrated Vegetation Management Project (IVMP) is well on the way to providing some real solutions to this daunting problem.

Trial work is currently being undertaken in south east Queensland and New South Wales with new active ingredients, mixtures, rates and techniques.

It is envisioned that the outcomes will include more sustainable ways to manage mown environments, while at the same time reducing costs, risks of injury to users and workers, and reducing environmental impact. It will facilitate greater integrated decision making in the planning, design, construction and maintenance processes of mown area management.

Several Syngenta products have shown very good potential in trials and are under further investigation, while submissions have been made for registration of some existing products for Bahia seed head management, which are expected to be granted later this year.

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