

## MEDIA RELEASE

July 2, 2018

### **TurfBreed expands Native turf portfolio with purchase of OZ TUFF®**

TurfBreed is happy to announce its purchase of the well-known native turf variety, OZ TUFF®.

Discovered in 2001 by turf breeder Robert Morrow, OZ TUFF® is an exceptional native green couch from Childers in Queensland. It was immediately identified as a superior plant growing among common green couch.

TurfBreed Managing Director, Steve Burt, said that OZ TUFF® offers an excellent native couch alternative to common couches currently grown.

“At TurfBreed we aim to have several grass varieties in each category and OZ TUFF® is a great native grass that, with the backing of TurfBreed branding and support, will have a significant impact in the green couch market.”

Extensive research has occurred on the variety to prove that it is true-to-type and the PBR for OZ TUFF® was granted in 2005.

OZ TUFF® was ranked number one for wear tolerance and recovery following studies conducted by the former Redlands Turf Research team for wear tolerance (*Roche et. al, 2012*).

The variety has demonstrated improved wear tolerance compared to other turf species like blue couch, kikuyu and other green couch varieties.

In terms of suitability, OZ TUFF® meets all categories such as residential, commercial/industrial, parks and sports fields.

Australian Sports Turf Consultants also conducted studies to determine if growing ryegrass within the dense OZ TUFF® thatch layer was possible, and proved successful.

Another feature of OZ TUFF® is that it grows on a wide variety of soil types and can be watered with poorer quality water.

Studies conducted by the Queensland Government also found that OZ TUFF® continued growing at salinity levels of 30 dS/m – where sea water is 54 dS/m (*Poulter et al. 2010*).

For more details or information, contact **TurfBreed Managing Director, Steve Burt**, at [sburt@turbreed.com.au](mailto:sburt@turbreed.com.au) or **0419 007 398**.