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products across Australia.

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## It's Pandamonium!

Rain Bird continued its proud tradition of bringing awareness to the importance of water conservation and environmental preservation through its 2005 Tournament of Roses Parade entry, Playful Pandamonium. Staged every year since 1890 in Pasadena, California, the Rose Parade has become a national institution. In accordance with this year's Parade theme 'Celebrate Family' Rain Bird's 2005 float entry celebrated a magnificent family of giant panda bears as they playfully frolic, catch up on their sleep and crunch on fresh bamboo culled from a mist-shrouded forest given life by an adjacent stream.



Rain Bird's "Playful Pandamonium" float

"The nurturing values exhibited by this magnificent family of giant pandas are many of the same values that need to be applied towards preserving the environments in which all of us inhabit," said Bruno Windegger, Director, Rain Bird International. "As the ultimate symbol of the need for environmental preservation, the giant pandas portrayed on Playful Pandamonium get much of the water they need from bamboo, but giant pandas need more water than what bamboo alone can provide, and must rely on the continuous flow of rivers and streams in order to survive. Consequently, the continued depletion of Earth's most precious resource, water, presents a serious threat to the vitality of these and all living creatures, a prime example of the need for conserving water by using it in the most efficient and precise manner possible." Rain Bird's entry won the Sweepstake trophy for the most beautiful float, the ninth year in a row Rain Bird has won an award.

We are excited about our Product of the Month - to be officially launched at Irrigation Australia in Townsville, May 17th and 18th:

### **Don't just change out a rotor; UPGrade it!**

The **5004 UPG** rotor is designed to upgrade existing Hunter PGP® rotors with the performance characteristics and feature set of Rain Bird's 5004 rotor. Additionally, it is faster and easier to leave the PGP case in the ground and only change out the main part of the rotor. See the details on the back page.

Tim Bonifant, General Manager - Rain Bird Australia.

## The Intelligent Use Of Water™ – Coopers Brewery

The Coopers Brewery has, since its early history, been surrounded by beautiful grounds in the prestigious Eastern suburbs of Adelaide. When the company relocated the main brewing operations to its South Road site, the tradition continued. The site is surrounded by acres of manicured turf and stunning, if newly established, feature tree plantings and garden beds. Although the site looked terrific, the southern side was a disused site that Coopers have only recently been able to purchase.

The opportunity to complete the grounds of the new Coopers Brewery on the corner of South & Regency Road had arrived and the tradition of a world class brewery fully surrounded by beautiful grounds could again be realised.

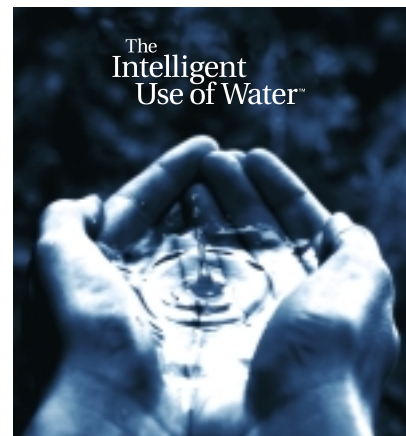
Coopers had several considerations, not the least being excess mega litres of waste R/O (reverse osmosis) water that was being vented from the site.

The grounds were being watered from mains water at considerable cost, leading to a fantastic water conserving opportunity, particularly considering the very high quality of the water being piped from the site.

Coopers also took an innovative approach to the southern grounds, designing a 3 hole golf course into the landscape and creating a fantastic tool for internal and corporate functions. This innovative use of recycled water not only saved the company a significant amount of mains water (and cost), but allowed it to establish beautiful landscaped grounds.

The site utilised local contractors Greene Eden and Hugall & Hoile to install the golf course irrigation and integrate the R/O and control systems with existing infrastructure. A Rain Bird Site Control system with weather station was installed - the *new roof mount model WS-PRO-LT*, with an automatic rain gauge and flow sensor. Technical

support was provided by Rain Bird Australia's team of experts who had to balance the watering needs of the different areas in the grounds with the quantities of R/O water available. This is a great example of industry best practice. Beautiful grounds are a big corporate asset and are even better when made possible with waste water that you could be paying to get rid of. Truly The Intelligent Use Of Water™.



## Rain Bird Rain Sensor wins Smart Approved WaterMark approval

Rain Bird has once again lived up to its theme of 'The Intelligent Use of Water™' by developing a device which shuts down irrigation systems when the heavens open, thereby saving you water and money.

The Rain Bird RSD Series Rain Sensor is an easy-to-install and durable device suitable for 24 VAC residential and commercial applications. It saves water and extends the lives of irrigation systems by automatically measuring precipitation and preventing irrigation systems from watering in rainy conditions.

This innovative sensor offers the flexibility of multiple rainfall settings of between 5 and 20 mm with just the twist of a dial and an adjustable vent ring to control drying time. It comes with a 7.6m length of UV-resistant extension cord for easy connection to all popular 24VAC irrigation controllers – and a 5-year 'no hassle' warranty.



The Rain Bird Rain Sensor

With a switch electrical rating of 3A at 125/250 VAC, this simple and elegant solution to the water saving problem is suitable for low-voltage 24VAC control circuits and 24 VAC pump start relay circuits. It can be used with up to ten solenoid valves per station, plus one master valve.

Available in both bracket and conduit versions, the Rain Bird RSD Series Rain Sensor is made of high-grade UV-resistant polymer to combat the

elements, is UL and cUL listed and CE and C-Tick approved.

It has also just been awarded the prestigious Smart Approved WaterMark stamp of approval, a sign of distinction devised jointly by the Water Services



Association of Australia (WSAA), the Irrigation Association of Australia (IAA), the Nursery and Garden Industry of Australia (NGIA) and the Australian Water Association (AWA) to assist in the reduction of per capita water consumption in areas of outdoor water use via the labelling of appropriate water-saving products.

Rain Bird haven't yet found a way to control the weather but they have developed a very smart way of ensuring that you can save on unnecessary watering whenever it rains.

## IAA Conference & Exhibition 2005 - Townsville Entertainment & Convention Centre 18th & 19th May

Rain Bird's **UPG 5004 Rotor** and the **NEW Rotary Nozzles** will be launched at the forthcoming Irrigation of Australia Association Conference & Exhibition Townsville, 18 & 19 May. We look forward to seeing you at the Rain Bird Australia stand (#11 & 12).



Rotary Nozzles provide unsurpassed design flexibility and highly efficient water distribution from 4 to 7.3 m. The newest addition to Rain Bird's line of water-efficient products, Rotary Nozzles help reduce water waste and make it easier to design systems. The Rotary Nozzle is a truly remarkable innovation with a low precipitation rate, highly uniform distribution, and increased radius range, all in a nozzle which fits on any Rain Bird spray head.

**Fewer zones, faster installs** – system complexity and cost are reduced because more heads can be installed per zone. Rotary Nozzles can also be zoned with Rain Bird 5000/5000 Plus MPR Rotor Nozzles.

**Efficient water distribution** – multiple rotating streams deliver close-in watering and even coverage throughout the radius range. The low precipitation rate significantly reduces wasteful run-off and erosion

**Ultimate retrofit solution** – low flow rate and an expanded radius of throw solve existing spray zone inefficiencies caused by diminished pressure or stretched spacing.

Visit [www.rainbird.com/rotary-nozzles](http://www.rainbird.com/rotary-nozzles) for an online demo or speak to your Rain Bird Australia Sales Specialist for more info and look out for the new Rain Bird Rotary Nozzle counter display stand next time you visit your local Rain Bird reseller.



*Rain Bird's Rotary Nozzles convenient counter display*

### Remote Control products discontinued

The Remote Control products have been dropped effective April 29, 2005.

The affected SKUs are:

SKU	Description
K10105	RM1 One Button Sequencing System
K10305	RMX1 Multi-function Remote Control Kit
K10905	RM1B30 30-Foot Extended Length Cable Bracket
K11005	RM1BCOVER Rubber Bracket Cover

There will likely be no replacement product for the remote control products until at least mid-2006. Please note that current remote connection on existing controllers will remain the same. Rain Bird's 3-year warranty on the Remote Control products remains unchanged. We will continue to carry spare parts for these products for at least 4 years. For more information, contact your local Rain Bird Australia representative.

## AGCSA Turfgrass Conference and Trade Exhibition, Moama, 6th - 10th June, 2005

Join us at the 21st Australian Turfgrass Conference and Trade Exhibition, to be held this year at Moama, NSW. This conference is primarily designed for golf course superintendents but has general appeal to the wider turf industry. This year's theme is 'how to save time and money' and will focus on the latest developments in turfgrass management and general turf management. There will be a top line-up of keynote speakers on various turfgrass subjects ranging from budgeting to salinity and water management.

Rain Bird Australia will be represented at the conference so look for stand number 6. While you are there, enter into our **Rotor Challenge** and you could be riding in a V8 Super Car!



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UPG 5004 Rotor

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*UPGrade to the UPG-5004 for:*

- Rain Curtain™ Technology which includes large droplet size, close-in water, and even distribution
- More reliable and robust performance than the Hunter PGP

• Rapid installations - the available flow shut-off feature means the nozzle can be changed without shutting down the entire zone at the valve

- Available Matched Precipitation Rate (MPR) nozzles



## Special Offer to All Contractors

Purchase 1 box of any 1800 series 2", 4", 6" or 12" spray heads and receive 5 **FREE** Rain Bird rotary nozzles worth \$120 (list price).

Free rotary nozzles will consist of:

**3 FULL CIRCLE 4.0 - 5.5m radius AND 2 HALF CIRCLES 5.2 - 7.3m radius**

*Redeem this coupon to receive this special offer.*

**Contractor:** Please complete the following information and post or fax this coupon, together with proof of purchase, directly to Rain Bird Australia (toll free fax **1800 424 050**).

Your Name ..... Trading as .....

Street Address .....

Suburb ..... Postcode ..... State .....

Phone ..... Fax .....

Email .....



\*Conditions: Make the qualifying purchase and send completed coupon and proof of purchase to Rain Bird Australia. Limit of 5 nozzles per contractor. Offer ends 17th June, 2005. Offer not valid with any other Rain Bird Australia discounts or promotions. All claims against this promotion must be claimed by 30th Jun 05.