



Tea Tree Gully Golf Club South Australia

Tea Tree Gully is approximately 18km north-east of the Adelaide CBD at the base of the Mt Lofty Ranges. The course has been at its present location in Fairview Park since 1959. Darren Ferber's company, Aquatek Irrigation Consultants, was appointed to oversee the whole project. This included GPS Mapping, design development, the tendering process and the supervision of the installation.

The club decided on the Rain Bird Stratus II software which operates a decoder-based system. Options purchased were the Smart Pump and Freedom Pad which makes in-the-field operations very easy.

Rain Bird Eagle 700's were used as a twin row design on the fairways. Dual Eagle 750 heads were installed around the greens, all valve in head. 5500 Series were installed on the tees.

The system uses a Rain Bird pump station consisting of 3 pumps with variable speed control. A Solution Master fertigation unit was installed primarily to inject wetting agents via the irrigation system.

Ivan Swinstead, Tea Tree Gully Course Superintendent, says, "We have been very impressed with the Stratus II software. It is very user friendly and simple to use. The Global Service Plan has been of benefit to us and I can't speak highly enough of Scott Johnstone and Dale Stafford. They make the dumbest questions sound so important.

We are particularly impressed with the Eagle 700's and 750's. Their performance and ease of maintenance (due, I believe, to their simple design) is terrific.

I've only ever been associated with the Toro product in the past and was not at all familiar with Rain Bird. Now that we have gone through two irrigation seasons with this system, we can honestly say that we have no regrets in choosing Rain Bird over the opposition. The staff all feel the same way."

- **Key Products Used**
Eagle 700/750 Series Rotors,
Stratus II Controller, Decoder,
Freedom,
Weather Station,
Rain Bird V3200 Series Pump Station,
PEB Series Control Valves
- **Contractor**
Water Equipment Technology
- **Consultant**
Darren Ferber, Aquatek
- **Golf Course Superintendent**
Ivan Swinstead

