



**Secret Harbour Golf Club  
superintendent Allan Devlin**

**Nickname:** Devo.

**Age:** 49.

**Family:** Partner Julie ...Georgia (6), Keegan (9) and Stuart (25), Sam (23) and Aimee (20).

**Years as a superintendent:** 25 years.

**Years as an AGCSA member:** 17 years.

**Current club:** Secret Harbour (since 1994).

**Previous clubs:** Burswood Park, Lake Karrinyup, Dunwood Manor (UK).

**Course specs:** Graham Marsh design, par 72 6423m; 1019 bentgrass greens, Wintergreen tees and fairways, tall fescue roughs.

**Toro Red Jacket winner in which year:** 1999 at Secret Harbour with a 79. It was sweet not only because it was on my home track, but for the fact I beat Jeff Lane by one shot!

**First job in the turf industry:** Working as a casual on the course at Dunwood Manor Golf Club (UK) to supplement my poor wages as a teaching golf pro.

**Career highlight:** Apart from winning the AGCSA Fellowship Award in 2000, the phone call from the manager of Burswood informing me I was the successful candidate – my first supers job in Australia.

**Funniest moment seen on course:** My son Sam vertimowing the 8th green at Secret Harbour and walking backwards to get his next line and falling in the lake. At least he had the good sense to save the machine!

**Best piece of advice you have received:** Never be afraid to ask questions.

**One thing about your job you would change:** Golfers' inability to repair pitch marks, rake

bunkers and chop in divots. It creates work that shouldn't be there. I would also ban golf carts forever...they're course destroyers.

**Favourite spot on your course:** The 5th tee. Highest point, with great ocean views.

**Most embarrassing moment as a superintendent:** Can't remember ever having one because I'm so good! But there was one time I hand mowed the greens with a new employee and on my half of the 8th green I had missed six-inch strips every cut. My excuse was that we had followed the cut lines from the day before. I think he fell for it.

**Overseas course you'd most like to visit:** Pine Valley...but Sunningdale Old is the best course in the world.

**Food you could not live without:** Bread

**Favourite sporting team:** Leeds United... proper football!

**Favourite movie:** The 39 Steps, (1939 Robert Donat version).

**Last CD bought:** Lou Reed – Transformer.

**Dream car:** E Type Jaguar V12 hardtop.

**Favourite golfer:** Present – Aaron Baddeley. All-time – Gary Player. 🏌️