



New

Kenda™

Pennisetum clandestinum 'KIK203' (PBR)

There is a real need for a Kikuyu that holds together better in turf rolls.

Turf farmers for years have been using netting to hold Kikuyu turf together, but now councils are banning it. They say it is too dangerous and can cause accidents. No netting is needed with Kenda, its natural strength is enough.



Kenda in a trial plot that has been left to grow long, but still looked better than other types.



Kenda has strong vigorous stolons, making turf rolls and slabs hold together better.

The benefits of Kenda compared to common Kikuyu include:

- Stronger turf rolls. Its large strong runners and growth habit make the turf rolls strong.
- Over 24 months it produced flowers but has not produced seed*
- Less evidence of yellow leaves in times of wet weather and heat
- Darker green colour
- Uniformity
- Faster establishment



SAFER KIKUYU
Kenda produced no seed



Typical seed head of most Kikuyu

In trials, Kenda when left long in sample plots, was a darker green colour, and its leaf was less likely to go yellow. Yellow leaf in Kikuyu is a common problem.

We are not saying Kenda is immune to this problem, but early testing shows it is better than other Kikuyu.



Other Kikuyu

Other Kikuyu types in the trial had a lot more yellow in the leaf. The common form often makes weak turf rolls.

Best winter colour, less mowing

Other Kikuyu

Kenda

DESCRIPTION	Generally sterile, dark green Kikuyu
HEIGHT & WIDTH	Average mowing height – 3-4cm
POSITION	Full sun to partial shade
CARE	Mow regularly, fertilise once to twice a year
USES	Domestic, commercial and sports grounds
SOIL TYPE	Sandy, sandy loam, clay

Kenda is darker green than other Kikuyu and also appears to grow less tall if unmown.

*So far Kenda has not produced viable seed, but we can not guarantee it never will as occasionally even sterile appearing turf will produce seed given certain conditions. We can say it will either not seed or seed very little.

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