



# SPORTING FIELDS UNDERGO SPRING REHABILITATION

Dubbo Regional Council (DRC) Greenspace Operations team have been undertaking sporting field rehabilitation over the past month as winter sporting competitions come to an end and prior to the summer sports commencing.

“The sporting field rehabilitation is undertaken in spring as it is the only major window our staff have between the winter and summer sports in the region,” Dubbo Regional Council Greenspace Operations Manager Harry Brennan said

“This is the team’s annual opportunity to implement soil improvement works by adding sand to improve drainage quality for years to come.”

As part of the sporting field rehabilitation program goal posts are removed, turf is scarified and aerated using the verti-drain and recycle renovator. Council staff also top-dress the fields with sand and top-dress cricket wickets with fresh clay as well as undertaking weed control and implementing the turf nutrition plan.

“The rehabilitation works aim to even out the playing surface, remove thatch and improve the soil to assist with drainage.”

“Spring is also the beginning of the turf growing season after winter dormancy, as the weather warms up it allows the turf to grow more actively and recover from winter usage.”

DRC maintains a number of sporting fields across 22 locations in the Dubbo Local Government Area. Sporting fields scheduled to undergo rehabilitation in 2023/24 include Victoria Ovals, Lady Cutler precinct, Apex Oval, John McGrath Fields, Bob Dowling Oval and the East Dubbo Sporting Complex in Dubbo and Pioneer Park, Rygate Oval and Kennard Park in Wellington.

“The Greenspace Operations team acknowledge the user groups who move their games for this short period of time to accommodate Council maintenance works each year,” Mr Brennan said.

The sporting field rehabilitation will be completed prior to a number of upcoming major sporting carnivals being held in Dubbo including the Veterans Cricket NSW 60s State Championships and the Dubbo Sixes Soccer Tournament in October.

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