



BARDEN PARK TO UNDERGO RESURFACING

Dubbo Regional Council's Barden Park Athletics Centre of Excellence will have the synthetic running track replaced in March, thanks to funding from the NSW Government.

Whilst the works are carried out the facility will be closed to all users from Monday 11 March 2024 for approximately six weeks, weather permitting.

The resurfacing process involves grinding back the current surface and then laying a new synthetic topcoat over the track.

The synthetic surface must be replaced to be accredited through the International Association of Athletics Federations and to be able to hold major athletics events.

"Being able to renew and maintain Council assets like Barden Park's synthetic track through external funding is a positive result for our community," Dubbo Regional Council Mayor, Mathew Dickerson said.

“Barden Park is a well-used facility with over 35 school athletics carnivals, regional and state athletics titles held at the facility annually in addition to local weekly club meets and training sessions.”

“Since opening the facility in 2014, Dubbo has been able to attract a number of major athletics events on an ongoing basis including NSW Little Athletics State Multi Event and Athletics NSW Country Championships, which provide a boost to the local visitor economy each year.”

“Council staff have notified regular user groups of the closure and coordinated the works to be completed outside of the usual school athletics carnival season to minimise disruptions,” Cllr Dickerson said.

The total investment of the resurfacing works at Barden Park is \$1,236,496 and will be undertaken by a specialist contractor.

The upgrades received \$1,060,000 in funding from the NSW Government.

For more information about the resurfacing works and the closure of Barden Park please visit yoursay.dubbo.nsw.gov.au.

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