

Attachment 1. Conversion of Synthetic Cricket Pitches

Nillumbik Shire Council

Synthetic cricket pitches

Principles of provision

1. Council's level of service in the provision of synthetic cricket pitches is the short pile synthetic cricket pitch surface, reflecting Cricket Victoria's preference.
2. Delivering the short pile synthetic cricket pitch surface will be achieved through a funding partnership involving Council and cricket clubs, noting the below funding ratio for core infrastructure.
 - i. Home ground- 50 per cent club : 50 per cent Council
 - ii. Secondary ground- 20 per cent club : 80 per cent Council
 - iii. Ground sharing involving 2 or more clubs: 10 per cent per club : difference Council

Non-core infrastructure is to be met fully by the club (see principle 4).

3. Council will fund the installation of core infrastructure required for cricket competition, identified as being the concrete base and a portion of the cost associated with the synthetic cover. Council will also fund the associated renewal costs of core infrastructure as per the ratio detailed in principle 2.
4. Tenant clubs will fund a portion of the synthetic pitch as per the ratio in principle 2, and all costs associated with non-core infrastructure which ensures the sportsground remains suitable for winter season sports use including associated asset renewal costs.
5. The scope of all sportsground renewal or upgrade works will incorporate the short pile synthetic cricket pitch surface, with clubs contributing to costs as detailed in principle 2.
6. Council will bear the maintenance cost associated with the short pile synthetic cricket pitch surface.
7. The conversion of pitches to the short pile synthetic cricket pitch surface will be prioritised at home ground venues over secondary grounds to maximise ground allocations in DVCA scheduling, including finals, thus contributing to club sustainability.
8. The conversion of pitches to the short pile synthetic cricket pitch surface will be prioritised at grounds that are optimally used, with grounds allocated for female and junior participation prioritised.
9. The delivery of the short pile synthetic cricket pitch surface will prioritise competition pitches over practice net pitches.
10. The replacement of the synthetic cricket pitch surface with the short pile synthetic in practice net facilities will be fully met by clubs. Where facilities are shared, tenant contributions will be apportioned equitably reflecting usage. All new practise net facilities will include the short pile synthetic as a minimum standard
11. The program to implement the short pile synthetic cricket pitch surface is delivered within Council's means, and maximises external contributions reducing the financial burden on rate-payers.
12. Winter-season users of the sportsgrounds are in no-way disadvantaged – cost, safety, sportsground playability – by implementing Cricket Victoria's preferred synthetic cricket pitch surface.