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Science helps rejuvenate sporting fields

Bayside Council has conducted extensive soil testing across all its sporting fields to determine how best to rejuvenate the playing surfaces.

"We no longer spread a generic fertiliser across all our parks. Council has a big investment in community sports fields. It is important we manage and look after them correctly," Bayside Mayor Bill Saravinovski said.

Soil on all playing fields is tested to tailor the fertilisers to specific needs.

This is the first time that Bayside Council is using this technique that can see up to four different fertilisers used on different areas of a playing field.

After testing each field is dethatched, aerated, fertilised and top dressed.

Dethatching and aeration removes dead grass letting oxygen and nutrients reach the grass roots.

Council has a small window of opportunity to rejuvenate fields between winter and summer seasons.

This holistic approach strengthens the grass and toughens the playing surface so it last longer throughout the playing season.



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