

Blue Mountains Sports Council

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A Better Sporting Future

Seasonal Renovations Program

Council each year implements a Rest & Renovation program to ensure sports-grounds are well prepared for the following season. This program involves closing all of Council's 26 ovals for the months of September and April.

As a consequence, Sporting Clubs are advised to schedule all matches for their specific codes, taking into account these scheduled closures/renovation periods. Any club wishing to apply to Council for an exemption in this regard may do so, whereby Council will evaluate individual requests on a case-by-case basis.

What happens during the renovation periods and why do we need to close the ovals?

Subject to specific programs, the works that are undertaken include aeration, top-dressing, soil amelioration, fertilising and herbicide/pesticide application.

The purpose of having an oval closure period is to enable these works to be appropriately spaced and scheduled, as not

all items of work can be carried out simultaneously. Equally important is the need to ensure playing surfaces are given adequate rest after each season of play. This encourages root growth and the repair of the turf sward after seasonal use and renovation, as well as allowing for the establishment of returned areas.



Should you require any further information regarding this matter, please call William Manners on (02) 4780 5576.

Coming soon...Sports Council Awards!

The Sports Council is currently working on a proposal to have an annual Blue Mountains Sports Council Awards Ceremony. The intention is to acknowledge achievements in the sporting community and the contribution of volunteers involved in sport. To be eligible for nomination, the nominee will need to be either a resident of the Blue Mountains or participating in sport in the Blue Mountains. Categories at this stage will be:

- *Senior Sports Person of the Year*
- *Junior Sports Person of the Year*
- *Sports Volunteer of the Year*

More information will be made available to sporting clubs in the near future....

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Portable soccer goal posts: should they be banned?

A call for submissions from the *Office of Fair Trading NSW Consumer Protection Agency* to the *Products Safety Committee* inquiry into the safety of portable soccer goal posts. Submission can be made either in writing or in person to the Committee. Written submissions should be posted to; The Executive Officer, Product Safety Committee, PO Box 277 Lindfield NSW 2070 or faxed to (02) 8467 4460. Closing date for submissions 8/10/2004.

Stage Two Water Restrictions Are Currently in Place



Sports Council on the Internet

The Blue Mountains Sports Council now has a link on Councils web site www.bmcc.nsw.gov.au (Recreational Services). Over the coming months the website will be updated with information on sports related Capital Works initiatives and a variety of other information relevant to sport. In the near future it will include information of the proposed Sports Council Awards!

BMCC irrigation of sporting ovals will occur for limited periods on Mondays only.

Council's irrigation of sporting fields is currently limited to operation of sprinklers and watering systems from 6.00 am to 9.00 am and 5.00 pm to 8.00 pm on **Mondays only**

For more information on all water restrictions: www.sydneywater.com.au

Are your club details correct?

The Blue Mountain City Council website hosts a variety of information. The "Community Info" section holds details of sporting clubs and groups. Please check this site to ensure your club details are correct. Or simply call 4723 5053 and ask for Robyn who will take your details and update the system accordingly.



Information such as:

- Sporting Club name
- Location (oval)
- Contact details (phone/fax)
- Postal address
- Email address
- Website (if applicable)
- Description (eg. Soccer all ages)
- Club contacts (President/Secretary)
- Facilities (eg clubrooms)

After clicking on the "Search the Database" link above, the following search screen will be displayed and will allow you to add your search information. In the next sample 'netball' has been used.



Customer Service Requests All requests should first be directed to our Customer Service staff via ph 4780 5000. Customer Service staff acknowledge receipt of your request and register the call in Council's customer service request database. This ensures that progress is tracked and managed to resolution. If your request is not straight forward you may want to ask for one of the following staff.....



William Manners
Oval Maintenance



Gerry Hayes
Buildings Manager



Graham Smede
Building Maintenance



Adrian Birkbeck
Sports Policy & Planning

Blaxland Oval (St Johns Oval) - Upgrade Stage One Complete!

The first stage of the Blaxland Oval Capital Works improvements has now been completed. The car park is sealed! Stage two will see the oval surface extended, improvements carried out on the drainage and irrigation system and landscaping. The project should be completed and ready for use in March 2005. For more information please contact Council's Place Management Coordinator, Elizabeth Dudley-Bestow on 4780 5784.

The first stage of the Blaxland Oval capital works improvements is complete.



Archery Project Completed at Browntown Oval, Mt Victoria

Browntown Oval has now become the "official home" of archery in the Blue Mountains. The oval has had extensive Capital Works carried out over the past 18 months to ensure the safety of archers and the public.

The facility now has six permanent target butts with a large earth mound behind to prevent arrows from traveling into the

bush. Extensive fencing has also been erected and access gates installed.

The local archery club in the Blue Mountains are the "Mountain Archers". If you're interested in taking part in archery or want information about the Mountain Archers please call Frank ph 4782 3853.





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Capital Works Program 2004-05

The following are scheduled to commence this financial year:

- Pitt Park Oval upgrade
- Warrimoo Oval floodlight upgrade
- Lomatia Park fencing upgrade



Sports Council Contact Details

Please contact your representative if you would like a matter raised with the Sports Council.

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