

SUSTAINABILITY



WHAT IS SUSTAINABLE TURF MANAGEMENT?

Sustainable turf management is the management of turf in a way that:

- meets the present and future needs of users;
- optimises resource use; and
- reduces impact on the environment.

Community needs

People who use parks and sports fields have expectations of turf quality that need to be met by facility providers.

For example, sports people expect a playing surface that is smooth and well grassed, relatively weed free and prepared according to the requirements of the sport.



High quality sports facilities for club and State level sport

Players are entitled to a surface that does not present a potential injury risk, but they must accept that the quality of playing field will reflect the standard of sport being played, the frequency of use of the turf and the actions of users.

Alternatively, there are lower expectations of turf quality in parks and public open space. Most park users are generally happy with a lower quality ground cover, provided it is mowed regularly and free of weeds with prickles.

However, there is an expectation that high profile lawns or heavily trafficked areas of parks with picnic facilities and playgrounds should have better turf quality than low use areas.



Acceptable turf quality for passive recreation parks