

## LA PRIMA XD @ YARRAVILLE OVAL

Yarraville Oval, based in Melbourne's Inner West was sown down to LaPrima XD in the Summer of 2008/09. Following a successful summer period, the oval was oversown with an Elite Turf Type Perennial Ryegrass in April of this year. The City of Maribyrnong, who maintained the ground believed that the oval would be best served with a ground cover to protect the dormant couch throughout the winter period.

With heavy AFL football traffic, which included games and training, it was vital to provide a satisfactory playing surface for participants but also offer some form of protection for the couch.

At the completion of the 2009 football season, the oval was sprayed with Coliseum @ 120gm/Ha to remove all Ryegrass and Poa Anua from the surface.

The Coliseum was selected for it's ability to remove the selected grasses, gradually allowing the couch to break dormancy over a 4-6 week period.

The Coliseum also does not inhibit the growth of the Couch at vital times. From the period when the herbicide was applied (*1st week of September*) to when these photo's were taken (*21st October*), the ryegrass had all but disappeared leaving a healthy crop of Couchgrass which was progressing well even in cool conditions.

It could be argued that the spraying programme should have commenced a week earlier in the August, only for the weather conditions which delayed the works.

The oversowing programme at Yarraville demonstrates the success of an oversowing programme and the removal of the ryegrass providing facility users & turf managers with a drought hardy surface for summer sport and cool season grass cover for the demands of winter sport.



A good example of removal of ryegrass from the couch base. The ryegrass slowly die back allowing the couch time to grow through.



A classic example of why you need to apply your herbicide carefully over the surface. This photo shows the remains of Ryegrass missed by the spraying operator resulting in little couch recovery.

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