

W.L.J. CROFTS RESERVE

SPORT AND RECREATIONAL FACILITY

ALTONA NORTH, VICTORIA



SYNTHETIC TURF CRICKET TRAINING NETS

Project	Design and construction of synthetic turf cricket training nets at W.L.J. Crofts Reserve
Client	Hobsons Bay City Council
Timing	September 2020 - December 2020
Surface type	Synthetic Turf

The 3 hectare W.L.J. Crofts Reserve sport and recreational facility managed by Hobsons Bay City Council is home to the Williamstown Superules Football Club, the Western Jets Football Club, the Altona North Cricket Club and the Agility Dog Club of Victoria. In partnership with the Victorian Government and in consultation with tenant sporting clubs and key contractors, Council worked to redevelop the site to maximise the available footprint and optimise the onsite capabilities to suit the growing requirements of the local sporting community.

As part of the redevelopment, iDwala was awarded the design and construction of the four new high quality synthetic turf cricket training nets that would meet the requirements of Cricket Victoria and be positioned at the western side of the two northern natural turf football/cricket ovals, after the removal of the existing tennis court.

Some unexpected delays arose at the beginning of construction with asbestos being found within the subgrade. Once the contaminant was identified, works were stopped immediately and the site was thoroughly cleaned. After the cleaning process however, it was no longer advisable to compact the subgrade so iDwala worked with Council to offer a befitting solution to construct a capping layer and redesigned pavement to suit over the top of the uncompacted subgrade. This specific solution and construction methodology ensured the construction of a compliant cricket

practice net facility which levels would also be raised to match that of the new football field also being constructed.

Each of the four cricket wickets were surfaced with Australian made SuperGrass and featured durable fencing and a 1-meter soft drop-down net to prevent any aerial balls escaping out of the cage. This was an excellent addition to the facility given the close proximity to the West Gate Freeway expansion.

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