

Farm Survey

Type of Farming System

Conventional.

Products used in trial

Bactivate
BioBoost+

Bactivate
SeaweedSolution+

BactivatePlus+

Background

Yarra Glen Racing Club introduced the Bactivate Program for the establishment of new turf sods on the renovation of the race track. This was undertaken on the recommendations from Lilydale Instant Lawn that grew the turf using the Bactivate Program. The Bioactive Soil Solutions program was used at the renovation and establishment period. The Bactivate Program will also be used as part of the maintenance program.

Overview

The turf sod was applied and laid by Lilydale Instant Lawn. Bactivate Plus & BioBoost+ was applied directly to the soil prior to the turf sod being laid. Bactivate Plus together with BioBoost+ & Bactivate seaweed solution were applied throughout the season as part of the ongoing track maintenance. The first race meet was in February 2013.



During construction, Kikuyu 'village' (May 2012)



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Plantings: Turf, Kikuyu 'Village Green'. No oversowing of cool season grasses

Farm Data

Location: Armstrong Grove, Yarra Glen, VIC

Area: 4ha

The entire track was treated from the beginning at renovation.



The finishing post (October 2012)

Observed benefits

On inspection, the track displayed great colour and vigour. The root systems are very well anchored to the delight of the track manager and Lilydale Instant Lawn.

Fertilizer inputs have been reduced significantly. The new sods took root very well in the establishment period during winter of 2012. The turf rejuvenates very strongly after each race meet. Yarra Glen Racing Club has commented about the improved wear and tear of the turf.

The maintenance program consists of an annual application of Bactivate Plus. BioBoost+ and Bactivate seaweed solution will be applied periodically with a reduced amount of base chemical fertilizer.