

# Stay in Play Climate Change Forum Ararat Rural City Council

Hosting a forum to assist Sports Club volunteers, Council employees, and local industry to provide information to help them manage sports grounds in an environmentally sustainable manner during climate change conditions.

## Key Activities

Describe the major tasks you completed to successfully deliver the project.

- Organised forum- speakers included Geoff Connellan, Dara Twomey and Gray Canning
- Engagement with local volunteers, council employees and local turf management industries, with advertisements on radio, newspaper and social media
- Development of take home packs, including the Water use Efficiency for Irrigated Turf and Landscape by Geoff Connellan
- Key stages were to organise forum, advertise forum, and host forum.

## Project Outcomes

The outcomes delivered through this project has provided:

- Inform community about best practice to create environmentally sustainable sports grounds
- Better relationships between Council, volunteers and industry
- Ideas which helped inform council projects and strategy

## Project partners

Parks and Leisure Australia

## What did we learn?

The project has allowed council to build stronger relationships with Council. It also changed people's views on what can be achieved and how to achieve best sports performance, with information such as, for example, Dara Twomey explaining her findings on how consistent grass coverage is more important in injury prevention than ground hardness.

## What is the project legacy?

Describe how the project has provided benefits which will live beyond the project to council and partners or stakeholders:

- It has enabled development/delivery of water efficient irrigation systems at Pomonal, Lake Bolac and Gordon St recreation reserve.
- It has changed practices for Council staff and volunteers
- It has built a relationship with local industry

**Budget: Total = \$8000 (Grant funding)**

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