

John Landy Field and Athletic Track

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Hammer Throw & Discus Cage - Geelong



The **John Landy Field & Athletics Track** is one of Australia's highest use facilities of its type which is constantly being used by schools, clubs & elite athletes.

Due to high usage & foot traffic, and the current water restrictions the facility surface was suffering greatly. Facility owner, City of Greater Geelong set out to find a surface option that would aesthetically improve the venue as well as perform under strenuous conditions. The difficult task for this surface was firstly to protect the athlete's equipment, but also to ensure it was durable enough to sustain the ongoing impact of a discus or hammer which can weigh up to 5kgs.

Colin Hatton Coordinator of Capital Projects for the City of Greater Geelong Council said;

"Gecko resolved our areas of concern by providing a surface solution that is guaranteed & is able to stand up to the enormous amount of pedestrian traffic and the impact of the hammers & discus'.

Gecko's approach to the project was thoughtful and included a heavy base material beneath the quality synthetic grass designed to last the distance.

The surface looks natural and is uniform to the surrounding areas".



The initial thoughts of the council was to use a rubber soft fall pad, however Gecko was contacted and assessed the specific application.

After rigorous testing it was proposed to use a high quality synthetic grass with a higher crumb infill to support the impact from a hammer or discus and which would not give too much bounce to the athletes' equipment. The synthetic grass also provides a natural green and lush surface which feels soft to sit on.

In order for the surface to last Gecko installed a heavy duty base beneath the synthetic grass and arrived with a stunning outcome.



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