

Mirabooka Reserve – Whitehorse City Council Cricket Practice Nets and Pitch System



The site of the **Mirabooka Reserve Cricket Practice Nets** was originally a green field area adjacent to Orchard Grove Primary School and formed part of a network of suburban parklands and community sporting ovals known as Mirabooka Reserve.

The Council was approached by the local community cricket clubs to provide a cricket practice facility that could be used by the community all year round. Gecko had previously undertaken works for the Council and so was asked to tender for this project.

The proposed scope of works included the excavation and ground works; the sythetic grass installation (pitches and run ups) nets and; protective rubber curtains.

Whilst not the cheapest, *Gecko's ability to complete the project in its entirety – from excavation, concrete slab, grass installation and erection of the fencing and rubber curtains, as well as their thoroughness and attention to detail in the tender process stood them apart.*

Gecko submitted a quote based on the specific tender requirements and was awarded the project on the strength of their comprehensive proposal and costing schedule.

Working in conjunction with the Shire's Project Manager, Garry Younger, the area was excavated and Gecko's **Cricket Pitch Grass – MSPRO10®** was laid over a concrete base to form the durable pitch surface.



MSPRO45® Plush was used to form the run up area and the sturdy powdercoated nets were installed to form the protective net barriers. 10mm thick industrial rubber curtains were then hung to provide ball protection and reduce leaf and debris build up in the net area.

The Shire was very happy with the results. Gecko completed the project well within the required timeframes and the Mirabooka Nets promise to provide the community with hours of safe 'cricketing' enjoyment well into the future.

2014 – Gecko's Product Manager Mick Jones visited the site (over 3 years after the cricket nets were installed) and reports that "they still look great"