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Community helps top dress Boughton Oval

Re-development works continued at Boughton Oval throughout the week, with the spreading of a layer of top dress over the two playing surfaces.

C&H Spreading and Bio Tech Recycling Compost donated time, plant and resources to assist the Council with the top dressing, along with staff from Nindethana Aboriginal Corporation and various contractors.

Technical Operations Officer, Bryan Sinclair said "The Boughton Oval development has been a hands-on community project. I would like to thank Craig and Chris Hartin and their staff for their assistance with this stage of the project."

The playing fields were withdrawn from use in 2006 to allow Moree Plains Shire Council to restore the playing surfaces. Last year, Council laser levelled the grounds and planted kikuyu seed.

The compost, which has a cotton trash base, will alleviate soil compaction and provide nutrients to promote leaf and root growth to the turf.

"Once the grass cover becomes dense it will combat weed infestation and will result in a better playing surface," said Mr Sinclair.

Development works will continue over the next few months with a layer of sand spread over the surface to level out the hollows and stabilise the surface for sporting activities.

"The cooperation of sporting groups during the restoration period has been appreciated and we expect Boughton Oval will be usable during the first quarter of 2010," said Mr Sinclair.

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Image 3873 - The cotton trash compost fills the spreader

Image 3865 - Compost being spread over Boughton Oval by Mr Hartin