



VIKINGS RUGBY CLUB INC.

"2009" Celebrating 52 Years of Rugby in the Illawarra

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Dear Fellow Rugby Colleagues,

(For Distribution to Your Club Members & Players)

Vikings Rugby – Irrigation Project

In 2005, Vikings Rugby and Coniston Lions United Soccer Club approached Wollongong City Council with a proposal to rehabilitate their competition playing fields that were suffering from a lack of irrigation due to low rainfall, water restrictions, and the increasing cost of mains water. This proposal involved getting access to recycled water from the Wollongong Recycled Water plant as an alternative source of water for irrigation. Wollongong City Council agreed to work with both clubs in this endeavour.

Vikings Rugby is now pleased to advise you that this project is nearing completion, with approximately 90% of the necessary infrastructure in place. This includes a recycled water supply line from the Wollongong Recycled Water Plant, a 120kL storage tank, and a brand new irrigation system. This project will allow for the irrigation of our home ground playing field irrespective of water restrictions, at a fraction of the cost of mains water.

It is envisaged that irrigation of our home ground with recycled water will start in the second half of this year.

Installation of the infrastructure was overseen by Wollongong City Council as part of the Water Sensitive Urban Design and Sustainability at JJ Kelly Park project, jointly funded by Wollongong City Council and the State Government through the Environment Trust's Urban Sustainability Program. This project also included the installation of rain water tanks for toilet flushing at our clubhouse, and the restoration of native vegetation along the banks of Gurungaty Waterway.

When the irrigation project is complete, Council and Sydney Water will install appropriate signage throughout the area to advise people recycled water is being used. The water will be filtered, treated and applied appropriately to ensure it meets the high standards required to allow it to be used for the irrigation of sports' fields.

A Frequently Asked Question sheet has been included with this letter to provide you with answers to some of the questions you may have about recycled water and its use at Vikings. Should you have any further questions relating to the use of recycled water Vikings, please contact Vikings Rugby on 0419 690 509

Sincerely,

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Project Liaison

Attached: FAQ for Recycled Water at Vikings Oval (JJ Kelly park)

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