

## **Councillor Question Time – answers to questions taken on notice\***

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Cr Bond asked about the condition of Peanut Farm Reserve Oval. Cr Bond noted the reserve was refurbished approximately six months ago, and is now in appalling condition, what has gone wrong and how can Council rectify it?

**(Cr Bond)**

### **Response**

The ground at Peanut Farm is in poor condition considering upgrades were made six months ago. The current condition is attributed to several factors being;

- Excessive sporting and passive use on a surface that has not fully matured.
- Poor sports field lighting, resulting in high usage in certain areas of the ground.
- Various occasions of fixtured matches during high rain events impacting the surface.
- A colder than normal winter impacting soil temperatures which restricts the regrowth of grass.

Many of these factors are impacting all of our sports fields and consistent with neighbouring Councils that have high usage sports grounds.

The ground will recover with our season handover maintenance program and warmer weather to encourage the grass regrowth. The installation of lighting programmed for this financial year will also help specific areas of the surface being overutilized next season.

*\*Note: answers to any questions in Councillor Question Time which were answered at the meeting are included in the minutes of that meeting.*