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Benefits of Installing a Rebound Safety Crossing Ballarat Turf Club

ECA Rebound Safety Matts

By installing the ECA Rebound Safety Crossings using advanced technology, the unique Rebound Safety Matts are the key to success by lowering the compaction and hardness of the crossover. These innovative matts provide a safer, more resilient surface, reducing impact and creating a superior crossing environment for both horses and vehicles. Their design not only addresses current operational challenges but lays a foundation for long-term durability and lowering maintenance and ensuring safety throughout the facility.

Benefits Realised

In August 2023, the Ballarat Turf Club installed a new crossover to improve operations and safety across the course. Since its installation, the crossover has proven to be an asset, facilitating efficient movement for both vehicles and horses and contributing to a safer environment for staff and jockeys.

Since the installation of the Rebound Safety Crossing, the crossover has delivered significant benefits. It has saved both time and money by streamlining daily operations with maintenance and reducing delays. Most importantly, it has enhanced safety for jockeys and horses, minimising risks associated with high-traffic areas and improving course management efficiency.

In summary, the crossover installed at Ballarat Turf Club in August 2023 has become an indispensable part of the club's infrastructure, supporting heavy use and providing tangible improvements to operational safety, efficiency, and cost management.

Vehicle Usage

On a typical day, approximately 250 vehicles utilise the crossover. During the warmer summer months, this number increases to around 300. On Race Days, traffic peaks at about 400 vehicles. The range of vehicles includes Utes, gators, mowers, tractors, loaders, tip trucks, water trucks, truck & dogs, as well as barriers. This high volume underscores the essential role the crossover plays in daily and event operations.

Horse Movements

The Rebound Safety crossover also supports significant horse traffic. On a general day, about 800 horses move across the crossover, while on Race Days, the number can rise to 1,000. This highlights the crossover's capacity to handle the demands of a busy racing venue while ensuring the smooth and safe passage of horses and their handlers.

Maintenance Procedures

Routine maintenance is a key component in maintaining the crossover's performance and safety standards. On the morning of a turf meeting, general maintenance involves a light power harrow and a wheel roll. This process typically takes between 30 and 40 minutes to complete. These maintenance routines are carried out prior to Race Day, ensuring that the crossover remains in optimal condition throughout the racing season.

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