

Improving water to keep dogs on track

Water quality and the excitement of athletic racing dogs pursuing a lure at tremendous speed might seem worlds apart. But deep in western Victoria an improvement in water quality through magnetic technology is saving a regional greyhound racing club considerable money. Not to mention a maintenance headache.

Greyhounds perform at their best running on a moist sand-based surface which means water to keep tracks in tip-top condition for owners, trainers and punters is essential.

But in Horsham, in the heart of Victoria's Wimmera, having access to a supply good enough to constantly water a 600-metre track had presented challenges. High salt content in water flowing daily through automated sprinkler systems had started to impact heavily on important metal infrastructure.

But not any more. Enter DELTAwater solutions, a NSW firm dedicated to providing answers to water-quality problems across Australia and overseas with technologically advanced but simple-to-use magnetic water conditioners.

DELTA's visit to Horsham for the 2009 Wimmera Machinery Field Days proved timely for Horsham Greyhound Racing Club. Horsham club secretary-manager Jeff Sprunt said an advertisement in a local newspaper had prompted him to seek out DELTA's Alex Panov at the Longerenong field days.

"In the dry conditions we have little option but to rely on a salty bore supply for track watering after losing the option of mixing it with river water. But consequences were severe. The water was eating the paint off the metal rail and sending it to rust. It was destroying everything made of metal," he said.



Greyhounds fly down the final straight during a Horsham Greyhound Racing Club meeting at Horsham Showground. Rust is clearly visible on the edges of the yellow running rail. Picture by Kate Healy, courtesy of Wimmera Mail-Times

"We called DELTA, met up with them at the field days and they personally came down to look at our system.

They then provided us with water-sampling gear, we sent it back with a sample and they came back to us with a recommendation."

"Installing the magnetic conditioner was very simple. All we had to do was dig down to the pipe, attach the unit and cover it over. There is no maintenance – nothing else to do except let it do its job. And it's done the job. Since we put the unit on we have found very little or no rust coming through and the paint is remaining in good condition."

Mr Sprunt said a Greyhound Racing Victoria grant had made the project possible. He said Horsham Greyhound Racing Club had also outlined details of its success with DELTA magnetic water treatment to Greyhound Racing Victoria through a statewide water-innovation review process.

"It would have cost us five times the amount to go with an alternative such as a desalination unit.

We're very happy with the conditioner and with DELTAwater solutions, and it's definitely something that others in a similar position to us should consider," he said."

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Drop in and see DELTAwater solutions at site E9 in front of the Moore Exhibition Centre at the Wimmera Machinery Field Days on March 2, 3 and 4

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