

Soilco Newsletter

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On behalf of Soilco I would like to welcome and introduce you to the first installment of our quarterly newsletter. I hope you will find each update informative and relevant to the industry as we discuss products, case studies and general news.

Enjoy the busy Spring time and lead up to the Christmas period!

Brett Allen. Business Development Manager Soilco



CASE STUDY

PROJECT: KEMIRA MINE REHABILITATION
PRODUCT: FERTILISED ORGANIC SOIL

Plant Species: Ash, Fig, Turpentine, Palm, Lillypilly, Acacia, Beech, Cedar and Peach

Project Overview & Results: Rehabilitation of the Kemira Colliery commenced in June 2003. Following the original installation, Jay Windsor of Southern Habitat has overseen the ongoing maintenance for the project. He has commented that 'growth of the plant species on site has been excellent and with the exception of the occasional deer wandering on to the site and consuming some of the plants, growth has been at its maximum.'

It was also highlighted that this growth had been achieved in times of limited water supply. A design feature of this mix was to have a relatively high organic content, thus improving the water holding capacity of the soil. A further restriction to water holding was the fact that the site was on an extreme slope of which moisture would drain away fairly rapidly, the additional organic matter improved the ability to retain water on the steeper slope.

PRODUCT PROFILE

OVAL TOPDRESSING

It is now topdressing season and Soilco have recently introduced the new "Oval Mix" designed to provide a variety of benefits in one product. Soilco's organic blends have become a popular choice for sports ovals, schools and parks as it aids the turf manager in maintaining growth in the current harsh climate through soil conditioning and nutrient supply.

Soilco is able to put together 'supply, deliver and spread packages' with additional field maintenance programmes including aeration, weed control and fertilising optional.

"...Application of this material to turf is likely to result in a significant growth surge particularly if growth has been limited..." Sydney Environmental Soil Laboratory October 2006.

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NEWS

TRANSPORT FLEET EXPANDED

Earlier this year Soilco's transport fleet expanded to include a walking floor truck & trailer combination. Depending on bulk density, this vehicle has the capacity to carry up to 100m³ of mulch and is suitable for difficult sites where tipping may be an issue. This vehicle may also be conveniently used to run mulch out in a long run to assist in spreading. Another truck and trailer combination is due in November to complement the existing tipper fleet.



REVIEW OF AS4454

Tony Emery, Managing Director of Soilco recently spent several days in Adelaide with the Standards Australia committee responsible for reviewing AS4454 – 2003 (Composts, Soil Conditioners and Mulches). This Standard applies to organic products and mixtures of organic products that are to be used to amend the physical and chemical properties of natural or artificial soils and growing media.

Soilco's GO Compost is certified as a composted soil conditioner within this standard. Tony indicated that future changes may include a broader range of specifications that will allow suit different end uses rather than a "one shoe fits all" approach.

SOILCO'S WEBSITE LAUNCH

Soilco recently updated it's website www.soilco.com.au The site is now more informative, providing the ability to download fact sheets, material safety data sheets and product images. An online order page will be incorporated soon to allow orders to be placed online, saving time and money for all our customers.

