



Dear Readers,

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If you are interested in more information about Neutrog, please let us know at marketing@neutrog.com.au to make sure you receive both our monthly newsletters.

The one you're reading now is commercially focused, while we also put together a newsletter dedicated to growing plants at home. Each month we collate seasonal advice from experts, product profiles and garden features with a full insight into Neutrog.

Kind Regards,
The Neutrog Team



Three New 10,000L Brewing Tanks for Liquid Production



Sporting ovals are prone to plenty of wear and tear, but fungal diseases can also impact the playability of the surface, increase the risk of player injury and result in further deterioration of the turf.

Rhizoctonia is one of the most widespread of all turf diseases and was identified in multiple areas on the sporting oval at the TAFE SA Urrbrae campus. Lecturer, Kim Zidarich, and her Control Plant Pests and Diseases and Disorders class recently trialled POPUL8 to treat the disease and provided this terrific report on their results:

“The disease was identified as rhizoctonia a number of years ago by Lecturer Peter Le Riche.

For my Control Plant Pests and Diseases and Disorders class we decided to apply two treatments of Neutrog POPUL8 to a number of these infected areas of the oval. The group used 40mL of POPUL8 diluted in 9L of water, applied to an area of 8 square metres on the 14th September and the 28th September, with rain following each application.

As seen in the photographs below, the kikuyu turf area has improved with only some slight discolouration and patchiness. This could be due to weed invasion in the infected zones and the continued wet weather conditions. Being in front of the goal posts the area is also prone to compaction.

In summary, the rhizoctonia appears to be suppressed. We consider this to be due to a number of factors, the seasonal change in Kikuyu from winter to spring and the natural life cycle of the fungus. The application of POPUL8 certainly has aided in the recovery of the Kikuyu and further treatments will be recommended to the Turf Manager.”

APPLICATION RATES

Use 5 litres per hectare of POPUL8. Dilute POPUL8 at a rate of 1:100, however the higher the dilution the better. Spray or apply this during a time of low UV or prior to a rain event if possible. (UV and extreme hot and dry conditions will kill many of the microbes). Water in after application if possible (not required when applying via fertigation).

POPUL8 is available in 5L, 20L and 1000L.

For more information about POPUL8, contact your local Elders distributor or Neutrog representative.



Where have we been?



Neutrog's MD and R&D Manager in Mount Isa

During October, Neutrog's Managing Director, Angus Irwin, and R&D Manager, Dr Uwe Stroehrer had the opportunity to experience a unique trip up Mount Isa in Queensland.

Their trip included a stop at the iconic Birdsville Hotel which was constructed in 1884.

From the air (in a VERY small plane) they had an amazing perspective of the water currently in the Murray and the broader riverland areas.

We look forward to sharing more of the details around the visit to this remote part of Australia over the coming months.



Commercial Team Visits Waratah in Hobart, Tasmania

Neutrog's General Manager of Sales, Craig Harnett and Commercial Customer Relationship Manager, Juloe Walker recently travelled to Tasmania to visit our distribution partner, Waratah.

They are looking forward to a longer trip in 2023 to see growers and retail partners.

Farewell to Neutrog's Long Time Transport Partner, Kitco



Towards the end of October, our warehouse team loaded the last truck from one of our long time transport partners, Kitco.

Kitco Transport have safely transported in excess of 100,000 tonnes of Neutrog product around Australia, but now this family run business has reached the end of an era.

Kitco Transport stands for Koo Wee Rup Interstate Transport Company and was started by Ron Townley in 1958 in the Koo Wee Rup and Bayles area of Victoria supplying feed to dairy farms. Ron became a produce merchant and before long he had a number of trucks going interstate and to markets for farmers. In the 1970's an alliance with BHP Hastings saw his trucks transporting steel to Victoria, New South Wales, Queensland, Perth and at times even Darwin. In 1995, when Ron retired, his son John continued to run the business.

We would like to thank Kitco and all their staff and drivers for the relationship we have enjoyed over many years.

For more information about Neutrog products, please contact our team.

Neutrog products are also suitable for the home garden, and you can find out more by signing up to receive our monthly retail newsletter for stories from gardening experts, product profiles and seasonal fertilising guides for home gardens.

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