

## Tanks to give West Tigers a home ground advantage

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Mayor Jamie Parker inspects work on the water tanks that will be used to irrigate Leichhardt Oval. Picture: Danny Aarons

RAINDROPS will keep falling on Leichhardt Oval's head thanks to three new massive rainwater tanks.

Last week Leichhardt Council poured the concrete for the tanks, which will hold a total of 450,000 litres, and will keep the ovals irrigated.

The council is hoping that the NRL might consider scheduling extra games at Leichhardt Oval, West Tigers' home ground, now the playing surface is more dependable. The oval is popular with fans for its atmosphere and now hosts three West Tigers' matches in the Telstra Premiership, which started this month.

Council spokesman Shane McArdle said: "We hope there will be more games here once the work is done and we've fixed up the western grandstand and demolished the eastern one." The project cost about \$100,000 and was partly funded through a Federal Government community water grant.

Mayor Jamie Parker called it "a serious investment in rain water tanks, probably the biggest in the Inner West". "It will mean the vast majority of water requirements for Leichhardt Oval, which is fantastic," he said.

"All the run off will come down into here."

The council would consider the tanks for other council parks too, like Lambert Park.

"We need to be investing in these big tanks to take the pressure off the water system," Cr Parker said.

"How can we expect domestic users to reduce their water consumption if big users don't?"

Water restrictions have limited the council to watering on Mondays between specific hours with pop-up automatic sprinklers.