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Welcome to Hagley Oval, the cornerstone and spiritual home of cricket in Canterbury.

Hagley Oval has had an unbroken bond with cricket since 1851 when a group of British settlers formed the Christchurch Cricket Club.

Although international cricket transitioned to Lancaster Park in 1881, Hagley Park holds a rich legacy as the nurturing ground for some of New Zealand's most iconic cricketers. Legends such as Sir Richard Hadlee, John Wright, Brendon McCullum, Chris Cairns, and Stephen Fleming all honed their skills playing cricket right where the Oval stands today.

The closure of Lancaster Park due to the severe damage sustained during a 6.3 magnitude earthquake on 22 February 2011 accelerated the search for a new home for top-level cricket in Canterbury.

Following a lot of hard work and fundraising, on Boxing Day 2014 Hagley Oval hosted its first test, opening Sri Lanka's tour of New Zealand. Less than two months later, on 14 February 2015, an adoring crowd of 18,000 cricket fans were treated to an impressive display of skill and talent when Hagley Oval hosted the opening match of the ICC 2015 Cricket World Cup. The Black Caps, led by captain and proud New Zealander Brendon McCullum, beat Sri Lanka by 98 runs with a flawless performance.



Hagley Oval Ground specifications

Capacity:
20,000
with temporary seating

The pitch is bordered with a rolling grass embankment, providing an unrestricted 360-degree view for up to **10,000 spectators**

Playing dimensions
149m x 149m

The outfield is fully irrigated and covered in ryegrass. It is top-dressed with sand and the drainage system consists of slit drains and lateral drains. This ensures water can move quickly away from the ground surface.

Wickets: 11
approximately
28m long x 34m wide



The Hadlee Pavilion provides covered space where members can sit.

The Hagley Cricket Precinct



Canterbury Cricket Umpires' Association Pavilion

The Canterbury Cricket Umpires' Association Pavilion sits within the Hagley Oval Precinct and provides a special link with Christchurch's cricketing past. Certainly, the oldest cricket pavilion in New Zealand, the building may even be the oldest such structure surviving in Australasia.

It was first built in 1864 at the north-western end of South Hagley Park in time for the visit of an English XI captained by George Parr. In 1866 the Pavilion was moved to its present site on Hagley Oval where it has been the home of various clubs over the decades.



Hadlee Pavilion

On 15 September 2014, the Hadlee Pavilion was officially opened, marking more than a decade of unwavering efforts and commitment by supporters of the sport in Canterbury.

It has the honour of being the first anchor project to be delivered in Christchurch following the earthquakes, and proclaimed the return of international cricket to the region.

The Pavilion bears the name of New Zealand cricket's most famous cricketing family, the Hadlees, including Walter Hadlee, a former New Zealand cricket captain and chairman of New Zealand Cricket and his three sons, Barry, Sir Richard, and Dale, who all played international cricket for New Zealand.



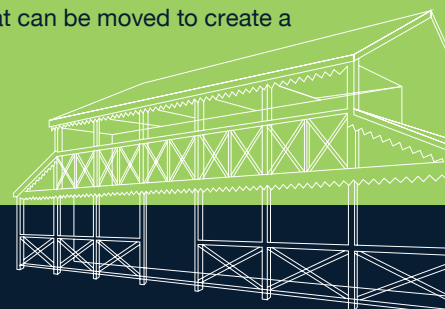
Six light towers

After the opening of the Hadlee Pavilion in 2014, the Hagley Oval Cricket Precinct evolved with the installation of six permanent 49-metre light towers, enabling it to play host to major international fixtures, and cementing its future as one of the best international cricket grounds in the country. The lights were installed just in time for the 2021 Women's World Cup.



Sir Richard Hadlee Sports Centre

The completion of the Sir Richard Hadlee Sports Centre in 2022 was the final step in the Precinct's development, offering world-class indoor facilities for all our cricket players, as well as a wide variety of other sports, to train in. It includes five 3.6-metre wide training lanes that can be moved to create a large open floor space.



Canterbury Cricket Trust

The Canterbury Cricket Trust has been the driving force behind the establishment of the Hagley Cricket Precinct in Hagley Oval.

The Precinct represents over 25 years of dedication and vision, with the Trust raising more than \$20 million in donations to turn the vision of a world-class cricket destination into a reality.

To find out more, and to support the Canterbury Cricket Trust, visit www.hagleyoval.co.nz

