



The clean-up goes long into the night after a major event at Adelaide Oval

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Recycling focus as Adelaide Oval goes green

The action at Adelaide Oval is far from over when players walk off the field.

As thousands of spectators leave the ground, an army of cleaners are mobilised to begin the all-night task of collecting and sorting the waste.

With increased capacity and a planned redevelopment, recycling is now a priority at the historic stadium as the South Australian Cricket Association (SACA) pursues best green practice across its operation.

SACA has joined Zero Waste SA's Industry Program to identify and implement a raft of new initiatives to lower the Oval's environmental footprint.

"Adelaide Oval is one of the most picturesque Test grounds in the world," says Ed Sanderson, SACA's Manager of

Venues and Operations. "It's recognised because of its acclaimed playing surface and also its parklands location and backdrop of Moreton Bay figs.

"We want to capitalise on this reputation and make it one of the world's truly green venues with minimal waste to landfill, low water use and low CO₂ emissions."

The task is complex because of the type and scale of the operation. There are large numbers of casual staff and thousands of spectators each year at a series of national and international events.

A major waste management review conducted as part of the Industry Program in early 2011 identified a series of measures to improve recycling at events and functions, in the Oval offices and during maintenance of the grounds.

“Once we have all the systems and infrastructure in place – and everyone understands what we’re trying to achieve – we’re confident of realising a recycling rate of more than 80%. That’s a huge improvement in just 12 months.”

Ed Sanderson

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Ed Sanderson, SACA Manager of Venues and Operations (left) with Tawni Jones, Zero Waste SA Manager, Industry Program, and Wayne Taylor, Cleanevent Manager Events and Venues

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SACA has partnered with venue specialist Cleanevent as a first step in improving waste collection and sorting of recyclable materials after events. More efficient recycling will also top the agenda when the Oval's waste management contract is up for renewal later this year. Major initiatives that have already been implemented as part of the Adelaide Oval green program include:

- clearly signed dual waste and recycling bins throughout the ground
- waste sorting to separate comingled materials for recycling
- improved cardboard recovery
- bins for paper recycling in all offices
- organic bins for grass clippings which are sent for composting
- comingled container deposit bins in all function and catering areas
- water sourced from the Glenelg to Adelaide Park Lands Recycled Water Project for irrigation and toilets.

Adelaide Oval

Adelaide Oval is one of the world's most famous Test cricket grounds. It can accommodate up to 34,000 spectators for cricket, with as many as 120,000 during a five-day test match. Other sports include football, soccer and rugby. Commencing in March 2012 the Oval will undergo a \$535 million redevelopment to become a 50,000-seat venue.

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A South Australian Government agency that advances improved waste management policies and the development of resource recovery and recycling. The Zero Waste SA Industry Program advises and supports companies to achieve sustainability goals in waste, water and energy.

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