

## Melbourne Cricket Ground

**Location:** Melbourne Cricket Ground, Melbourne

**Contractor:** Apex Stone Projects Pty Ltd and Grocon Construction Pty Ltd

**Date:** 2003 - 2005

**Surface Material:** Exfoliated finish light grey/dark grey granite, sawn finish bluestone

**Product:** STAIN-PROOF and ENHANCE-PLUS

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Melbourne Cricket Ground has been a landmark in the city of Melbourne for many generations. For over one hundred years the ground has hosted cricket and football matches, concerts and Olympic events.

In recent times, however, it was becoming apparent that the older stands which formed part of the ground were too small to cope with the increasing numbers of spectators and guests. In 2002 it was announced by the Victorian Government that the northern side of the ground (consisting of the Ponsford Stand, Members Pavilion and Australian Gallery of Sport & Olympic Museum) were to be demolished and rebuilt.

Grocon Construction were chosen to carry out the rebuilding of the stands, while Apex Stone Projects were subsequently contracted to seal the porous surfaces inside the new stands.

The three regions needed to be sealed included two Members Bar areas and the main foyer entrance to the Ponsford Stand. Pringle Robertson of Apex Stone Projects explains what was needed for these areas: "Generally we wanted a high quality sealer which was going to repel the many stains which come with a high amount of traffic in these sections. Dry-Treat's range was ultimately used as it was recommended by the architects and has a very good reputation."

The majority of the work was done using STAIN-PROOF on the exfoliated finish granite of the entrance foyer. However, in the bar areas where stains can be especially common the STAIN-PROOF was also covered with an additional coating of ENHANCE-PLUS.

The result was a sealing of the stone which will protect it from every-day grime brought in with the public as well as food and drink stains.

To date, despite many groups passing through the stands every day, the stone has succeeded in staying in good shape and will see out many more games and functions.

(Please see below for pictures).



