

Comprehension

In the story the Fresca Bay Falcons are invited to the MCG to see their trophy. The following information is all about the MCG with some questions at the end to check that you have read the information.

The Melbourne Cricket Ground or MCG has been described by journalist Greg Baum as "a shrine, a citadel, a landmark, a totem" that "symbolises Melbourne to the world". It is, in fact, an Australian sports stadium located in Yarra Park, Melbourne, Victoria. It is the largest stadium in the Southern Hemisphere and the second largest cricket ground by capacity in the world.

Built in 1853 it was the centre of both the 1956 Summer Olympics and the 2006 Commonwealth Games. It is now the principal venue for Australian Football League (AFL) matches, including the AFL Grand Final, the world's highest attended league championship event.

The MCG is also famous for its contribution to cricket. It was the venue for the first Test match and the first One Day International between England and Australia and has been home to two Cricket World Cups in 1992 and 2015.

As well as being used for sport, the MCG contains the National Sports Museum, and hosts concerts and other cultural events. The most people ever record as attending the MCG was 143,750 for a Billy Graham evangelistic crusade in 1959. Since then, grandstand redevelopments have reduced the stadium's maximum seating capacity by almost a third so that it now has only 95,000 seats and can hold an additional 5,000 people standing on the field or pitch.

1. What does MCG stand for?

2. Where is the MCG?

3. Which international event has been held twice at the MCG 23 years apart?

4. What is the most people that have ever attended the MCG for one event?

5. What does 'evangelical' mean?

6. How many people could attend a match at the MCG now?

7. Why do you think the Fresca Bay Falcons were so excited to visit the MCG?

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