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Eden Park crowned 'International Pitch of the Year'

Eden Park has received recognition for its year-round efforts to create high quality cricket surfaces.

New Zealand Cricket today released its turf management awards for the 2019-20 season and named Eden Park 'International Pitch of the Year'.

The stadium says the award illustrates endless hours that the nimble turf team spends curating the grounds.

"It's always a highlight to be acknowledged by the industry for the effort our team puts into creating a world-class surface. Eden Park is home to so many unforgettable cricket moments watched around the globe and a personal highlight was this year's Auckland Anniversary T20 between the BLACKCAPS and India, which also celebrated India's Republic Day.

"Cricket has been a staple at the Park since 1903 and it's pleasing that our turf team continues to be recognised for our commitment to the sport," says Eden Park Chief Executive Officer Nick Sautner.

The decision took into account reports from the ICC and New Zealand Cricket along with surveys conducted by players associations.

Eden Park will host the ICC Women's Cricket World Cup next year and looks forward to welcoming more cricket fixtures back to the Park as events return to society.

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About Eden Park

Eden Park is New Zealand's national stadium and a globally iconic arena, located in central Auckland.

Eden Park Trust operates as a statutory not-for-profit body corporate, registered as a charitable trust with the Charities Commission. Its objectives are to promote, operate and develop Eden Park as a high quality multi-purpose stadium for the use and benefit of rugby and cricket as well as other sporting codes and other recreational, musical, and cultural events for the benefit of the public of the Auckland region.

Its rich history and profile is unmatched by any other stadium in the country. From its beginnings as a cricket ground in 1903, Eden Park became the primary venue for major summer and winter sport in Auckland when in 1913, the owner, Auckland Cricket, leased winter use of the ground to Auckland Rugby.

A Deed of Trust establishing Auckland Cricket and Auckland Rugby as the beneficial owners of Eden Park was signed in 1926 and has since been enshrined in legislation. Most notably remembered for hosting the 1987 and 2011 Rugby World Cup Finals, Eden Park remains the home of both Auckland Cricket and Auckland Rugby as it has been for more than a century.

Each year, more than half a million sports and entertainment fans from around the world visit Eden Park. The stadium successfully hosts sell-out crowds of up to 50,000 on match days and hosts more than 1,000 non-match day functions per year.