



# SIR DONALD BRADMAN

LEARNING ACTIVITIES PRIMARY & MIDDLE YEARS

# SIR WHO?

# LEARN ABOUT SIR DON

**Australia's most celebrated cricketer was born in 1908 in Cootamundra, New South Wales.**

Don Bradman grew up in Bowral, moving to Sydney at the age of 18 where he represented his state in cricket and then his country at the age of just 20! He moved to South Australia in 1934 to further his business and cricket opportunities and remained living in Adelaide until his passing in 2001.

His dominant cricket career spanned two decades but his significant impact as a remarkable sportsman and Australian citizen across the 20th century has ensured that his legacy lives on.

Adelaide Oval was a second home to Sir Donald and so it is only fitting that it showcases the South Australian State Library's 'Bradman Collection' featuring a wide range of memorabilia relevant to his cricket career and life.

Enjoy viewing the Collection and complete the activities to learn more about this influential 20th century Australian!

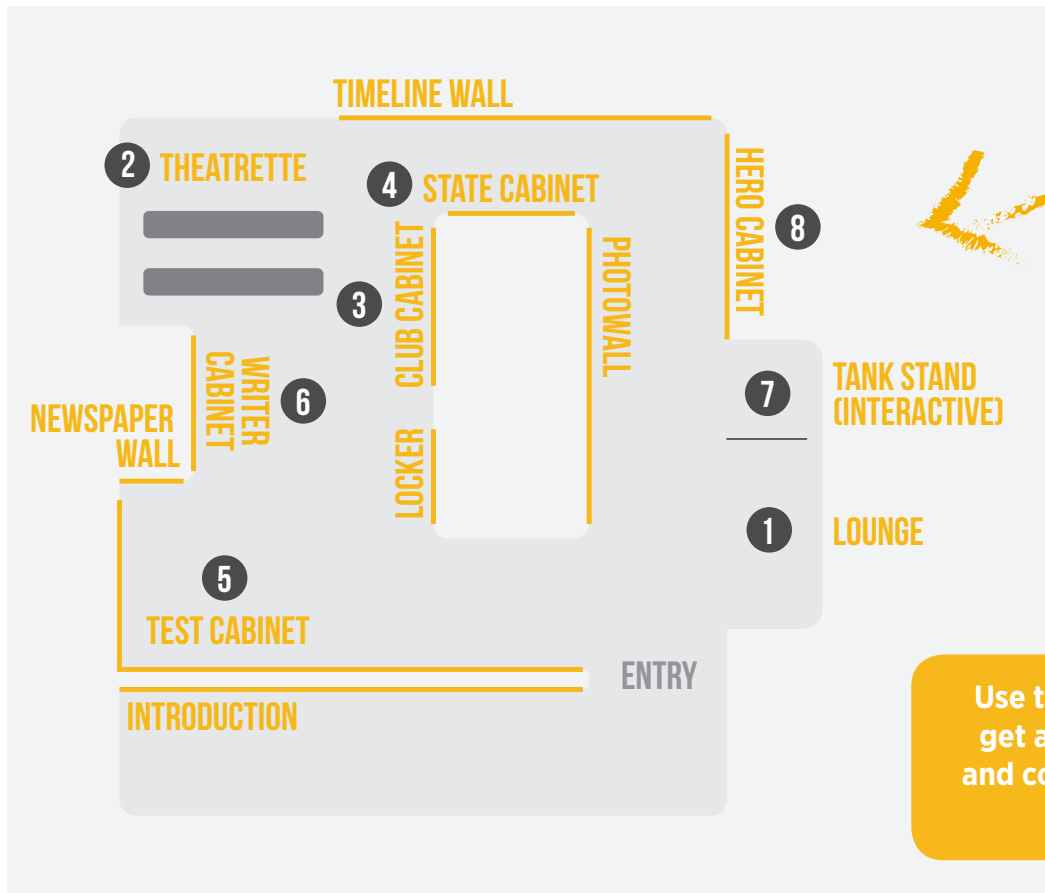
## FAST FACTS

- Sir Donald Bradman scored 18 centuries and only made one Duck (0) on Adelaide Oval.
- Bradman scored his maiden first class century at Adelaide Oval in 1927.
- Bradman scored a century in his first game for South Australia. His first three innings for South Australia were 117, 233 and 357.
- Bradman scored three test match double centuries in Adelaide: 299 vs South Africa in 1931-32, 212 vs England in 1936-37, 201 vs India in 1947-48.
- Bradman was made Captain of SA in 1935, a season that they went on to win the Sheffield Shield state competition. He was captain until 1948.
- Bradman's score of 369 in a match against Tasmania in 1936 is the highest first class score at Adelaide Oval.
- He was an SA state cricket selector from 1935 to 1970, on the SA Cricket Association Board from 1943-1986 and was President from 1965-1973. It is estimated that he attended over 1700 meetings at Adelaide Oval alone.
- The Sir Donald Bradman Stand was built at the southern end of the ground in 1990. It was later replaced by the Riverbank Stand in 2013 as part of the oval redevelopment. The central part of the Western stand was renamed the Sir Donald Bradman Pavilion.
- The statue of Sir Donald Bradman in the Creswell Gardens was constructed in 2002.

**"I WAS NEVER COACHED, I WAS NEVER TAUGHT HOW TO HOLD A BAT"**

# THE BRADMAN COLLECTION MUSEUM

## MUSEUM MAP



Use this map to help you get around the museum and complete the learning activities.

### 1. LOUNGE

You will experience how it might have looked and sounded, listening to Bradman playing thousands of miles away in the 1930s.

### 2. THEATRETTE

Watch film footage of Bradman's career including a lesson from the master on playing different shots.

### 3. CLUB CABINET

Follow Bradman's career from country cricket in Bowral, to district cricket with St George and North Sydney and with Kensington in Adelaide.

### 4. STATE CABINET

Bradman was a great performer in state cricket and played in five Sheffield Shield winning sides. His then world-record score of 452 not out against Queensland in 1930 is featured here.

### 5. TEST CABINET

This highlights Bradman's career from 1928 to 1948 in which he changed the balance of Ashes Test matches as well as giving superb performances in series against the West Indies, South Africa and India.

### 6. WRITER CABINET

Bradman wrote several books including 'The Art of Cricket'. He is also the subject of more than 50 books. This section features Bradman specific books and media.

### 7. TANK STAND (INTERACTIVE)

Bradman developed his brilliant hand-eye co-ordination as a boy by striking a golf ball with a stump against a tank stand in the backyard. Here's your chance to test your ability.

### 8. HERO CABINET

Bradman became a hero during the Depression of the 1930s and has remained so more than 60 years after his retirement. He has been the subject of a wide range of art works, some of which are shown in this display.



# KEY SECONDARY WEB RESOURCES:

## SOUTH AUSTRALIAN STATE LIBRARY

<http://www.slsa.sa.gov.au/bradman/index.html>

## INTERNATIONAL CRICKET HALL OF FAME

<http://internationalcrickethall.com/sir-donald-bradman/>

<http://internationalcrickethall.com/don-bradman/>

## BRADMAN FOUNDATION

<http://www.bradman.com.au/don-bradman/>

## AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT

<http://www.australia.gov.au/about-australia/australian-story/don-bradman>

## BRADMAN TRAIL

<http://bradmantrail.com.au/index.php>

## NATIONAL MUSEUM AUSTRALIA

<http://www.nma.gov.au/search?q=don%20bradman>

## AUSTRALIA ON NET

<http://www.australiaonnet.com/about-australia/famous-australians/sir-donald-bradman.html>

## MELBOURNE CRICKET GROUND

<http://www.mcg.org.au/things-to-do/sporting-statues/don-bradman>

## ADELAIDE OVAL EDUCATION RESOURCE

<http://toursandmuseums.realviewdigital.com/?iid=152465#folio=1>

## ADELAIDE OVAL TIMELINE

<http://www.adelaideoval.com.au/library/Adelaide%20Oval%20Timeline.pdf>