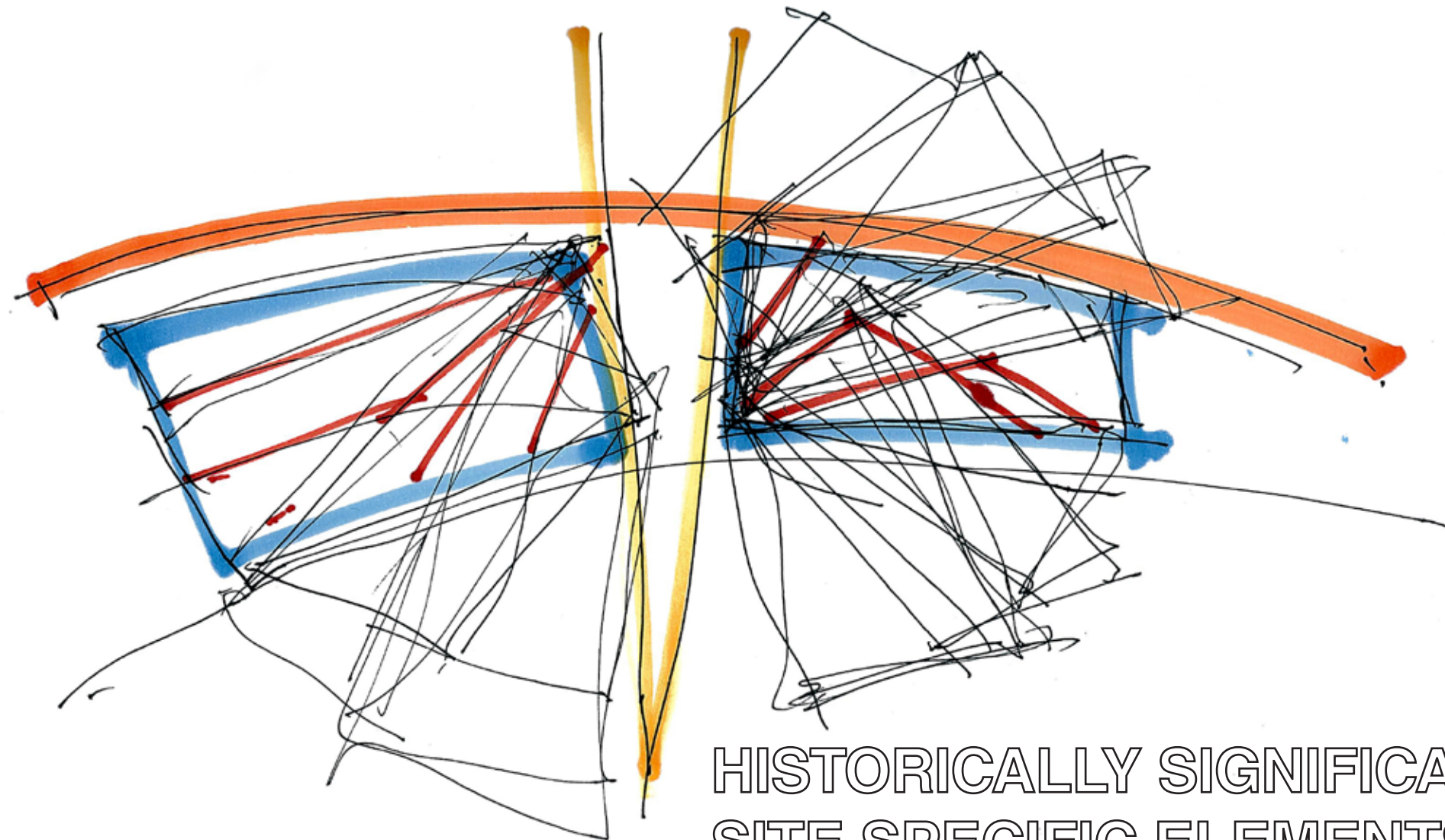
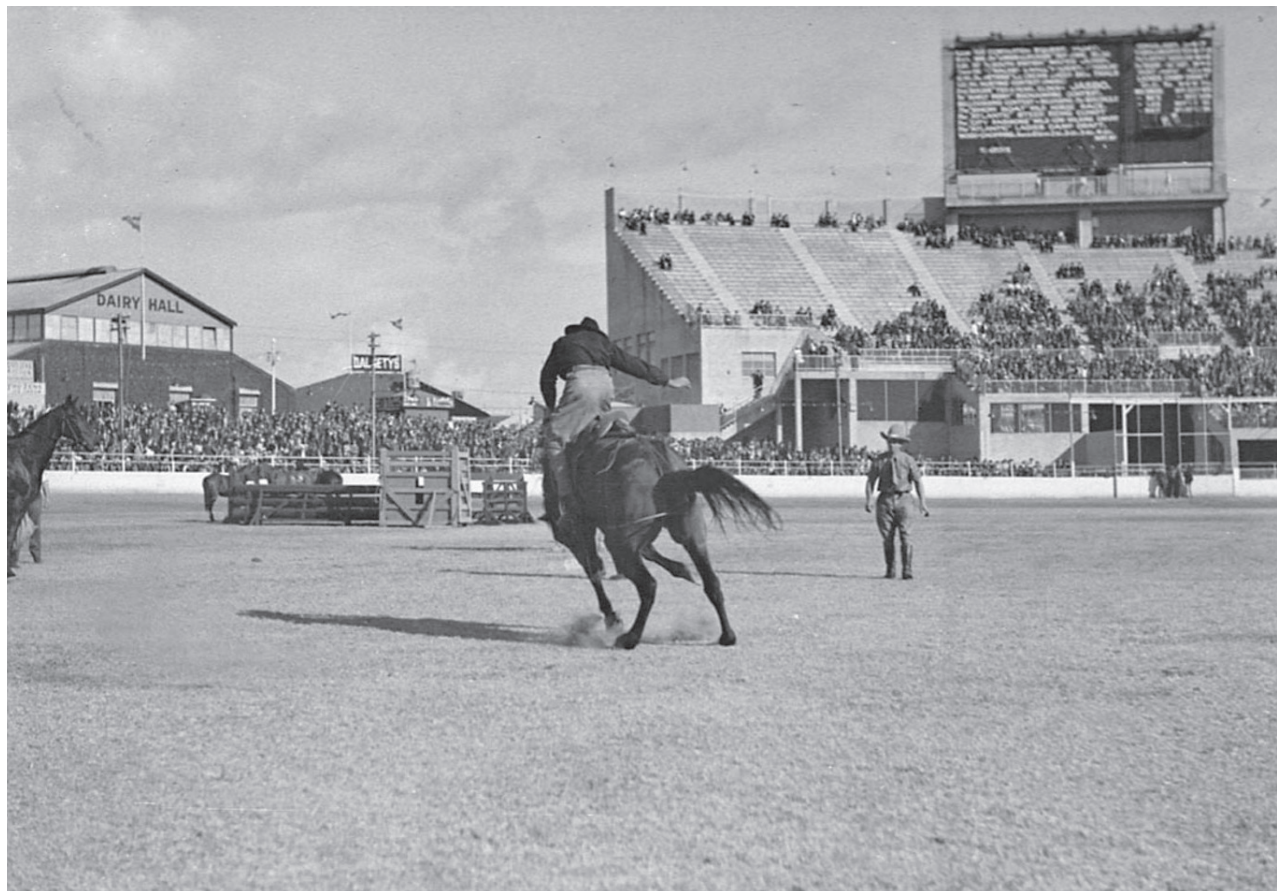




HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT
SITE SPECIFIC ELEMENTS

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ROYAL EASTER SHOW

In 1882, The Agricultural Society established its grounds within the site, which henceforth became the venue of the Royal Easter Show—an annual expression of national pride in Australian produce and industry.



SPEEDWAY ROYALE

From 1926 until 1996 the Showground's Main Arena also doubled as the Sydney Showground Speedway, a dirt track speedway, officially known as Speedway Royale, the speedway attracted large spectator attendances throughout the summer months. Claimed to be the fastest speedway in the world the 509 metre (556 yards) long "egg shaped" track was also the site of some spectacular crashes and some tragic deaths. Although solo motorcycles were first to race at the Showgrounds they were soon joined by sidecars, speedcars and later Super Modifieds. In the 1950s stock cars began to appear joined much later by demolition derbies.



The Sydney Showground Speedway 1926 - 1996

In memory of the speedway riders and drivers who lost their lives competing at the Sydney Showground Speedway (The Royale) which since 1938 has been the site. They started their last race here, at the Start/Finish line, but were never greeted with the chequered flag.

This plaque, dedicated this day 10.11.2000 by Mr Jim Shepherd on behalf of:

The Vintage Speedway Riders Association of Australia
 NSW Vintage Compact Speedcar Club
 The Vintage Speedcar Association (NSW) Inc
 The Royal Vintage Modified Association
 And the many other fans

James Donaghy	Solo	28.02.1927
Frank Harris	Solo	08.12.1930
Sam Brennan	Solo	03.12.1932
Freddie Pitt	Solo	03.12.1932
Frank Elms	Solo	21.12.1935
Jack Beaton	Steeplechase	04.01.1947
Norm Hardy	Solo	12.04.1947
Karl Galscher	Steeplechase	07.10.1949
Jim Hensbury	Solo	07.02.1953
Shel Wilson	Steeplechase	05.11.1954
Bob Staines	Solo	15.12.1955
Merv Dwyer	Steeplechase	08.03.1957
Sam Stanton	Steeplechase	24.01.1958
Peter Johnson	Steeplechase	07.01.1961
Jack Bissaker	Steeplechase	21.10.1961
Barry Brownson	Steeplechase	30.11.1962
Nick Collier	Steeplechase	27.02.1966
Barry Hopkin	Solo	19.11.1965
Ted Preece	Steeplechase	05.02.1966
Derek Duggan	Steeplechase	29.10.1966
Lifford Levy	Solo	15.03.1968
Karl Webb	Solo	28.09.1969
Roger Armes	Solo	15.03.1969
John Quinn	Steeplechase	24.10.1970
Gavin Curtis	Solo	15.12.1973

SPEEDWAY ROYALE

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1972 - Led Zeppelin
 1977 - ABBA
 1980 - Kiss
 1983 - David Bowie
 1984 - The Police
 1992-1997 - Big Day Out



Over its history the Old Sydney Showground has been the gathering place for various music events and festivals. Performers included Led Zeppelin, David Bowie, ABBA, Kiss and Rage Against The Machine. Between 1992-1997 the showground was the place of the Big Day Out one of Australia's largest music festivals.



MUSIC EVENTS

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Soccer program: a souvenir of an English tour in 1925. A crowd of 49 500 watched Australia lose this match at Sydney Showground. International tours were popular in the 1920s, particularly in NSW.

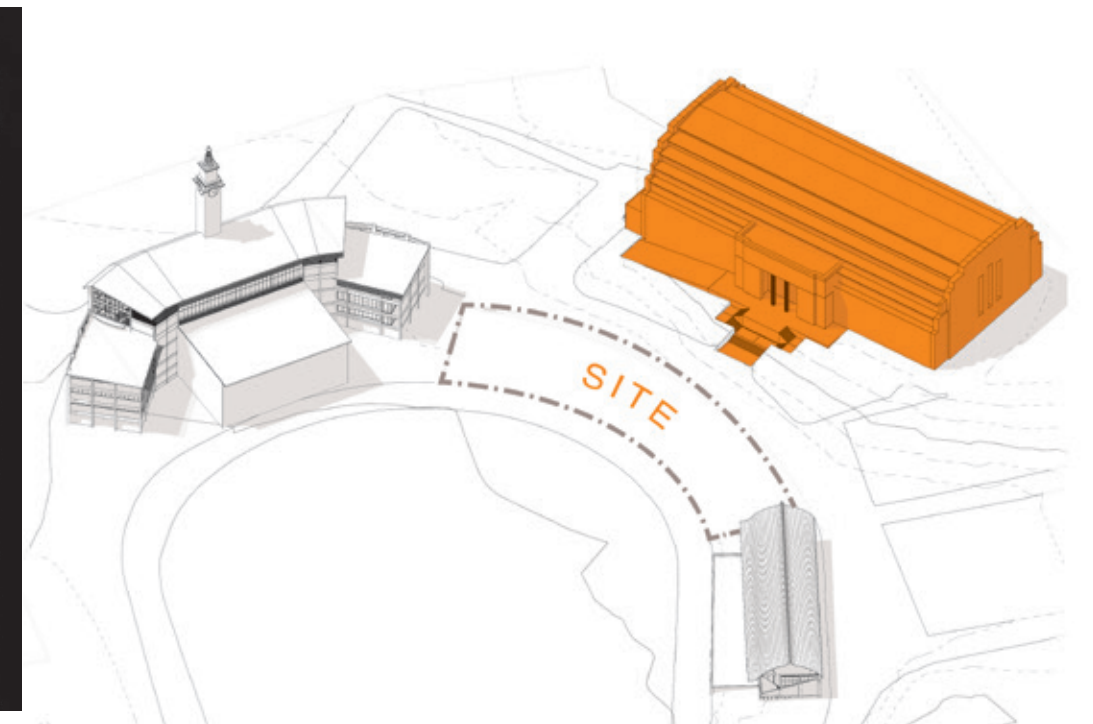


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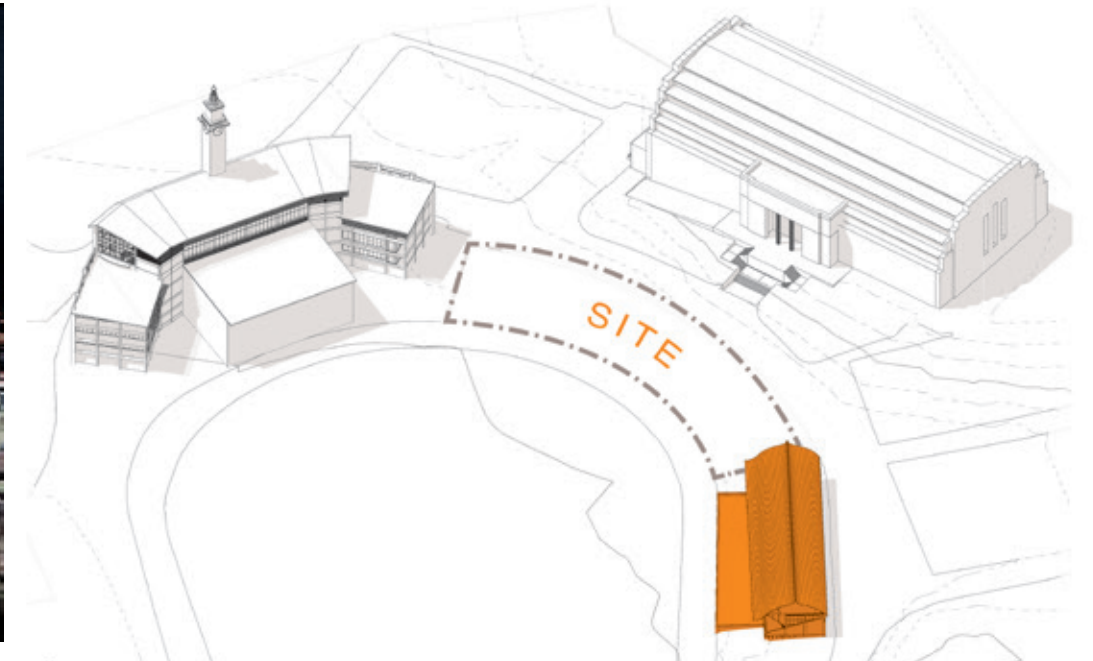
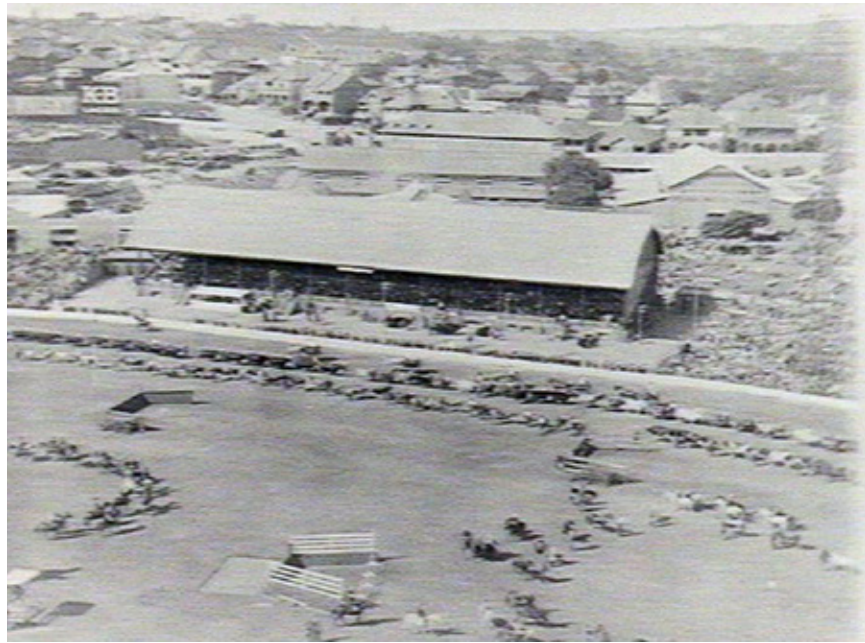
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Commemorative Pavilion was built to mark the 150th commemoration of the settlement of New South Wales, and to accommodate a major exhibition of Australian goods held in conjunction with the 1938 Royal Easter Show.



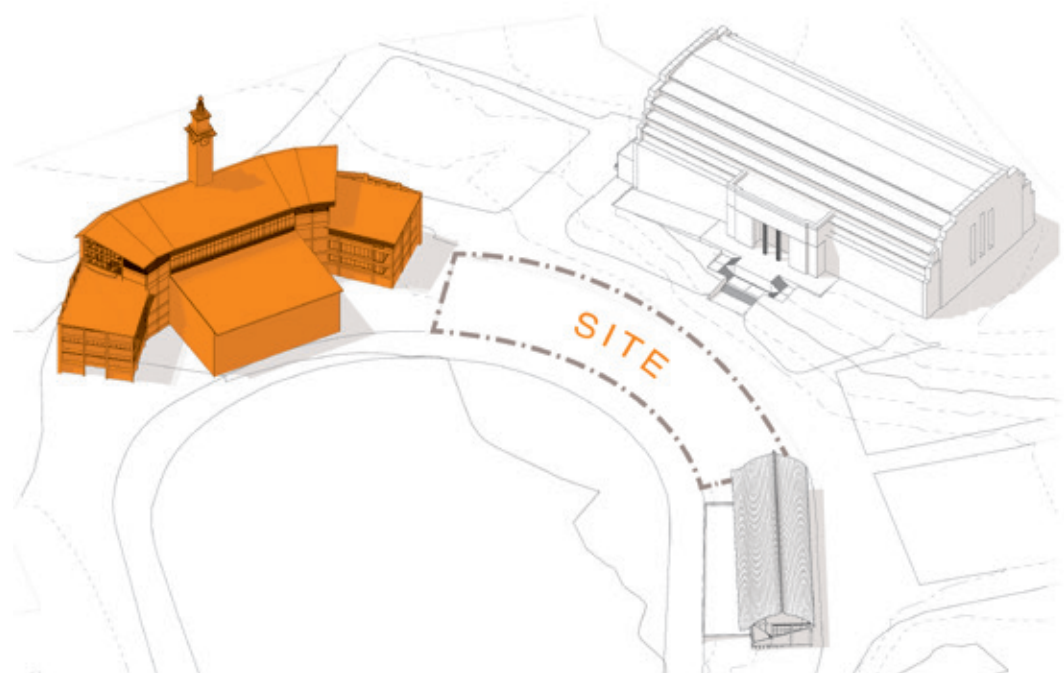
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