



## LEXUS PAVILION

Melbourne Cup Spring Racing Carnival 2006  
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This project called for a two-storey temporary hospitality pavilion in the Birdcage enclosure during the 2006 Melbourne Cup Spring Racing Carnival. The agreed brief was to provide a facility of unsurpassed comfort, amenity and architectural quality within five months with a marquee-type budget. Chris de Campo of de Campo Architects discusses the challenge: “To meet ambition, budget and time constraints inventive necessities took hold to achieve the anticipated result”.

The final solution was to “customise a mature lightweight aluminium structure technology to meet our two-storey cubic form and designated floor voids which could then be cut down and re-used as standard items in the hire industry”. The structure was able to accommodate an inflatable PVC roof plane that included a central clear section to the sky with primarily Danpalon 8mm Multicell Reflective HeatStop and Opal, and DP4mm Compact cladding around the walls.

“The idea was to present a dynamic enclosure of crystalline and cinematographic qualities that celebrated technology and the spirit of the occasion. An environment that was insulated, ventilated and inspiring – supporting an atmosphere of transparency, reflection and interaction.”



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