

# **1956 Australian Architectural Convention Exhibition collection**

## **Architecture Museum, Adelaide University**

### **RAIA EXHIBITION COLLECTION**

**SERIES 215**

#### **HISTORY**

In 1956 Adelaide's Botanic Park was the venue for an exhibition of architecture. Staged by the South Australian Institute of Architects and the Royal Australian Institute of Architects, in conjunction with the Sixth Australian Architectural Convention, the exhibition was designed to foster interest in the latest developments in architecture through models and buildings. Botanic Park was the site for pavilions intended to show 'how beauty and logic can be combined to make more pleasing surroundings for daily living'. The exhibition was covered in national and international architectural journals and in the Australian and overseas press. The Architectural Convention and exhibition of 1956 changed architecture in Adelaide and beyond, introducing contemporary architecture to the South Australian public.

A Retrospective exhibition of images of this exhibition came about through the work of Colin Schumacher, Earle Scott and Keith Neighbour. It was then held in 1998 at the University of S.A. City West Campus, Yungondi Building. It has since travelled to Perth, Western Australia.

#### **COLLECTION DESCRIPTION**

This collection consists of enlarged printed photographic panels from the 1998 retrospective exhibition of an RAIA Convention Exhibition held 26 May to 16 June 1956 in the Adelaide Botanic Park in the Parklands as well as research notes and copies of original documents relating to the 1956 exhibition.

Note: See also Cheesman collection S209 for the 1956 Programmes for the Convention and for the Exhibition held in Park Lands, registration, and personal invitations to peers and lists of delegates attending with personal notations; Neighbour collection S294 for original slides, plans and ephemera; Griggs collection S167 for programmes and ephemera and Hurren collection for programmes.

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#### Special List

This Series consists of exhibition panels and photographs relating to the 1998 Retrospective of the 1956 RAIA Convention Exhibition. Many of the colour images are taken from slides held in the Keith Neighbour collection.

<u>Series</u>	<u>Description</u>
<b>S215/1/1</b>	<b>Brochure</b> Sixth Australian Architectural Convention Exhibition, Botanic Park, Adelaide, May 26-June 16, 1956. Brochure of exhibition (3 copies)
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- S215/1/4/5/1 Opening day (Neighbour, Playford, Irwin in Timber House) copy 1
- S215/1/4/5/2 Opening day (Neighbour, Playford, Irwin in Timber House) copy 2
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- S215/1/4/9/1 Gregory Bruer and Belluschi at Adelaide Airport (colour photo)
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- S215/1/4/11/1 Architect in Chiefs Department, Architecture department circa 1956 eastern side of Victoria Square (photograph came from Ian Campbell) copy 1
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- S215/1/12 Arts and Architecture magazine July 1956 page 19, article on people at the convention A2 copy laminated**
  
- S215/1/13 Sunday Mail extract September 10 1955 Botanic Park Buildings for Architects Exhibition, copy laminated**
  
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Notes from interview with Earle Scott, Colin Schumacher and Keith Neighbour by Julie Collins on 8 November 1999 in Architecture Archive (now known as Architecture Museum), Playford building, University of South Australia and photocopied information about 1956 exhibition.