



# Stadium Australia

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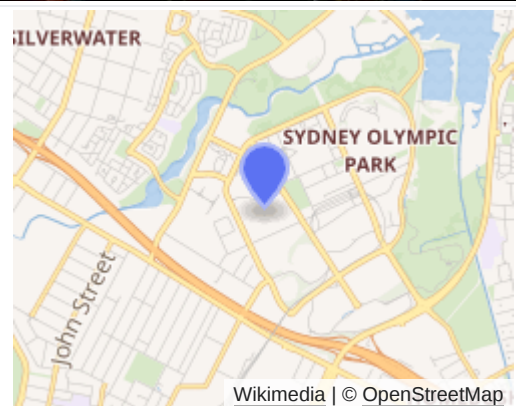
**Stadium Australia**, commercially known as **ANZ Stadium** and formerly as **Telstra Stadium**, is a multi-purpose stadium located in the Sydney Olympic Park, in Sydney, Australia. The stadium, which in Australia is sometimes referred to as **Sydney Olympic Stadium**, **Homebush Stadium** or simply as the **Olympic Stadium**, was completed in March 1999 at a cost of A\$690 million<sup>[1]</sup> to host the 2000 Summer Olympics.<sup>[2][3]</sup> The current chairman of the stadium's Advisory Board is Robert Webster.<sup>[4]</sup> Every year since the stadium was built, the New South Wales rugby league team's home games in the State of Origin series have been played there. Also the stadium has since hosted the annual National Rugby League grand final. ANZ Stadium also hosted the 2003 Rugby World Cup finals and Bledisloe Cup matches, regular Sydney Swans and Greater Western Sydney Giants AFL matches, as well as international soccer matches featuring Australia's national team the Socceroos, and exhibition games by Sydney-based A-League team Sydney FC. The stadium also hosted the 2015 AFC Asian Cup final.

The stadium was originally built to temporarily hold 110,000 spectators, making it the largest Olympic Stadium ever built but still not the largest in Australia, with the Melbourne Cricket Ground formerly holding more than 120,000 before its re-design in the early 2000s. In 2003, reconfiguration work was completed to shorten the north and south wings, and install movable seating. These changes reduced the capacity to 83,500 for a rectangular field and 82,500 for an oval field (making it the second largest stadium in Australia, after the Melbourne Cricket Ground). Awnings were also added over the north and south stands, which allows most of the seating to be undercover. The stadium was also

## Stadium Australia

### ANZ Stadium

Sydney Olympic Stadium, Homebush Stadium



<b>Former names</b>	Telstra Stadium (2002–2007)
<b>Location</b>	Sydney, New South Wales, Australia (Map)
<b>Coordinates</b>	<span><span><span><span><span>33°50′50″S</span> <span>151°3′48″E</span></span></span><span><span>﻿</span> / <span>﻿</span></span><span><span></span></span></span></span>
<b>Owner</b>	NSW Government

engineered along sustainable lines for example with the low use of steel in the roof structure in comparison to the Olympic stadiums of Athens and Beijing.<sup>[5]</sup>

## Naming rights

The stadium lacked a naming rights sponsor in its formative years, bearing the name Stadium Australia between its opening in 1999 and 2002. In 2002, telecommunications company Telstra acquired the naming rights, resulting in the stadium being known as *Telstra Stadium*. On 12 December 2007 it was announced by the Stadium Australia Group (SAG) that the stadium's name was to be changed to *ANZ Stadium* after concluding a deal with ANZ Bank worth around A\$31.5 million over 7 years.<sup>[6]</sup> This change took effect on 1 January 2008. In 2014, ANZ renewed the deal through to the end of 2017.<sup>[7]</sup>

## History

### Early history

In 1993, Stadium Australia was designed to host the 2000 Sydney Olympics.

The first sporting event held at the stadium was on 6 March 1999 when a then-record rugby league football crowd of 104,583 watched the NRL first round double-header, featuring Newcastle v Manly and Parramatta v St George Illawarra Dragons. The attendance broke the old record of 102,569 set at the Odsal Stadium in Bradford, England for the Challenge Cup Final replay between Warrington and Halifax held on 5 May 1954.

The first musical act held at the newly built stadium was the Bee Gees, consisting of Barry, Robin and Maurice Gibb, on March 27, 1999. The band had embarked on what would be their final world tour as a group before the death of Maurice, the tour ending in the newly built Olympic Stadium. The show was sold out with an attendance of 66,285.<sup>[8]</sup>

The stadium was not officially opened until June 1999 when the Australian National Soccer team played the FIFA All Stars. Australia won the match 3–2 in front of a crowd of 88,101. Stadium Australia also played host to the national side's historic playoff win over Uruguay in November 2005,

<b>Operator</b>	Venues Live Management Services
<b>Capacity</b>	82,500 (Oval) <div>83,500 (Rectangle)</div> <div>115,000 (2000 Summer Olympics)</div> <div>75,000 (2018 remodelled)</div>
<b>Record attendance</b>	<b>114,714:</b> <u>2000 Olympics Closing Ceremony</u> <b>109,874:</b> <u>2000 Wallabies vs All Blacks Bledisloe Cup</u> <b>107,999:</b> <u>Storm v Dragons 1999 NRL Grand Final</u> <b>95,544:</b> <u>Adele: Adele Live 2017</u>
<b>Field size</b>	170m x 128m (Oval)
<b>Surface</b>	Grass
<b>Construction</b>	
<b>Broke ground</b>	September 1996
<b>Opened</b>	6 March 1999; 25 years ago
<b>Construction cost</b>	<u>A\$690 million</u> <sup>[1]</sup>
<b>Architect</b>	<u>Populous</u>
<b>Tenants</b>	
<u>New South Wales Blues</u> (State of Origin) (1999–present )	
<u>Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs</u> (NRL) (1999–present)	
<u>South Sydney Rabbitohs</u> (NRL) (2006–present)	
<u>New South Wales Waratahs</u> (Super Rugby) (2009–present)	
<u>St George Illawarra Dragons</u> (NRL) (2008, 2014–2017)	
<u>New South Wales cricket team</u>	
<u>Sydney Swans</u> (AFL) (2002–2015)	
<u>Sydney Thunder</u> (BBL) (2012–2015)	
<u>GWS Giants</u> (AFL) (2012–2013)	
<u>Wests Tigers</u> (NRL) (2005–08, 2014–present)	
<u>Western Sydney Wanderers</u> (A-League) (2016–present)	
<u>Parramatta Eels</u> (NRL) (2017–present)	
<b>Website</b>	

a victory which granted Australia FIFA World Cup qualification for only the second time in the country's history. The event attracted a virtual capacity crowd of 82,698.

The 1999 Bledisloe Cup rugby union match between the Australian Wallabies and the New Zealand All Blacks attracted a then-world record rugby union crowd of 107,042. In 2000 this was bettered when an almost capacity crowd of 109,874 (capacity at the time was 110,000) witnessed the "Greatest ever Rugby Match" when a Jonah Lomu try sealed an All Blacks win over the Wallabies 39–35. The All Blacks had led 24-nil after 11 minutes only to see Australia draw level at 24-all by halftime.

An exhibition soccer match between the Socceroos and Premier League team Manchester United was played on 18 July 1999. Manchester United defeated Australia 1-0 in front of 78,000 spectators.

On 9 June 1999, the stadium hosted its first ever State of Origin series game between New South Wales and Queensland. The match, Game 2 of the three game series, saw the record Origin attendance in Sydney when 88,336 saw the Blues christen their new home with a 12-8 win. The attendance broke the Origin attendance record of 87,161 set at the Melbourne Cricket Ground for Game 2 of the 1994 series.

On 7 August 1999, a National Football League (American Football) exhibition game called the American Bowl was played between the Denver Broncos and the San Diego Chargers, bringing home former Australian Football League player Darren Bennett, the Chargers' punter. The Broncos won the game 20–17 in front of 73,811 spectators. This was Australia's first, and currently only, American Bowl game.

The 1999 National Rugby League grand final, played on 26 September between the Melbourne Storm and the St George Illawarra Dragons, broke the rugby league world-record crowd previously set earlier in the season when 107,999 came to watch the Storm defeat the Dragons 20–18 to win their first NRL premiership. Storm captain Glenn Lazarus, who had previously won grand finals with Canberra (1989 and 1990), and Brisbane (1992 and 1993) retired after the game having played 254 games.

During the 2000 Olympics, the evening athletics sessions on day 11 attracted 112,524 spectators on the night that Australia's Cathy Freeman won the Olympic Gold Medal for the Women's 400 metres. As of 2014, this remains the world record attendance for any athletics event.<sup>[9]</sup> Also during the Olympics, the soccer final attracted 104,098 to witness Cameroon defeat Spain for its first-ever Olympic gold medal. This was an Olympic Games football attendance record, breaking the record of 101,799 set at the Rose Bowl during the Gold Medal game of the 1984 Olympic Games in Los Angeles.

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## Ground information

### End names

Poll End  
Mall End

## International information

<b>First T20I</b>	1 February 2012: <div><span><span><span></span></span><span> </span></span>Australia<span> </span>v<span> </span><span><span><span></span></span><span> </span></span>India</div>
<b>Last T20I</b>	9 November 2014: <div><span><span><span></span></span><span> </span></span>Australia<span> </span>v<span> </span><span><span><span></span></span><span> </span></span>South Africa</div>
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As of 26 April 2017

Source: Cricinfo (<http://www.espnccricinfo.com/australia/content/ground/56576.html>)



Nighttime view of Sydney Olympic Park



The opening ceremony for the 2000 Summer Olympics at the stadium completely sold out all 110,000 seats, while the highest attendance for any event in modern Olympic Games history was recorded with 114,714 at the stadium for the closing ceremony of the same Games. Musical acts for the closing ceremony were a "who's who" of Australian music including Kylie Minogue, John Williamson, John Paul Young, Jimmy Barnes, Midnight Oil, INXS (with Jon Stevens), Men at Work, and Slim Dusty who sang *Waltzing Matilda*. Also in attendance on stage during the Closing ceremony were other famous Australian's including golfer Greg Norman and comedian-actor Paul Hogan.



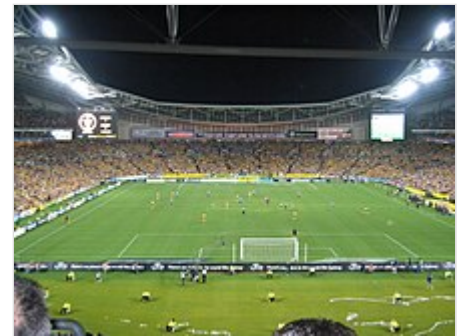
Athletics events at Stadium Australia during the 2000 Summer Olympics

## Post-reconfiguration



Stadium Australia in 2011 after the reconfiguration

The Sydney Swans v Collingwood Australian Football League (AFL) match at the Stadium on Saturday, 23 August 2003 set an attendance record for the largest crowd to watch an Australian rules football match outside of Victoria with 72,393 spectators (87.7% capacity) attending and was the largest home-and-away AFL crowd at any Australian stadium for 2003.



Australia against Uruguay in Stadium Australia, during the 2006 FIFA World Cup qualifying play-off.

The attendance broke the record of 66,897 set at Football Park in Adelaide, South Australia on 28 September 1976 for the South Australian National Football League (SANFL) grand final between the Sturt and Port Adelaide Football Clubs.

2 October 2005 saw 82,453 attend the NRL grand final in which the Wests Tigers defeated the North Queensland Cowboys 30–16.

16 November 2005 saw 82,698 attend the second leg of the Oceania-South America Qualification Playoff game for qualification to the 2006 FIFA World Cup. Australia defeated Uruguay 1–0, which led to a penalty shootout as Uruguay had won the first leg of the playoff 1–0. Australia won the shootout 4–2 and secured a spot in the World Cup for the first time since 1974. The penalty spot where John Aloisi's spot kick secured victory has been permanently preserved and is on public display at the stadium.<sup>[10]</sup>



Oval configuration with rugby goal posts. As a guide, the rugby goal posts are 100 m (109 yd) apart

On 1 October 2006, the stadium hosted the 2006 NRL Grand Final between the Brisbane Broncos and Melbourne Storm. It was the first time since the competition began in 1908 that two teams from outside of Sydney had contested the grand final. 79,609 fans saw the Broncos defeat the Storm 15-8. As of the 2016 NRL Grand Final, this is one of only two times that no Sydney based team has contested the premiership decider and also the only time an NRL grand final at the Olympic Stadium has failed to attract at least 80,000 fans.

On 5 October 2008, the Manly-Warringah Sea Eagles defeated the Melbourne Storm 40-0 in the 2008 NRL Grand Final in front of 80,388 fans. This is the record winning margin for a grand final, breaking the previous record of 38-0 when Eastern Suburbs defeated St George in the 1975 Grand Final played at the Sydney Cricket Ground. 2008 was the centenary year of the competition. It was also the first time a team had been held scoreless in a grand final since Manly had defeated Cronulla-Sutherland 16-0 in the 1978 Grand Final Replay at the SCG (the original Grand Final that year had been drawn 11-11).

In February 2009, the stadium replaced its existing two television screens with new Panasonic HD LED video screens that measure 23x10m – 70% larger than the original screens, and 50% larger than the screens in the Beijing National Stadium, whilst consuming less power than the old screens. Additionally, an LED perimeter screen showcasing ANZ advertising has been installed on the second level from the 30m line to the 30m line.<sup>[11]</sup>

25 September 2009 saw the largest ever NRL finals attendance (non-grand final) in competition history when 74,549 fans saw the Parramatta Eels defeat the Bulldogs RLFC 22-12 in the preliminary final of the 2009 NRL season. This beat the previous finals record of 57,973 set at the Sydney Cricket Ground for the preliminary final of the 1963 NSWRL season which St George defeat Parramatta 12-7.

It hosted its first ever International Cricket match when Australia took on India in a Twenty20 night game on 1 February 2012.<sup>[12]</sup> The match attracted a crowd of 59,569 which remains the largest crowd ever for a cricket match in New South Wales.



During a Twenty20 match between India and Australia in 2012.

30 September 2012 saw the largest ever NRL Grand Final crowd since reconfiguration up until 2014 when 82,976 attended the 2012 NRL Grand Final to see the Melbourne Storm defeat the Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs 14-4. This number was nearly reached in the 2009 NRL Grand Final between the Storm and the Parramatta Eels, with 82,538 in attendance. On 13 and 14 December 2010, a U2 concert, one of the biggest in history, was held at the ANZ Stadium.

On 6 July 2013 a new rectangle configuration record attendance of 83,702 watched the British and Irish Lions defeat The Wallabies 41-16 to win the Tom Richards Cup series by 2-1.

The record set by the Wallabies test was broken just 10 days later on 17 July when 83,813 (only 187 short of capacity) attended Game 3 of the 2013 State of Origin series. Queensland defeated NSW 12-10 to win their 8th straight Origin series. With 80,380 attending Game 1 at the stadium, the attendances also broke the Origin attendance records for the first and third game of a series. With the second game of the series attracting 51,690 to Brisbane's Suncorp Stadium, 2013 also broke the Origin series attendance record with 215,883 attending the three games.

On 6 September 2013, the largest ever NRL minor round attendance for a single game at the stadium was set when 59,708 saw eventual 2013 Premiers the Sydney Roosters defeat South Sydney 24-12 in the final round of the 2013 NRL season. This was also the largest single game minor round crowd in the history of the premiership dating back to 1908, breaking the previous record set at the ANZ Stadium in Brisbane (now known as the Queensland Sport and Athletics Centre) on 27 August 1993 when St George defeated Brisbane 16-10 in Round 22 of the 1993 NSWRL season in front of 58,593 fans.

On 18 June 2014, 83,421 fans saw NSW defeat Qld 6-4 in Game 2 of the 2014 State of Origin series. After having won Game 1 at the Suncorp Stadium in Brisbane, the home side's win saw Queensland's eight year domination of Origin come to an end as New South Wales won their first series since 2005.

On 5 October 2014, a new post-reconfiguration attendance record of 83,833 saw South Sydney defeat Canterbury-Bankstown 30-6 in the 2014 NRL Grand Final. It was the Rabbitohs first grand final appearance and premiership win since 1971.

On 27 December 2014, a new domestic cricket record crowd for NSW was set with 32,823 attending the Sydney Derby between the Sydney Thunder and the Sydney Sixers. The crowd was the highest domestic cricket crowd in NSW history, only to be knocked off a few weeks later at the Sydney Cricket Ground involving the same two teams.

History was repeated on 4 October 2015 when for only the second time in the NRL's history, no NSW team was in the grand final and for the first time ever, it was a Queensland derby in the final between Brisbane and North Queensland. 82,758 people, many of whom had travelled down from various parts of Queensland, witnessed one of the all-time great grand finals when the game went into Golden Point time courtesy of a Kyle Feldt try in the dying moments to level the scores at 16 all. But the game would be remembered for Ben Hunt's dropped ball from the kick-off to extra time which led to Johnathan Thurston's field goal that gave North Queensland their first ever premiership in the NRL since being admitted into the competition in 1995. Apart from games involving national teams, the crowd is the largest ever in NSW not to involve a team based in the state.

## Development

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Telstra Stadium in 2005.

In October 2001, major reconfiguration work on the stadium was commenced to allow for sports that require an oval field, such as cricket and Australian rules football, to be played at the ground. The two wing stands were removed as well as the athletics track and a movable seating section was introduced in its place. New roofs were built over the two ends and seats that had a poor view of the field were removed. The reconfiguration reduced the capacity to 84,000 for the rectangular field and 82,500 for the oval field at a total cost of \$80 million. The construction work was carried out by Multiplex.<sup>[13]</sup>

The reconfiguration work was completed in October 2003 in time for the 2003 Rugby World Cup where the then Telstra Stadium hosted the opening game, two other groups games, both semi-finals, the third-place play-off and final matches of the competition. In the first semi-final on 15 November 2003, Australia beat New Zealand 22–10 and then in the second semi-final the following day England beat France 24–7. In the final, on 22 November, England beat Australia 20–17 in extra time.

The reconfiguration of the venue into a geometric stadium shape (a rectangle with semicircles at either end) rather than a true rectangle shape to allow for use by Aussie rules and cricket has drawn criticism from fans of both rugby codes and soccer. Many are critical that the ends of the stadium are too far away from the rectangle shaped pitches used for the three sports and that viewing from those sections has been compromised as a result. It has also drawn criticism from Sydney Swans fans and players as well as commentators for its distance from the Sydney CBD, poor surface due to the frequent use of movable seating and poor attendances.

In September 2015, the New South Wales Government announced that within a decade the stadium would be upgraded. Details about the upgrade are scant, but the stadium might be fitted with a retractable roof.<sup>[14][15]</sup>

The NSW Government has confirmed that redevelopment of Stadium Australia to convert it into a permanent 75,000 seat rectangular stadium, with retractable seating at the northern and southern ends, complete redesign of the entire stadium bowl and the previously mentioned retractable roof will happen before the next NSW State Election, and could start as soon as the end of the 2017 NRL Season in Mid-Late October 2017.

## Uses

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Various sporting codes have used this ground on a regular basis. The National Rugby League is the most regular tenant of the ground, while rugby union internationals, soccer internationals and Australian rules football are all played at the ground. ANZ Stadium hosts the following:

### Rugby league

- Five teams play their home games there: Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs (since 1999);<sup>[16]</sup> South Sydney Rabbitohs (since 2006);<sup>[17]</sup> \*Parramatta call ANZ Stadium home while their regular home ground Parramatta Stadium was demolished with the Western Sydney Stadium built in its place. The Wests Tigers use ANZ Stadium as one of their three home grounds, alongside Leichhardt Oval and Campbelltown Stadium. The St George Illawarra Dragons called the stadium home for the 2008 season while WIN Jubilee Oval was reconfigured. The Dragons returned in 2014 to play two home games per season at ANZ stadium.
- All New South Wales home games of the State of Origin series are played at the stadium each year (either one or two annually since 1999), and every NRL Grand Final has been held there since 1999.
- The North Sydney Bears and Manly Warringah played at least one home game at Stadium Australia in its opening year.<sup>[18]</sup>
- Apart from the grand final, clubs that use the stadium for finals games are the main and part-time tenants and the Penrith Panthers.



2006 NRL Grand Final

### Rugby union

- At least two rugby union tests a year are also played at the stadium – usually a Bledisloe Cup match, and a tour match.
- The New South Wales Waratahs also play usually one or two of their biggest games a year at this stadium rather than their usual home ground the Sydney Football Stadium.
- In October and November 2003, Telstra Stadium hosted seven matches in the 2003 Rugby World Cup, including the final on 22 November, which England won against Australia to win their first Rugby World Cup.
- On 6 July 2013, the last test of the 2013 British and Irish Lions tour was played in the ANZ Stadium, with the Lions winning 41-16 to win the series.
- On 2 August 2014, the stadium played host to the Super Rugby Final between the New South Wales Waratahs and the Canterbury Crusaders. A record Super Rugby crowd of over 61,800



witnessed the Waratahs defeat the Crusaders in a thriller, 33-32.

## Association football

- As the largest capacity stadium in Australia that can be configured for rectangular field sports, a large number of Australia national soccer team (Socceroos) games are staged at the stadium. Among those games are...
  - Australia's 2005 shootout victory over Uruguay in the OFC-CONMEBOL playoff, which qualified the Socceroos for the 2006 FIFA World Cup, their first since 1974.
  - Australia's extra time victory over South Korea in the 2015 AFC Asian Cup final, marking the Socceroos' first Asian Cup victory.
- Sydney FC have played a number of one-off exhibition matches at the stadium:
  - Sydney FC defeated the Los Angeles Galaxy of the MLS 5-3 in front of a crowd of 80,295 in 2007. The game was notable for including Galaxy legend and US international Landon Donovan and former England captain David Beckham, who had joined the Galaxy in 2007 and scored from a direct free kick during the game.
  - English Premier League side Everton defeated Sydney FC 1-0 in front of a crowd of 40,466 in 2010.
  - English Premier League side Tottenham Hotspur defeated Sydney FC 1-0 in front of a crowd of over 71,500 on 30 May 2015.
  - English Premier League side Chelsea defeated Sydney FC 1-0 in front of a crowd of 83,598 on 2 June 2015, the largest crowd for an soccer game at the stadium since the post-Olympics reconfiguration in 2002.
  - English Premier League side Liverpool defeated Sydney FC 3-0 in front of a crowd of 72,892 on 24 May 2017.
  - English Premier League side Arsenal defeated Sydney FC 2-0 in front of a crowd of 80,432 on 13 July 2017.
- The A-League All Stars have played a number of one-off exhibition matches at the stadium:
  - English Premier League side Manchester United defeated the A-League All Stars 5-1 in front of a crowd of 83,127 on 20 July 2013.
  - Italian Serie A side Juventus defeated the A-League All Stars 3-2 in front of a crowd of 55,364 on 10 August 2014. The game was also notable for Juventus legend Alessandro Del Piero, at the time with Sydney FC, playing against Juventus for the first time.
- The stadium hosted several games of the 2015 AFC Asian Cup, including the final.
- Sydney FC hosted an A-League home game on 9 January 2016 against Newcastle Jets at this ground.<sup>[19]</sup>
- Western Sydney Wanderers played their home games against Sydney FC and Melbourne Victory at the stadium during the 2016-17 A-League season, with other games being played at the nearby Sydney Showground Stadium, while Pirtek Stadium got demolished and a new stadium has been under construction at Parramatta.<sup>[20]</sup> On 15 July 2017, Western Sydney Wanderers also hosted a



Sydney FC playing the Los Angeles Galaxy at ANZ Stadium in 2007.



friendly match, losing 1-3, against English Premier League side Arsenal at ANZ Stadium in front of a crowd of 83,221.

## Australian rules football

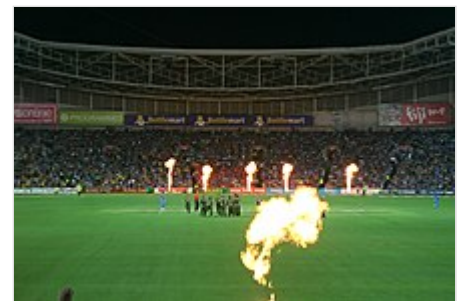
- All home Australian Football League finals hosted by the Sydney Swans were played at this ground between 2003 and 2016, except for one in 2005 due to the stadium being unavailable. The first three Sydney Derbies were also played at the venue, however, the Swans home game moved to the Sydney Cricket Ground in 2013 and the Giants home game moved to Sydney Showground Stadium in 2014.
- The Sydney Swans played up to three "blockbuster" games at the venue each season between 2002 and 2015, with their remaining eight home games played at the Sydney Cricket Ground (SCG). Beginning in 2016, the Swans no longer play at Stadium Australia, with all of their home games moving back to the Sydney Cricket Ground on a full-time basis.<sup>[21][22]</sup>
- The Greater Western Sydney Giants has ANZ Stadium as an option for home games when the Sydney Showground Stadium, their primary home ground, is unavailable.
- The Swans shifted all home games in 2016 to the SCG, including its three scheduled games at ANZ Stadium.<sup>[23]</sup> However, the stadium did host a qualifying final derby between the Sydney Swans and Greater Western Sydney Giants on 10 September 2016. The match was the final Australian rules football contest to be played at the stadium prior to its expected redevelopment to an exclusively rectangular-field sports venue. A crowd of 60,222 attended the match, the highest attendance for an Australian rules football match in New South Wales since 2007.<sup>[24]</sup>



2009 State of Origin, Game II

## Cricket

- The Stadium has been approved as a ground for international cricket and has hosted Twenty20 Internationals.
- The Stadium was home to the Sydney Thunder franchise of the Big Bash League from 2011 to 2014. In June 2015, the Thunder announced they would leave ANZ Stadium and play all home games at Sydney Showground Stadium until the 2024-25 BBL season.<sup>[25]</sup>
- It hosted its first ever International Cricket match when Australia took on India in a Twenty20 night game on 1 February 2012<sup>[12]</sup> and hosted its last T20 International in 2014.



Twenty20 match between India and Australia in 2012

Cricket, both domestically and internationally will no longer be played at the venue, when redevelopment work begins in 2017 or 2018.

## Motorsports

On 26 October 2002, Stadium Australia played host to Motorcycle speedway with the Speedway Grand Prix of Australia, the 10th and final round of the 2002 Speedway Grand Prix World Championship series. A temporary 400 metres (440 yards) long track was used with American rider Greg Hancock winning the GP from England's Scott Nicholls and Australia's own future triple World Champion Jason Crump whose third place was enough to

lift him to third in the championship standings above fellow Aussie Ryan Sullivan. Also representing Australia at the meeting were Leigh Adams who finished 4th in the World Championship, and meeting wildcard riders Jason Lyons and Mick Poole. The event attracted approximately 31,500 fans.

Stadium Australia played host to the first-ever Monster Jam Australia event in 2013, and remains the only venue to feature on all four Australian tours as of 2016.

## American football

When it was Stadium Australia, the venue hosted the first American Bowl on 7 August 1999 between the Denver Broncos and the San Diego Chargers, which was the first professional American football game to be held in the Southern Hemisphere.<sup>[26]</sup>

ANZ Stadium also held the opening game of the 2016 NCAA college football season on 27 August 2016 between the California Golden Bears and the Hawaii Rainbow Warriors, branded as the Sydney Cup.<sup>[27]</sup>

## Concerts

- The Bee Gees, consisting of Barry, Robin and Maurice Gibb, played the first concert at the stadium on March 27, 1999. The show was sold out with an attendance of 66,285.<sup>[8]</sup>
- Australian rock band AC/DC played 3 shows in February 2010 (18th, 20th & 22nd) as part of their Black Ice World Tour, supported by Wolfmother. Respectively the shows had an attendance of 70,282, 75,867 and 66,896.<sup>[28]</sup>
- Irish rock band U2 performed at the stadium on 10, 11 and 13 November 2006 to a combined attendance of 206,568 people, as part of their Vertigo Tour. They returned 13 and 14 December 2010 to a combined attendance of 107,155 people, as part of their U2 360° Tour.
- US rock band Bon Jovi performed at the stadium on 14 December 2013. The show was sold out with a crowd of 60,510 and it was the biggest concert at the stadium since U2 in 2010.
- Rapper Eminem performed at the stadium on 22 February 2014. The show was sold out with an attendance of 53,649 people.<sup>[29]</sup>
- American singer-songwriter Taylor Swift performed at the stadium on 28 November 2015, playing to a sold out crowd of 75,980,<sup>[30]</sup> as part of The 1989 World Tour.
- American rock band Guns N' Roses performed at the stadium on February 10 and 11 2017 to a combined attendance of 84,277 people, as part of their Not in This Lifetime... Tour.
- British singer-songwriter Adele performed at the stadium on 10 and 11 March 2017, as part of Adele Live 2017. The singer played to a total of 190,000 people, making her two concerts the highest attended concerts in the history of the stadium.<sup>[31][32]</sup>
- Canadian singer Justin Bieber performed at the stadium on 15 March 2017 to an attendance of 65,836 people, as part of his Purpose World Tour.

- British singer-songwriter Ed Sheeran will perform at the stadium on 15, 16 and 17 March 2018, as part of his ÷ Tour.

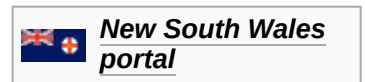
## Attendance records

	Before reconfiguration	After reconfiguration	
		Oval shape	Rectangular shape
Stadium capacity	110,000	82,500	84,000
Overall	114,714 Closing ceremony ( <u>Sydney 2000 Olympics</u> ) 1 October 2000	72,393 <u>Sydney v Collingwood</u> (2003 AFL season) 23 August 2003	83,833 <u>South Sydney Rabbitohs v Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs</u> (2014 NRL Grand Final) 5 October 2014
Athletics	112,524 <u>Sydney 2000 Olympics</u> 25 September 2000	—	—
Rugby league ( <u>State Of Origin</u> )	88,336 <u>New South Wales v Queensland</u> (1999 State of Origin series) 9 June 1999	—	83,813 <u>New South Wales v Queensland</u> (2013 State of Origin series) 17 July 2013
Rugby league (premiership)	107,999 <u>St George Illawarra v Melbourne</u> 1999 NRL Grand Final 26 September 1999	—	83,833 <u>South Sydney Rabbitohs v Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs</u> 2014 NRL Grand Final 5 October 2014
International soccer	104,098 <sup>[33]</sup> <u>Spain v Cameroon</u> ( <u>Sydney 2000 Olympics</u> <u>Men's Football Final</u> ) 30 September 2000	—	82,698 <u>Australia v Uruguay</u> (2006 FIFA World Cup qualification) 16 November 2005
Club soccer	—	—	83,598 <u>Sydney FC v Chelsea</u> 2 June 2015
International cricket	—	59,569 <u>Australia v India</u> <u>T20 International</u> 1 February 2012	—
Domestic cricket	—	32,823 <u>Sydney Thunder v Sydney Sixers</u> (2014-15 Big Bash League) 27 December 2014	—
Rugby union	109,874 <u>Australia v New Zealand</u> (2000 Tri Nations Series) 15 July 2000	—	83,702 <u>Australia v British and Irish Lions</u> (2013 British and Irish Lions tour to Australia) 6 July 2013
Australian rules football (all matches)	—	72,393 <u>Sydney v Collingwood</u> (2003 AFL season) 23 August 2003	—

Australian rules football (finals)	—	71,019 Sydney v Brisbane <u>2003 AFL Preliminary Final</u> 20 September 2003	—
American football	73,811 <u>Denver Broncos v San Diego Chargers</u> <u>1999 American Bowl</u> 8 August 1999	—	61,247 <u>California Golden Bears v Hawaii Rainbow Warriors</u> <u>2016 NCAA Division I FBS football season</u> 27 August 2016
Motorcycle speedway	—	—	31,500 <u>Speedway Grand Prix of Australia</u> <u>2002 Speedway Grand Prix</u> 26 October 2002
Concerts	66,285 <u>Bee Gees</u> <u>The One Night Only Tour</u> 27 March 1999	—	95,544 <u>Adele</u> <u>Adele Live 2017</u> 10 March 2017

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