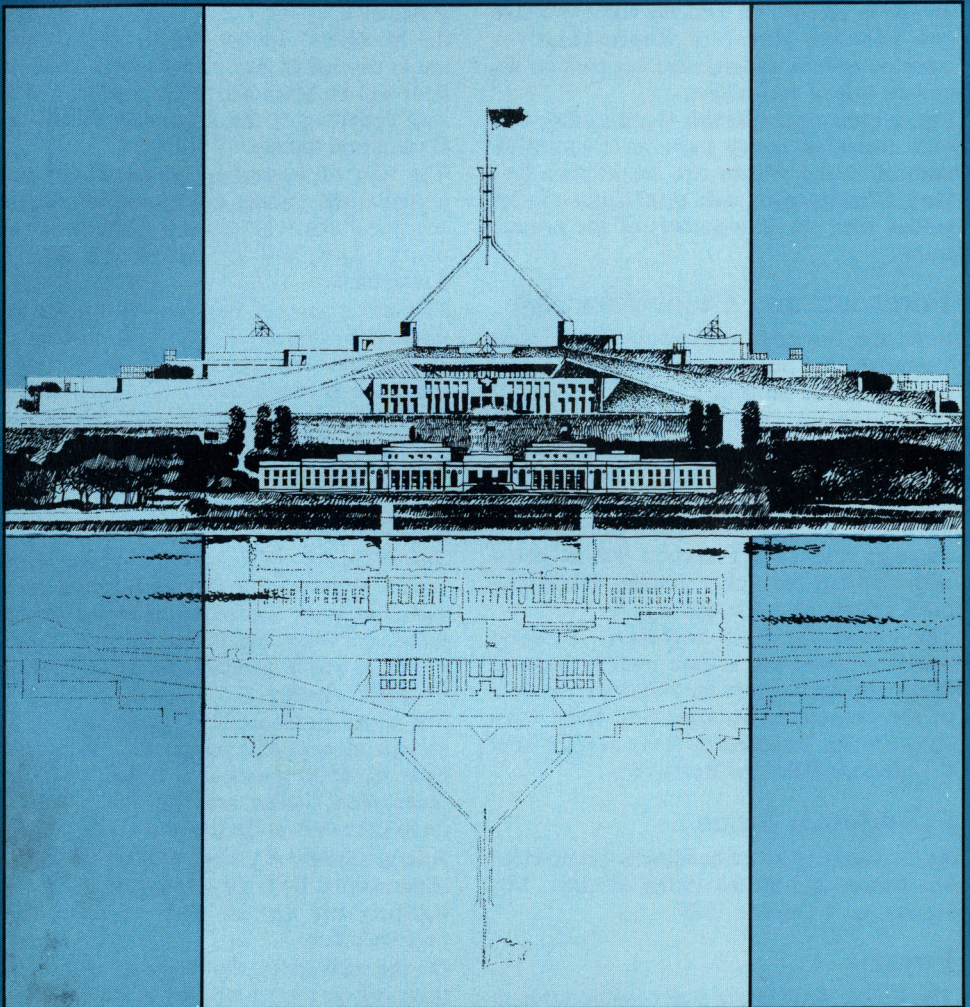

OPEN DAY

Sunday 20 October 1985



Welcome to Australia's new Parliament House.

We suggest that you include a visit to our Exhibition Centre, just off State Circle, either at the beginning or end of your visit. Displays include a scale model, architects' plans and perspective drawings, recent photographs, material samples and a thirteen-minute audio-visual program.

Today's tour through the new Parliament House formally begins at the Forecourt to the building. Access to the site is either by bus or on foot. The bus route will take you by the southern and western sides of the site, past the Executive Government complex, and the Senate Chamber and office wings. If you choose to proceed on foot, the route will take you past the House of Representatives complex and the underground car park on the eastern side of the building.

Please remember that this is a building site, and exercise every care as you move around. Keep within the safety barriers. Don't hesitate to ask questions of the guides who are all members of the project team.

Forecourt and Great Verandah

From the Forecourt we approach the Great Verandah, the major ceremonial and public entrance to the building.

In the middle of the Forecourt will be a pool with plays of water and a central landscaped island which will be reached by three bridges. The island's main feature will be an Aboriginal mosaic, based on a painting by a Papunya artist. The Forecourt will be paved with crushed red ochre granite, framed by black granite paving bands.

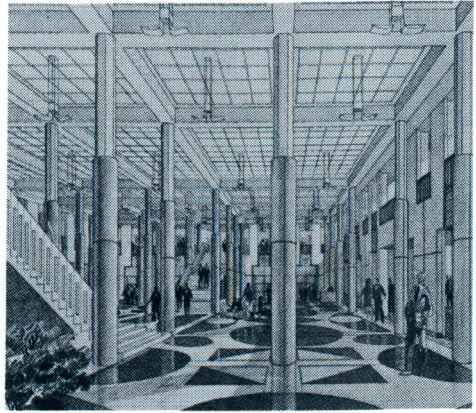
The Great Verandah will have 22 white marble columns and a glass roof. In addition to the approach across the Forecourt, visitors to the completed building will have easy access to the Verandah by stairs or a lift from the car park below the Forecourt.

Foundation Stone

At the entrance to the building is the Foundation Stone, laid by the Prime Minister, Mr. Hawke, on 4 October 1983.

Foyer

The Foyer leads to the major public areas in the building. This monumental space is



Architects' drawing of the Foyer

punctuated by forty-eight columns supporting the Members' Terrace above. The columns are to be clad in grey-green marble, while the floor will be black and white marble, and the wall panelling of the Australian Jarrah and Coachwood timbers.

The best of Australian materials and Australian craftsmanship will be used throughout the new Parliament House. All the timber and more than 90% of the stone will be Australian.

The next part of the tour will take you upstairs to the first floor level and along the eastern and northern galleries of the Foyer. From the northern gallery you can view the public terrace and enjoy the sweeping views of central Canberra before proceeding to the Reception Hall.

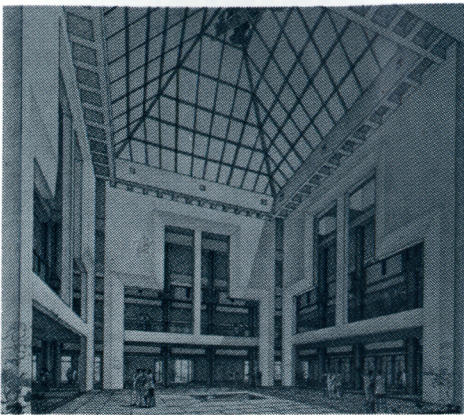
Reception Hall

The Reception Hall will provide Parliament with a much-needed facility for state receptions, banquets and other important national functions. When not in use for one of these events, it will be available for exhibitions and for public viewing.

The room measures 1155 square metres, big enough to seat 850 people at a banquet or cater for 1500 guests at a buffet. There is a preparation kitchen near the Hall, while the main kitchen is in the basement.

A large skylight in the centre of the ceiling will allow natural light into this great space, highlighting the Jarrah wall-panelling and parquetry floor.

On the wall at the southern end of the Hall, there will be a great tapestry in the design of a densely-timbered landscape. The tapestry fits



Members' Hall

in with the theme for the Reception Hall as "A Room of the Land". In the first floor eastern gallery, there will be a monumental embroidery, to be worked by many of the 7000 members of the Embroiderers' Guild of Australia. It will tell the story of the Australian land before, during and after European settlement.

Members' Hall

At the heart of the building and the centre of the site is the Members' Hall, three storeys high and the focal point of all the circulation corridors. From the first floor galleries the public will move freely to the House and Senate Galleries and the Committee Rooms, and by lift to the roof terrace beneath the flag mast. A huge skylight roof canopy will allow the flag flying above the building to be seen from within the Hall.

Executive Government Area

South of the Member's Hall, at first floor level, is the Main Committee Room and some of the 18 other Committee Rooms. Beneath this area, on the ground floor, is the Cabinet Room complex.

To the south of the Committee and Cabinet room spaces is the Executive wing which will accommodate the Prime Minister and other ministerial suites on the ground and first floor levels and the Parliamentary Library at second floor level. The Executive wing, which is located around a central courtyard, has its own entrance from the south, for staff, Ministers and diplomatic visitors.

The tour now returns to ground floor level and crosses to the Senate Chamber.

Senate Chamber

From the Members' Hall, glazed walkways will lead east to the House of Representatives and west to the Senate. Like the House of Representatives, the layout of the Senate Chamber is based on the tradition of the Chambers in Westminster and in the present provisional Parliament House.

The Senate Chamber will comprise a column-free space of three levels, with a large central skylight for natural lighting. At night, the light within the Chamber will be visible from outside the building and will indicate that the House is in session.

The floor of the Senate Chamber and adjacent lobbies will be on the ground level; public, V.I.P. and media galleries at first floor level, and soundproof galleries and translation booths at second floor level.

The colour schemes for both Chambers, while based on the traditional red for the Senate and green for the House of Representatives, will feature tones derived from the reds and greens characteristic of the Australian landscape.

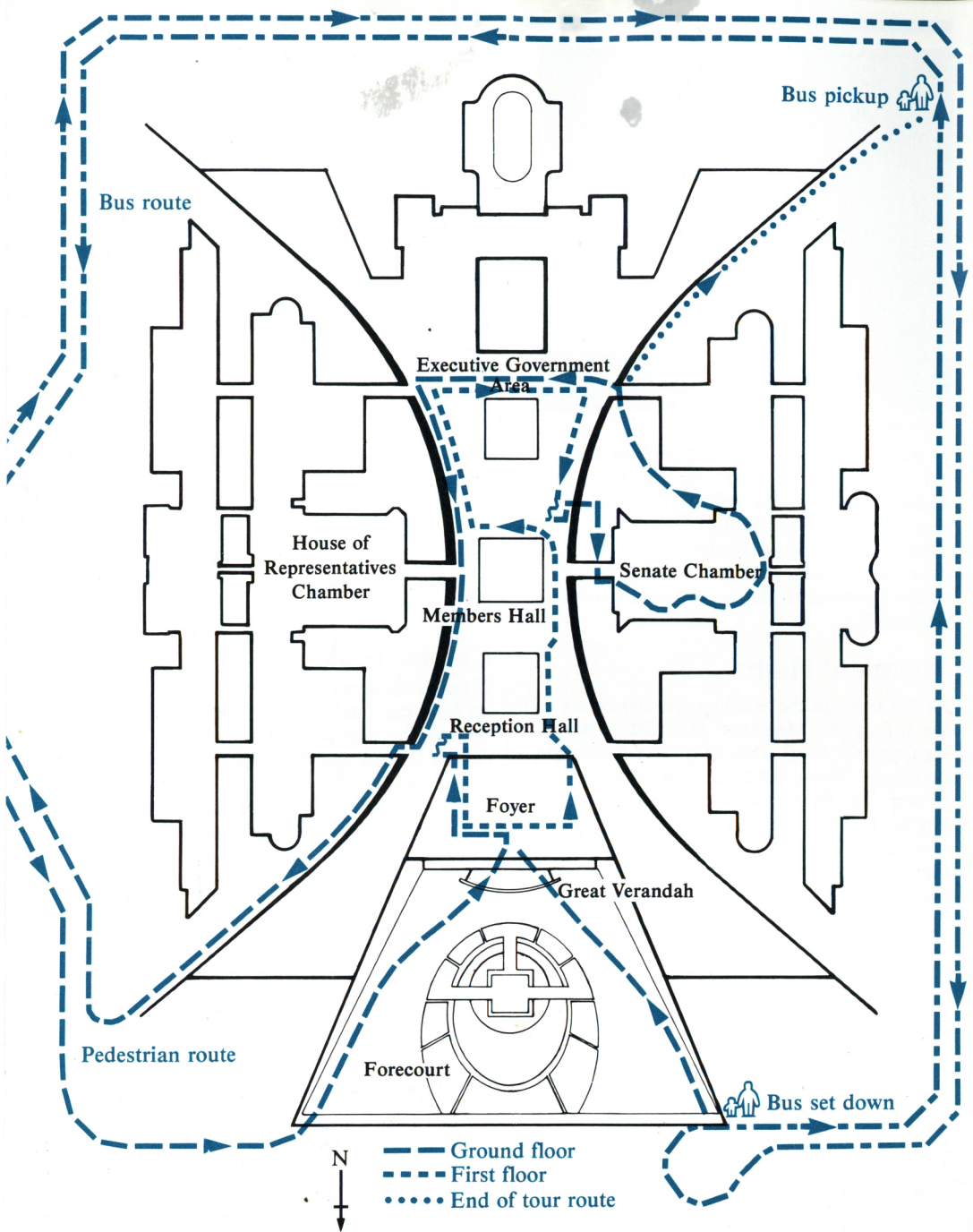
Curved Walls

If you wish to return to the Exhibition Centre by bus, the final part of your tour will take you to the bus pick-up point, between the Senate Offices and the western curved wall.

If you wish to return by foot, the pedestrian route from the site will take you along almost the full sweep of the eastern curved wall.

The two curved walls constitute the major architectural feature of the building, serving to unify the different structural elements into one grand design. The walls open out onto the Forecourt in a gesture of welcome, emphasising the public and open nature of the new Parliament House. Within the defined areas of the eastern and western walls are located the Senate and House of Representatives Chambers and their office structures.

As you walk along the walls you will see at close hand the cladding of grey granite, from Eugowra, New South Wales. Almost 23,000 individual granite stones will be needed to complete the cladding, which will take three years. Each stone is separately cut to size, numbered and placed on the wall as part of an integrated pattern. A total of 24,000 square metres of stone work will be erected to cover the 460 metre-long walls. The stone will have a honed finish, with a polished finish coping at the top and bottom of the wall.



This open day has been organised by the Parliament House Construction Authority in conjunction with the Lions Clubs of the Canberra and Queanbeyan Region. The transport is provided by courtesy of Lever Coach Lines (96 5472) and Ansett Pioneer (48 7555), members of the Bus and Coach Association, ACT Branch. The drivers employed by these companies have kindly donated their time.

All proceeds will be distributed to charities nominated by the Lions Clubs. The charities to benefit from this Site Open Day include the Smith Family, Pegasus, and the ACT Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade Association