

PROGRAMME

Notes on Convention events:

Private entertainment has been specifically arranged on the evening of Monday 29 March. In addition there are Victorian architects and their wives who will entertain interstate visitors at any time they might wish, and visitors who would like to avail themselves of a drive, tennis, golf, bowls, morning or afternoon tea, lunch, dinner or supper, are requested to inform the Convention office.

The Exhibition, (the first public event at the new National Gallery and Cultural Centre site) is called 'The Man in the Street'. Selected spaces in Melbourne of high architectural quality, some of them not well known, are contrasted with ones which are dull and ugly. Large projects about to transform parts of the city are illustrated, and some visionary thoughts added.

City Block Redevelopment Competition: In conjunction with the Convention, the Melbourne City Council has promoted a schematic competition open to members of the R.A.I.A., for the redevelopment of the city block bounded by Lonsdale, Swanston, Latrobe and Elizabeth Streets. The object was to focus public attention on the need and possibilities of redevelopment in the inner city area.

Imaginative solutions which are also economically sound were sought, anticipating that these might well set the pattern for Melbourne and for other Australian cities.

The assessors were the Chairman of the Building and Town Planning Committee of the M.C.C. (Cr. Sir Bernard Evans, F.R.A.I.A.), the Town Planner of the M.C.C. (Mr. H. F. Borrie, M.C., F.A.P.I.) and Mr. Roy Grounds, F.R.A.I.A.

Premiums of 1,500, 750 and 250 guineas were offered by the M.C.C.

Drawings will be displayed at the Convention Architectural Exhibition, at the National Gallery and Cultural Centre site.

Small Home Competition: Also as part of the Convention, the R.V.I.A. Small Homes Service, together with the Gas and Fuel Corporation of Victoria, promoted a competition for the design of a small home.

The competition was open to all members of the R.V.I.A. and architectural students.

Object of the competition is to assist in improving the standard of low-cost housing by ensuring that the range of designs published by the R.V.I.A. Small Homes Service embodies the latest professional solutions of this problem.

Assessors of the competition are Messrs. J. E. Clarke, A.R.A.I.A., Reg. Grouse, B.Arch., A.R.A.I.A., A.R.I.B.A. and Bernard H. Joyce, A.R.A.I.A.

A premium of £500 was offered for the design placed first and 50 guineas for each of four other designs considered to be meritorious.

A selection of the drawings submitted in the competition will be included in the Convention Architectural Exhibition.

The 'Exhibition of Live Architecture' tours visit eighteen buildings and groups of buildings, but arrangements will readily be made for any interstate visitor to be conducted to a building he wishes to see which is not listed.

Races at Caulfield. As previously notified to members, by courtesy of the Victoria Amateur Turf Club complimentary tickets for the races at Caulfield for Saturday 27 March, and Saturday 3 April, are available to interstate visitors. The number available is somewhat limited, but members who would like tickets are invited to call at the Convention office.

14th Australian Architectural Convention, Melbourne, 1965

MONDAY March 29

Official calls by the President and Vice President of the Royal Australian Institute of Architects (Messrs Raymond Berg and Gavin Walkley), the President of the American Institute of Architects (Mr Arthur G. Odell, Jnr), and the President of the Royal Victorian Institute of Architects (Mr John Fisher):—

10.30. Government House

His Excellency the Governor of Victoria (Major General Sir Rohan Delacombe)

11.30. Public Offices

The Honourable the Premier of Victoria (Mr H. E. Bolte)

12 noon. Town Hall

The Right Honourable the Lord Mayor of Melbourne (Councillor E. L. Curtis)

8.30 a.m. onwards Alpha Room, Southern Cross Registration and collection of programme documents at the Convention office.

10.00 to 11.30 Rendezvous—Entrance foyer, Public Library, Swanston St.

Conducted tour of the National Gallery of Victoria by the Director of the Gallery (Mr Eric Westbrook)

12.30 Ball Room, Southern Cross

Official luncheon. The profession will be honoured by the presence of His Excellency the Governor of Victoria, Major General Sir Rohan Delacombe, K.C.M.G., K.B.E., C.B., D.S.O., and Lady Delacombe, the Right Honourable Harold Holt, M.P., Treasurer, Commonwealth of Australia, and Mrs. Holt, the Honourable R. J. Hamer, E. D., M.L.C., LL.M., Minister for Local Government, State of Victoria, and Mrs. Hamer, the Right Honourable the Lord Mayor of Melbourne, Councillor E. L. Curtis, J.P., and Mrs Curtis and the President of the American Institute of Architects, Mr. A. G. Odell, Jnr, and Mrs Odell.

Opening of the Convention by His Excellency the Governor

3.30 Convention buses for the Architectural Exhibition will leave outside the Southern Cross at 2.50 p.m.

Opening of Architectural Exhibition by the Rt Hon. H. E. Holt, M.P., Treasurer, Commonwealth of Australia, at the National Gallery and Cultural Centre now under construction, St. Kilda Rd., entrance north of Nolan Street.

Awards made in the Small Home Competition sponsored by the Gas and Fuel Corporation of Victoria to be presented by Mr. A. E. Chadwick, Chairman of the Corporation.

5.00 Convention buses for the church services will leave from outside the Cultural Centre in Sturt St at 4.30 p.m.

Church Services at St James' Old Cathedral, King Street, West Melbourne, and St Patricks' Cathedral, East Melbourne.

Buses for return to the Southern Cross leave outside St. James at 6.10 p.m.

EVENING

Private entertainment in the homes of Victorian members. Details for this, including transport arrangements for interstate visitors, sent to members beforehand.

TUESDAY March 30

9.25 Ball Room, Southern Cross Papers and discussion. Chairman, Mr John Fisher, F.R.A.I.A., A.R.I.B.A., President of the Royal Victorian Institute of Architects

'THE ARCHITECT IN AN EXPANDING ECONOMY', by Sir Alan Westerman, C.B.E., M.A. Econ., Secretary, Commonwealth of Australia, Department of Trade and Industry.

10.00

'THE ARCHITECT IN OUR SOCIETY', by Sir Arthur Stephenson, C.M.G., M.C., F.R.A.I.A., F.R.I.B.A., A.M.T.P.I.

10.35. Question Time

10.50. Morning Tea

11.00. Morning Tea for ladies, Lyceum Club

11.05 Ball Room, Southern Cross Papers and discussion. Chairman, Mr Roy Grounds, F.R.A.I.A.

'THE AUSTRALIAN CITY — PAST AND FUTURE' by Mr George Clarke, B.Arch., Dip.T.P. (London), M.C.P. (M.I.T.), A.R.A.I.A., M.A.P.I.

11.40

'DESIGN IN THE AUSTRALIAN CITY' by Mr Harry Seidler, M.Arch. (Harvard), A.R.A.I.A.

12.15. Question Time

12.30. Lunch

2.00 to 3.30 Rendezvous — National Mutual Centre forecourt

Tour 1 'Exhibition of Live Architecture' — City: National Mutual Centre, Royal Insurance Building, New Zealand Insurance Building, Royal Automobile Club of Victoria

4.30 Reception Room, 2nd Floor, Town Hall The Right Honourable the Lord Mayor of Melbourne will receive the President and Council of the Royal Australian Institute of Architects, the President of the American Institute of Architects, the President and Executive Committee of the Royal Victorian Institute of Architects and interstate and overseas members and their wives.

Awards made in the City Block Redevelopment, sponsored by the Melbourne City Council to be presented by the Right Honourable the Lord Mayor.

6.00 to 7.45 Ball Room, Southern Cross Buffet dinner

8.00

Theatre Night 'High Spirits' Princess Theatre

WEDNESDAY March 31

9.15 to 4.30 Bus departs from Southern Cross, front. Alternative country tours.

Tour 2 — All day — Mornington Peninsula

Tour 3 — All day — Healesville and the Dandenongs

9.30 and 2.30 Departure by bus Southern Cross, front

'Exhibition of Live Architecture'

Half day — morning and afternoon

9.30 to 12.15, or 2.15 to 4.30 Tour 4—Monash University, Chadstone Shopping Centre, Sandown Racecourse

9.30 to 12.15, or 2.15 to 4.30 Tour 5—Walter Burley Griffin's Work: Houses in Toorak, Newman College, Leonard House. Capitol Theatre

4.45 Ball Room, Southern Cross.

Annual Meeting, R.V.I.A. Practice Group. Chairman, Mr W. Balcombe Griffiths, M.C., B.Arch., F.R.A.I.A., F.R.I.B.A. (Not part of the official programme, but all Convention participants invited).

8.00 Ball Room, Southern Cross

Public Talk. Chairman, Mr Raymond Berg, F.R.A.I.A., President of the Royal Australian Institute of Architects

'THE ARCHITECT, CIVIC DEVELOPMENT AND SOCIETY', by Mr Arthur G. Odell, Jnr, F.A.I.A., President of the American Institute of Architects

Convention Executive Committee: Messrs Stanley M. C. Evans (Chairman), John Fisher, Ronald G. Lyon, Lloyd Orton and Best Overend, with John Islip as Secretary.

Sub-committees:

Architectural Exhibition (Chairman, Roy Simpson)

Ball Room Decoration (James H. Earle)

Building Industry Co-operation (John P. Mockridge)

Church Services (Ken C. Bethell)

Designing and Printing (David A. L. Saunders)

'Exhibition of Live Architecture' (Reg. Grouse)

Ladies (Mrs Phyllis Murphy)

On-site arrangements for the Convention talks (Leslie M. Perrott, Jnr)

Press, Radio and Television (Robin Boyd)

Publications (Lloyd Orton)

Social (A. B. Armstrong)

Sports (C. Ian Turner)

Students (James C. Learmonth)

Talks and Speakers (Ronald G. Lyon)

Transport (Douglas B. Gardiner)

THURSDAY April 1

9.25 Ball Room, Southern Cross

Papers. Chairman, Mr Ronald G. Lyon, F.R.A.I.A. 'THE ROLE OF GOVERNMENT IN URBAN REDEVELOPMENT' by the Honourable R. J. Hamer, E.D., M.L.C., LL.M., Minister for local Government, State of Victoria

10.05 to 10.45

'EXPANDING CITIES', by Mr F. H. Rogan, B.A., B.Com., F.I.M.A., J.P., Town Clerk, the City of Melbourne

10.00 a.m. to 3.30 p.m. Departure by bus from Southern Cross, front

Lunch for ladies at Emerald Country Club. Visit to pottery works at Upper Beaconsfield en route.

Depart 10.00 a.m., arrive back at Southern Cross 3.30 p.m.

12.00

Lunch and golf for men at the Royal Melbourne Golf Club

Alternatively, lunch and bowls at Auburn Heights Bowling Club.

8.00 Ball Room, Southern Cross

R.A.I.A. Annual General Meeting. An open forum will be provided under 'General Business' to enable members to introduce any matters they might consider appropriate

8.00 Departure by cars from Southern Cross, front

Evening for ladies at 'Como', National Trust of Australia Victorian Headquarters. Short talk by Mrs Orme Patterson on the activities of the National Trust and a tour through 'Como'

The Convention's special guest is Arthur G. Odell, Jnr, of North Carolina, President of the American Institute of Architects. A. G. Odell, Jnr & Associates have completed \$124 million of new building in the past ten years, principally schools, churches and hospitals. Eleven of them gained awards of merit.

Convention Office: Alpha Room, first floor, Southern Cross Hotel (adjoining the Ball Room Foyer). Attended 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday 28 March, and from 8.30 a.m. each week-day of the Convention.

Convention Dining Room: The 'Coolibah Room', Plaza floor, Southern Cross Hotel, is suggested as the unofficial Convention Dining Room, where members and their guests may meet for breakfast, lunch, dinner or supper.

Convention Symbol: was designed by Mr. Gerard Herbst, senior lecturer in Industrial Design at the R.M.I.T.. Moulded Products Ltd. made and gave the plastic one in the Convention Room.

Photography: Mr. Nigel Buesst is the photographer of Convention events; prints will be displayed in the Ball Room foyer and copies may be obtained from the Convention Office (Alpha Room).

R.V.I.A. Practice Group (Annual Meeting 4.45, 31st March in the Ball Room of the Southern Cross), is a section of the R.V.I.A. concerned with the work and problems of the practising architect such as contract conditions and administration, accounts, insurance, relation with consultants, document production and office management

Wives and friends: wives and friends of members are eligible to attend all functions of the Convention with the exception of the R.A.I.A. Annual General Meeting, which will deal with formal business of the Institute.

FRIDAY April 2

9.25 Ball Room, Southern Cross

Forum — 'DEVELOPMENT AND REDEVELOPMENT'. Chairman, Mr Leslie M. Perrott, Jnr, A.R.A.I.A. A.R.I.B.A., A.M.T.P.I., F.A.P.I.

Speakers:

Mr John W. Overall, C.B.E., M.C., F.R.A.I.A., F.R.I.B.A., F.A.P.I., A.M.T.P.I., Commissioner, National Capital Development Commission

Mr Robin Boyd, F.R.A.I.A., Hon. Fellow A.I.A., F.R.S.A.

Mr J. Alistair Hepburn, A.R.I.C.A., A.M.T.P.I., F.A.P.I., Chief Planner, Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works

Mr T. J. Roe, F.C.I.V., President Real Estate and Stock Institute of Victoria.

10.55 Morning Tea

11.15 Question Time

12.30 Finish

10.45 to 1.15 Departure by cars from Southern Cross, front

Morning in South Yarra for ladies. Visit to 'The Craft Centre' and two art exhibitions (South Yarra and Gallery 'A'). Light luncheon.

2.15 to 4.30 Departure by bus from Southern Cross, front

'Exhibition of Live Architecture':

Tour 6 — 'B.P. House', John Batman Motel, Domain Park Flats, Fairlie Flats, Green Room Club

Tour 7 — University of Melbourne and Colleges

7.30 Ball Room, Southern Cross

Dinner Dance. (Black tie)

FOURTEENTH

AUSTRALIAN

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CONVENTION

MELBOURNE 1965

Purposes: Advancement of architecture, increased public interest in the work of the profession and exchange of ideas between architects — interstate and overseas

This Convention is sponsored by the Royal Australian Institute of Architects, organised by the Royal Victorian Institute of Architects.

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