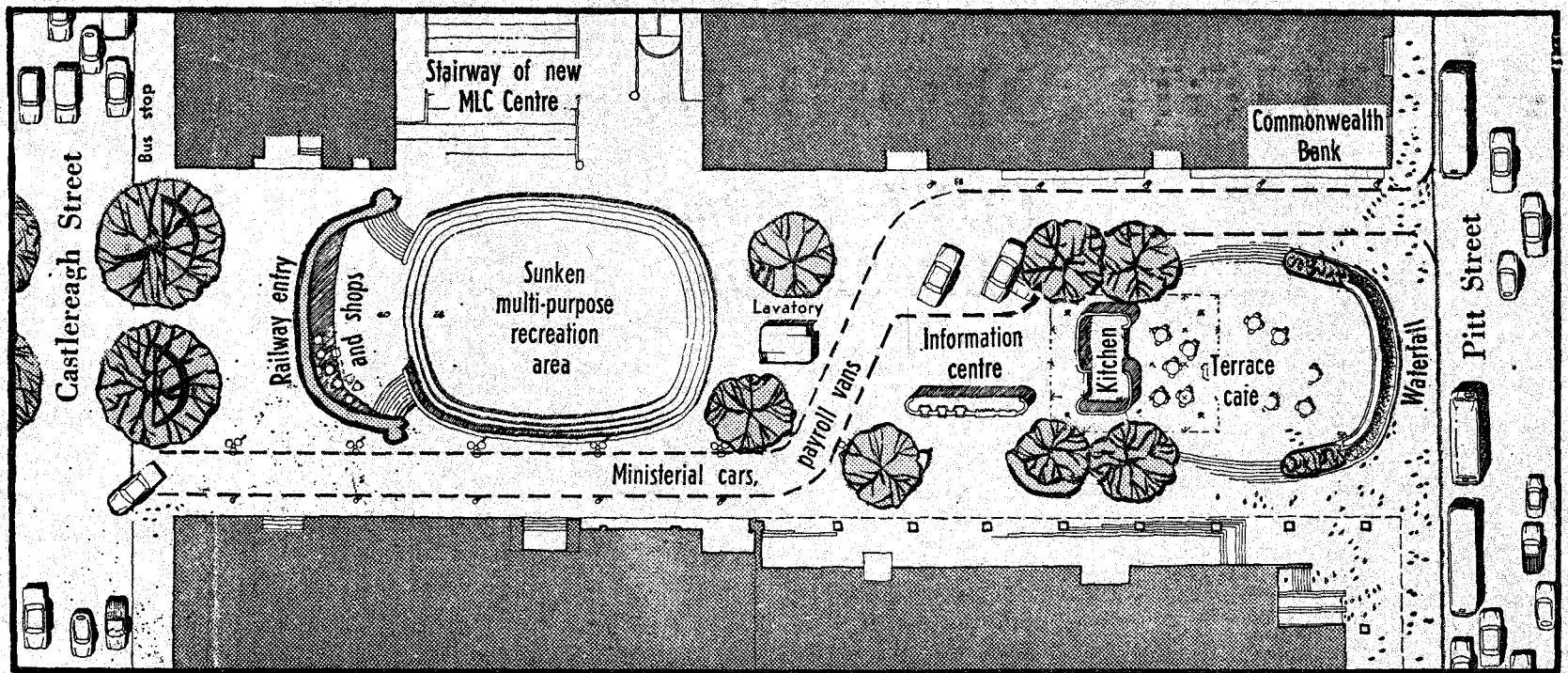


# MORE PEDESTRIAN SPACE FOR CITY'S CENTRE



A plan of the plaza proposed between Pitt and Castlereagh Streets, the first of four new plazas to be built.

## Five-plaza plan for Martin Pl

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Plans to turn the rest of Martin Place into pedestrian plazas were announced by the Sydney City Council yesterday.

With the existing plaza between George and Pitt

### \$5,000 grant to composer

CANBERRA, Monday. — The Minister for the Arts, Mr Howson, has approved an award of \$5,000 to Dr Margaret Sutherland for distinguished services to Australian music.

The award, first to be made to an Australian composer, was recommended by the advisory board, Commonwealth Assistance to Australian Composers. The board is also seeking assistance towards publishing and recording some of Dr Sutherland's works.

Streets, the plans provide for four more plazas separated by Pitt, Castlereagh, Elizabeth and Phillip Streets.

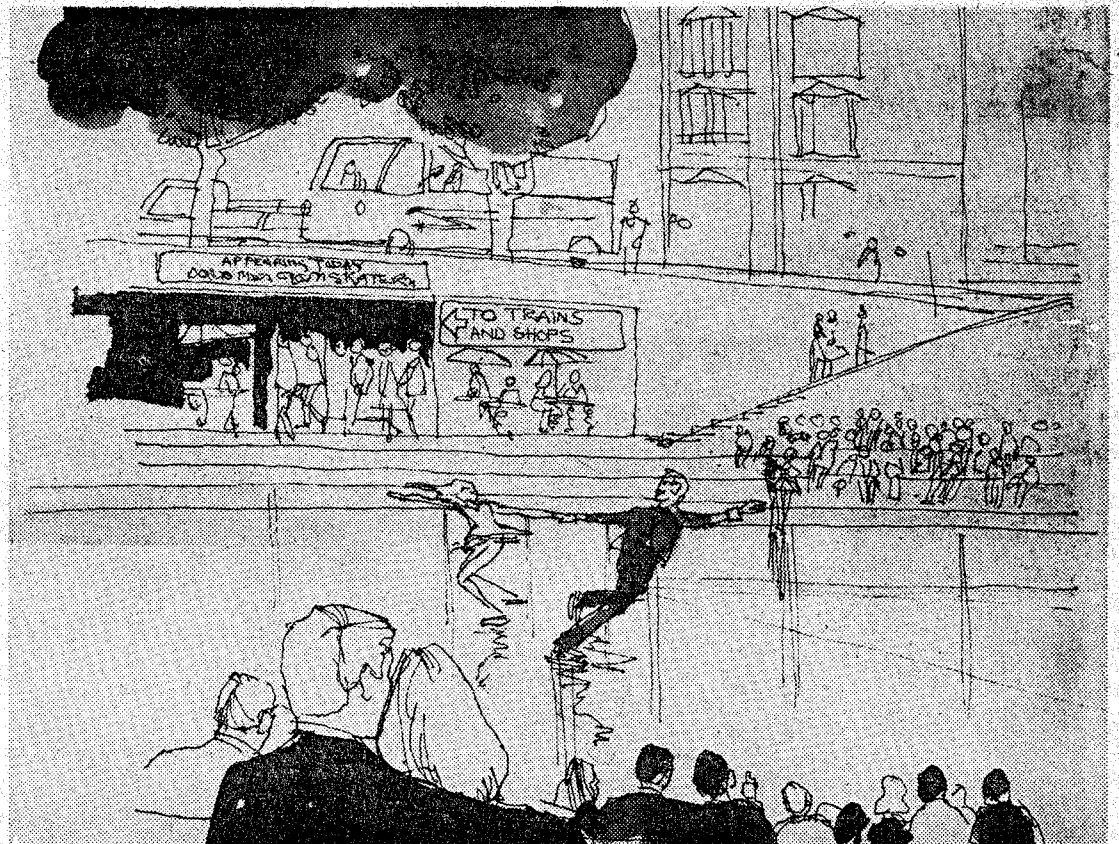
No estimate of the cost was given for the proposal — approved in principle by the council yesterday — but it is understood it would cost \$1 million.

The chairman of the Martin Place sub-committee, Alderman Leo Port, said the work would be done over three years with the first section, between Pitt and Castlereagh Streets, completed next year.

The cost for this plaza, which would be terraced and include a waterfall with a 10ft drop, an amphitheatre, information centre, outdoor cafe-restaurant, shops and trees, is \$380,000.

Alderman Port said the other plazas would be completed by late 1975 if the scheme was approved.

The plans would have to go on public exhibition for comment, and would have to be approved by transport authorities, who strongly opposed the closure of the George Street-



An artist's impression of extensions proposed near the new railway station. A lunchtime crowd watches a skating demonstration in a sunken amphitheatre.

Pitt Street section of Martin Place for the existing plaza.

But, because of the success of the present plaza, and the fact that the top half of Martin Place — between Elizabeth and Phillip and Phillip and Macquarie Streets — has been closed for work on the Martin Place railway

station, the council does not expect any problems.

The plans probably will go on display in buildings fronting Martin Place and in the Town Hall.

They have been drawn up for the Council by Clarke Gazzari Architects.

The Castlereagh-Elizabeth Street plaza is seen as a street market —

"an extension of Paddy's Market."

The Elizabeth-Phillip Streets block — named the Grove block — would have a seating area on three levels, with trees and a small fountain.

The uppermost block between Phillip and Macquarie Streets is seen as a meeting place revolving

around the Martin Place railway station. It would have a fountain and a restaurant with outside seating.

The proposal to make the rest of Martin Place into a traffic-free area was approved by the council some time ago and consultants were asked to prepare plans.