



Watch this space



Speaker of the House of Representatives, Neil Andrew (right), with Clerk of the House of Representatives, Ian Harris, at the launch of House of Representatives Practice (4th edition). Photo: AUSPIC

New edition of House of Representatives Practice

The 4th edition of the major parliamentary procedural work, *House of Representatives Practice*, was launched recently by Speaker Neil Andrew. The book is the most authoritative source on the procedures and practices of the House. The 4th edition was published by the Department of the House of Representatives to coincide with the Centenary of the House this year. Copies can be purchased from Government Info Shops located in capital cities throughout Australia or can be ordered by calling toll free 132 447

or by writing to Mail Order Sales, AusInfo, GPO Box 84, Canberra ACT 2601. The hard copy price is \$56, including GST (ISBN 0642 45901 0; Catalogue No. 0142788). Softbound copies are \$37.50, including GST (ISBN 0642 45900 2; Catalogue No. 0142869). *House of Representatives Practice (4th edition)* is also available online at: www.aph.gov.au/house/pubs/index.htm

Marketing award

For the second year in a row, the Department of the House of Representatives has won a marketing award for its efforts in promoting the work of the House and its committees to the community. The 2001 National Public Sector Leadership in Marketing Award for the ACT was presented to the Department by the Australian Marketing Institute. The award recognises the many initiatives the Department has undertaken during the Centenary of Federation year to better inform the community about the legislative and committee work of the House. Those initiatives include the *About the House* magazine, the About the House seminar series, the online news site at www.aph.gov.au/house/online and the email information service updating people on the status of committee investigations. The award entry was designed by Canberra-based

media and design company, Starcom, which also designs the *About the House* magazine.

Centenary documentary and CD-ROM

Later this year a documentary and CD-ROM will be launched on the history and development of the House of Representatives from 1901 to 2001. The products will bring to life the stories and facts behind one of Australia's key democratic institutions, so that people can better understand what has shaped the House of Representatives during its first century and how the House itself has shaped the nation. To be put on our mailing list for information about the CD-ROM and documentary, email: liaison.reps@aph.gov.au, call: (02) 6277 2122 or write to Liaison and Projects Office, House of Representatives, Parliament House, Canberra ACT 2600.

Major committee reports due for release

A number of significant reports from House of Representatives committees are expected to be released before the end of the year. To keep up to date with the latest developments in relation to committee investigations, visit the House of Representatives news site on the Internet at: www.aph.gov.au/house/online

Spring has sprung at your House



With 23 hectares of gardens, Parliament House will put on a spectacular Spring show during Canberra's annual floral festival Floriade, to be held this year from 15 September to 14 October.

The Parliament House gardens incorporate a range of different landscape ideas. Many of the plants are indigenous to the area. There are also formal gardens, which are similar to traditional European gardens and include ornamental orchards, sculptures and an extensive Spring display. Altogether there are approximately 5,000 trees and 130,000 shrubs and groundcovers growing on the Parliament House site.

The displays of annuals in the courtyards and formal gardens contain 14,000 plants that are changed over twice a year.

Tours of the Parliament House Gardens will be run throughout Floriade. For more information and bookings, call: (02) 6277 5217.