

## **DUTCH AUSTRALIAN CENTRE LTD.**

The Dutch Australian Centre, officially founded at a meeting on the 6th of December 1982, represents the dream held by many in the Dutch community in Australia.

It is to be the Headquarters of all Cultural/Social activities in the Dutch Australian community.

It is to become at the same time, a point of informative contact between past and present, and a display of the contribution made by the Dutch.

In the preliminary plan, therefore, room is made for a library, reading/research, information, archives, offices for meetings, the social worker, and the means of communication (newspaper, radio, T.V.). It will be used for a permanent display of the Dutch settlement history as well as exhibitions of shorter duration. There may also be a trade display hall.

A start has been made with the collection of material for the archives and the future library. A grant for the library had been received through the Netherlands Society in Sydney from the State Government. The centre itself received a grant for archives from the same authority.

In 1983 the D.A.C. organised an Art exhibition in the Bondi Pavilion. On display were works by Dutch artists living in or born in Australia. During Carnivale 1983 and 1984, the D.A.C. arranged for Dutch films to be shown in the Paddington Town Hall, now Chauvel Cinema.

Considerably more work is required. The D.A.C. has been incorporated since May 1984 and is now The Dutch Australian Centre Ltd. Attention will be given to fund raising to achieve the goal of being in their own premises by 1988. The Secretary will forward any further information.