



As the national capital prepares for its annual floral festival, Floriade (September 16 to October 15), Parliament House gets ready to join in with the Spring celebrations. Tours of the Parliament House gardens will be available during Floriade. For bookings, call (02) 6277 5101.

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Top: The foundations for Australia's House of Representatives were laid when the British Parliament passed the Commonwealth of Australia Constitution Act of 1900 on 9 July 1900, enabling the formation of the Commonwealth of Australia. Commemorating the centenary of this event at the House of Lords, London on 9 July 2000 are (left to right): Speaker of the House of Representatives, Neil Andrew; the Lord Chancellor, the Rt Hon Lord Irvine of Lairg QC; President of the Senate, Margaret Reid; and the Speaker of the House of Commons, Betty Boothroyd.



Bottom: The House of Representatives Employment Committee released its *Age counts* report on issues specific to mature-age workers on 14 August 2000. Pictured left to right: Committee members Kim Wilkie, Teresa Gambaro, Brendan Nelson (Chair), Rod Sawford (Deputy Chair) and Phillip Barresi. See article on page 1 for details.