THE PROGRAM

Welcome to Ngunnawal land - Matilda House

Mark King, didgeridoo

Tatiara - poem by Mary Duroux

I: EARLY DAYS ON THE LIMESTONE PLAINS

Dr John Lhotsky, Polish naturalist, camps near Gunning

Mary recalls the Bogong feasts at Uriarra

Christmas Day - words by John Wheeler, music by William G. James

II: CHRISTMAS ON THE LIMESTONE PLAINS

Mary remembers a family Christmas

The Gospel according to St Luke, chapter 2, verses 8-14

Christians Awake! (verses 1 and 6) - words by J. Byrom, music by J. Wainwright

The Drovers - words by John Wheeler, music by William G. James

III: SECULAR FESTIVITIES ON THE LIMESTONE PLAINS

Jack describes Christmas amusements and sports

How McDougal Topped the Score - poem by Thomas E. Spencer

Here's to the Maiden - words by Richard Brinsley Sheridan

The Coolamon Ball – poem by George Morris (of Blowering)

A visit to Canberra in 1872

Dawn of the Century March (Piano) - by E.T. Paull (author of Ben Hur Chariot Race March)

IV: FEDERATION

Jack, older now, recalls the days of Federation fever, with verses various

Awake! Arise! - ode to Australia by George Essex Evans

An Australian National Song (verses 1, 3) - words and music by G.W.L. Marshall-Hall

Advance Australia Fair (original: vv 1, 2) - words and music by Peter Dodds McCormack

Federation celebrations in Queanbeyan and in Sydney, with reflections thereon

A Commonwealth Hymn - words by Robert Randolph Garran, tune: 'Thornbury'

V: CHOOSING THE FEDERAL CAPITAL SITE

Canberra (Australia's Capital City) Waltz (Piano) - by Alice M. Hill

Jack and others consider possible sites for the Federal Capital

The Representatives on Tour (Baritone and Chorus) – words from Table Talk, 13 March 1902; music by Arthur Sullivan, arranged by Richard McIntyre

Where to Build a City? - words and music by Stephen Leek: from his Canberra Suite

INTERVAL

VI: WORLD WAR I

Young Joe sends a postcard from Gallipoli

And the Band Played Waltzing Matilda – words and music by Eric Bogle, A.B. Paterson, Marie Cowan; this arrangement by P. Shaw

Brigadier General Granville Ryrie writes to his wife

The Austra-Laise (Fellers of Australia) – words by C.J. Dennis, music by Albert Arlen John investigates 'The Molonglo Mystery'

VII: EARLY DAYS IN CANBERRA

Foundation of the Federal Capital, 12 March 1913

Old 100th: All People that on Earth do dwell – words by William Kethe, c.1593

Slow progress, and a description of Environs.

Lake Burley Griffin - words and music by Stephen Leek: from his Canberra Suite

John recalls the opening of the Houses of Parliament, 9 May 1927

God Save The King (verses 1 and 3) - Anon., c.1743

Canberra's Calling to You (Baritone and Chorus) - words and music by Jack Lumsdaine

VIII: THE SNOWY SCHEME

Max remembers the Snowy Mountains Hydro-electric Scheme

The Cooma Cavaliers - words and music by Ulick O'Boyle: arranged by Richard McIntyre

Ann recalls her childhood days and celebrations on the Snowy

Christmas Songs – Jesu, Jesu, baby dear (Czech); Infant holy, Infant lowly (Polish); Bortniansky, Hymn to the Mother of God (Russian); When Christ the Son of Mary (Neapolitan)

Song to Canberra - words by Nancy Brown, music by Albert Arlen, arranged by Hal Evans

IX: THE PUBLIC SERVICE

Ann tells of her grandparents' coming to Canberra in 1926

Canberra: General Notes for the Information of Public Servants, April 1926: 'Foreword'

Ann recalls more recent times in the Australian Public Service in Canberra

The Twelve Days of Christmas – words by David Walker for The Shiny Bum Singers; music: traditional carol arranged by John Rutter

Public Service Minutes: Dr Sharp to Mr Tregillis, Mr Fogarty to Mr Tregillis, March 1957

X: THE FUTURE

'Christmas Time Travel' - author, Hannah Tonks

Anthem - words and music by Stephen Leek: from his Canberra Suite

The 'Federation Festive Season' Literary Competition for Schools in Canberra

Presentation of prizes by Mr Bill Woods MLA

Primary Schools Section

1st Prize: 'Christmas Time Travel', by Hannah Tonks (11), Red Hill Primary School

2nd Prize: 'Christmas in My Family', by Nathan Pooi (11), Giralang Primary School

3rd Prize (equal): 'I heard ...', by Lucy Foskett (12), Red Hill Primary School 'Christmas in Australia', by Rebecca Webb (11), Giralang Primary School 'Summer', by Samantha Annetts (11), Weston Creek Primary School

Secondary Schools Section

1st Prize: 'A Christmas Down Under', by Wee-Sian Woon (13), Canberra High School

2nd Prize: 'The Australian Way', by Paul Mychailuk (15), St Edmunds College

3rd Prize: '2101 Survivor to be held in Australia', by David Ellis (16), Belconnen High School

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing (vv 1, 3) - words by C. Wesley (1739), music by Mendelssohn

The audience and all performers sing together:

Hark! The herald angels sing Glory to the new-born King, Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled. Joyful, all ye nations, rise, Join the triumph of the skies; With the Angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem." Hark! The herald angels sing Glory to the new-born King. Hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace!
Hail, the Sun of righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings,
Risen with healing in His wings.
Mild He lays His glory by,
Born that man no more may die,
Born to raise the sons of earth,
Born to give them second birth.
Hark! The herald angels sing
Glory to the new-born King!