

The area consists of large private gardens and majestic tree-lined streets that combine to form a harmonious and beautiful residential area reflecting the influence of the Garden City movement.

For more than half a century, the residence has been an historic and gracious setting for bringing together Canadians and Australians. From prime ministers to poets, the Mugga Way residence, surrounded by its majestic Australian gum trees, has welcomed all who gathered there to promote better understanding between the two countries.

Opening of the Chancery of the Canadian High Commission 1964

The new Chancery of the Canadian High Commission on Commonwealth Avenue was officially opened on January 30, 1964 by the Prime Minister of Australia, the Right Honourable Sir Robert Menzies.

The building, with its simple, classic lines, was designed by Mathers and Haldenby, a well known firm of Canadian architects. The roof is sheathed in copper and the eaves, designed to give a wide overhang, are made of Canadian red cedar. Canadian timbers were used extensively throughout the building, including birch, rock maple and pine.

A plaque in the foyer of the Chancery reads:

To Commemorate the Official Opening of the Chancery of the Canadian High Commission by the Right Honourable Sir Robert Menzies, KT, CH, QC, MP Prime Minister of Australia Canberra, January 30, 1964

During 1994, the Chancery was extended from its original building design to include a second wing at the rear of the building. The new extension was officially opened by the Honourable Raymond Chan, Secretary of State (Asia-Pacific), on August 4, 1994.

