



An artist's impression of the new Martin Place Plaza.

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## Fair draws 200 firms

THE Governor of NSW, Sir Roden Cutler, will open Sydney's sixth International Trade Fair at the Show-ground on Thursday.

The nine-day fair will feature displays from 200 firms.

The fair is mainly a market place for trade buyers but will open to the public from 10 am to 6 pm on August 14 and August 20.

The last fair in 1969 attracted 50,000 visitors who saw products worth \$17 million.

The organisers, Industrial and Trade Fairs Pty Ltd, are confident of larger crowds this year.

## Martin Place Plaza to open next month

SYDNEY'S \$400,000 Martin Place Plaza will be opened on September 1 by the Lord Mayor, Alderman Emmett McDer-mott.

Martin Place, formerly a main traffic thoroughfare, is being transformed into a cosmopolitan square with seats arranged in semi-circles, new kiosks and pink granite paving stones.

A total of 252 concrete seats with fibre-glass covers will be arranged back-to-back in semi-circles of 18. They are in a maroon color to blend with the paving stones.

The City Council commissioned a town-planning firm — Clarke Gazzard Architects Pty Ltd — to design the plaza.

Mr D. Gazzard said last week:

"Other features include new lighting effects which will highlight the GPO facade and the Cenotaph, specially-designed drinking fountains and litter bins and kiosks with marquee-type roofs.

"The old flower stalls will be replaced with attractive structures that blend with the surroundings."

Mr Gazzard said paving stones for the plaza cost \$250,000.