



## THE UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE ARCHIVES

<b>NAME OF COLLECTION</b>	<b>Fraser, John Malcolm (Rt Hon.)</b>
<b>ACCESSION NO</b>	<b>105/78 (formerly NAA M1351)</b>
<b>CATEGORY</b>	Community and Political, individuals
<b>ACTIVITY</b>	Prime Ministers, Politicians, Farmers
<b>DATE RANGE</b>	1954–1970
<b>SIZE OF COLLECTION</b>	5 boxes (0.88 metres)
<b>HISTORICAL NOTE</b>	<p>John Malcolm Fraser was born in Toorak, Melbourne on 21 May 1930.</p> <p>His grandfather, Sir Simon Fraser (1832–1919), had emigrated from Canada in 1853, initially to work as a prospector, but later moving into business, farming and politics. He was elected to the Victorian Legislative Assembly in 1874 and later served as a delegate to the Australasian Federal Convention (1897–1898) and a senator representing the Free Trade Party (1901–1913).</p> <p>Malcolm’s father, John Neville Fraser (1890–1962), studied law at the University of Oxford, but on his return to Australia concerned himself largely with his work as a pastoralist. In 1926, he married Una Woolf. Neville and Una had two children: Lorraine (1926– ) and (John) Malcolm (1930– ).</p> <p>The Fraser family lived at Balpool-Nyang near Moulamein in New South Wales before moving to ‘Nareen’, a station in western Victoria, in 1943. During this period Malcolm attended Tudor House School in New South Wales (1940–1943) and Melbourne Grammar (1944–1948). In 1949, he was admitted to the University of Oxford to study ‘Modern Greats’ (Politics, Philosophy and Economics).</p> <p>After graduating, Malcolm Fraser returned to Victoria and decided to embark on a political career. He succeeded in being elected as Liberal member for the seat of Wannon in western Victoria at his second attempt in 1955. A backbencher under Menzies for ten years, Fraser gained his first cabinet post as Minister for the Army under Prime Minister Harold Holt in 1966. He went on to become Minister for Education and Science (1968–1969 and 1971–1972) and Minister for Defence (1969–1971). Following the Labor government’s election win in 1972, he served as Shadow Minister for Industrial Relations. He became leader of the Liberal</p>

	<p>Party in March 1975 and in November became caretaker Prime Minister after the Governor-General, Sir John Kerr, dismissed the Whitlam government. He was returned to office through election victories in 1975, 1977 and 1980, before losing to Bob Hawke at the 1983 election. He resigned from politics in March 1983.</p> <p>Following his formal political career, Malcolm Fraser has continued a presence on the world stage, as Chair of the United Nations Panel of Eminent Persons on the Role of Transnational Corporations in South Africa (1985); as Co-Chair of the Commonwealth Group of Eminent Persons campaigning for an end to apartheid in South Africa (1985–1986); and Chair of the UN Secretary-General’s Expert Group on African Commodity Issues (1989–1990). In 1987 he founded CARE Australia, the country’s largest non-political and non-religious overseas aid organisation and was president of CARE International from 1990 to 1995. In 1997, he led a Commonwealth Observer Mission to Pakistan to monitor the national elections.</p> <p>Malcolm Fraser remains actively interested in issues associated with human rights, multiculturalism and reconciliation with indigenous Australians. He has been highly critical of the Howard government’s involvement in the war in Iraq, as well as of its treatment of asylum seekers.</p>
<b>DATE OF TRANSFER</b>	March 2005
<b>ACCESS CONDITIONS</b>	Open
<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<p>This series consists of subject files maintained by former Prime Minister J M (Malcolm) Fraser from about the time of his election to the House of Representatives in December 1955, as Liberal member for Wannon (Victoria), to late 1969 when he was appointed Minister for Defence in the Gorton Government. For much of this period Mr Fraser was a backbencher, but some of the more interesting files in the series date from the period he was Minister for the Army (1966–68) and then Minister for Education and Science (1968–69).</p> <p>The files include personal correspondence relating to the Fraser family, their private home in Deakin (Canberra) and Western District property ‘Nareen’, Fraser’s private car (a Mercedes), donations, his fishing interests and appointment to the Education and Science portfolio. More official correspondence relates to Mr Fraser’s overseas trip under a United States Government Leader Grant (1964), including some insight into his views on Vietnam at that time, his contacts and support of nominees for honours and awards (1968–69). The series includes several files of financial receipts (personal, electoral and miscellaneous). Other papers relate to his electoral expenses, redistribution and branches in the Wannon electorate. A small number of Mr Fraser’s speeches, a paper</p>

	titled 'Government approaches to science' (March 1969) and details of his voting record on Parliamentary divisions and bills (1956–69) are also included.
<b>NOTE ON COLLECTIONS</b>	Alphabetical dividers separate the files.
<b>NOTE ON LISTING</b>	Paper series list provided by National Archives of Australia upon transfer. Running single numbers imposed by NAA staff in 2004.
<b>LISTED BY</b>	NAA; reformatted and amended by Caitlin Stone
<b>DATE</b>	16 June 2005

<b>Box No</b>	<b>Series No</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Date</b>
		<b>Subject files, personal and electoral</b>	<b>1954–1970</b>
<b>1</b>	1	Accounts and receipts – 8 Daly Street, Deakin	1965–1966
	2	Club memberships	1966–1967
	3	Correspondence – re 8 Daly Street, Deakin includes architectural drawings, tenancy agreement	1965–1966
	4	Correspondence Thank-you and congratulation letters on Education and Science appointment	Feb–Apr 1968
	5	Dalgety Trading Company Pty Ltd	Feb–Mar 1967
	6	Donations, 1964–1966 [to sporting, educational and community organizations; includes letter to J M Fraser as Parliamentary Representative on Council of the Australian National University relating to retirement of Prof. J Burton]	1962–1966
	7	Election 1966 [congratulatory letters, telegrams (from professional colleagues, friends etc. including R G Menzies and H E Holt)]	1966
	8	Electoral expenses [copies of official returns under the Commonwealth Electoral Act]	1954–1964
	9	Electoral expenses statements – M Fraser, 1960/61–1964/65	1960–1965
	10	Elections – letters	1958–1961
	11	Electoral redistribution 1964	1961–1965
	12	Elections – statistical returns etc. mainly Commonwealth publications	1955–1966
	13	Election speeches, 1963 and 1966	1963–1966
<b>2</b>	14	Election statements, 1966	Jun–Dec 1966
	15	Election and referendum papers [includes Liberal Party documents and draft Ministerial speech relating to Vietnam]	1966–1967
	16	Foreign affairs payments [relates to J M Fraser as a member of Parliamentary Joint Committee on Foreign Affairs, 1962–1966]	Dec 1962–Jun 1963
	17	<b>Currently held at National Archives of Australia</b> Honours and awards – Private and confidential Ministerial correspondence [includes memoranda from Department of Education and Science, Commonwealth Advisory Committee on Advanced Education, CSIRO, correspondence with Prime Minister J G Gorton and between Fraser and Gorton's respective Private Secretaries]	Aug 1968–Nov 1969

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	18	Minister for the Army – Personal correspondence	1965–1968
	19	<b>Currently held at National Archives of Australia</b> Minister for the Army – Public Relations Correspondence	Jul 1967–Sep 1967
	20	Personal – M Fraser – 1959	Jan 1959–Dec 1959
	21	Personal – M Fraser – 1960/61 [includes letter from Minister for National Development relating to UK playwright Christopher Fry]	Apr 1960–Dec 1961
	22	Personal – M Fraser – 1962 (1) [includes personal letters from Prime Minister R G Menzies, William McMahon and condolences from other political colleagues, friends etc. on death of J M Fraser's father, Neville Fraser]	Jan 1962–Apr 1962
	23	Personal – M Fraser – 1962 (2) [includes correspondence with D M Fraser (uncle) and Minister for Territories relating to lease of Northern Territory property 'Alexandria', applications for Nareen station hand]	Jun 1962–Nov 1962
	24	Personal – M Fraser – 1963 [includes draft letter to US Embassy friends on the assassination of J F Kennedy]	Jan 1963–Sep 1963
	25	Personal – M Fraser – 1965 [includes letter to A Renouf (Charge d'Affaires, Washington) relating to Vietnam; draft press statement and radio talk as Minister for Defence (early 1970); letters on various Australian diplomatic letterheads relating to overseas trip on Una Fraser (mother); letters from Minister for Labour and National Service]	Dec 1964–Apr 1970
<b>3</b>	26	Receipts 1958 (1)	1957–1958
	27	Receipts 1958 (2)	1958
	28	Receipts 1959 (1)	1959
	29	Receipts 1959 (2)	1959
	30	Receipts 1960 (1)	1960
	31	Receipts 1960 (2)	1960
	32	Receipts 1961 (1)	1960–1961
	33	Receipts – Electoral 1961/62	1961–1962
	34	Receipts – Electoral 1962/63 (1)	1962–1963
<b>4</b>	35	Receipts – Electoral 1962/63 (2)	1962–1963
	36	Receipts – Electoral 1963/64 (1)	1963–1964
	37	Receipts – Electoral 1963/64 (2)	1963–1964
	38	Receipts – Electoral 1964/65	1964–1965
	39	Receipts – Electoral 1965/66	1965–1966
	40	Receipts – Electoral 1966/67	1966–1967
	41	Receipts – Land tax, schools etc.	1964–1965
	42	Receipts – Medical – 1961/62 – Subscriptions	1961–1962

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		etc.	
	43	Receipts – Medical – 1962/63 – Donations etc.	1962–1963
	44	Receipts – Medical – 1963/64 – Donations, rents etc.	1963–1964
	45	Receipts – Medical etc. – 1965/66	1965–1966
	46	Receipts – Miscellaneous – 1956/57	1954–1958
	47	Receipts – Miscellaneous – 1961/62	1961–1962
	48	Receipts – Miscellaneous – 1962/63	1962–1963
<b>5</b>	49	Receipts – M Fraser – Miscellaneous – 1962/63	1962–1963
	50	Receipts – Miscellaneous – 1963/64	1963–1964
	51	Receipts – Miscellaneous – 1963/64	1963–1964
	52	Receipts – Miscellaneous – 1965/66	1965–1966
	53	Receipts – Miscellaneous – 1965/66	1965–1966
	54	Receipts – Miscellaneous – 1965/66	1965–1966
	55	Science, agriculture, extension, agricultural training [includes paper by J M Fraser, ‘Government approaches to science’ (Mar 1969), other papers by S Encel, J R Gass, W Boswell, R G Ward, Sir F White and newspaper clippings]	1964–1969
	56	Station Manager applications [Nareen]	Nov 1968
	57	Taxation – Correspondence	Jul 1965
	58	Travel reimbursements [relates mainly to use of private car between Nareen and Melbourne]	1962–1967
	59	Trip to USA, Canada, Saigon and Malaysia, May–Jul 1964 [relates to official trip made by J M Fraser under a United States Government Leader Grant; includes itinerary, 59-page report (tape transcript) and list of people met]	1961–1964
	60	Voting record [J M Fraser – Parliamentary divisions and bills]	1956–1969
	61	Wannon electorate branches 1968/69	1968–1969

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