



THE UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE ARCHIVES

NAME OF COLLECTION	Fraser, John Malcolm (Rt Hon.)
ACCESSION NO	105/104
CATEGORY	Community and Political, individuals
ACTIVITY	Prime Ministers, Politicians, Farmers
DATE RANGE	1977–1982
SIZE OF COLLECTION	2 metres (2 oversized boxes)
HISTORICAL NOTE	<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>
DATE OF TRANSFER	March 2005
ACCESS CONDITIONS	Open
DESCRIPTION	This collection consists of a series of photograph albums documenting official domestic visits and events during Malcolm Fraser’s Prime Ministership. Many are official gift albums associated with the visits, while others are albums of photographs taken by Mr Fraser, his wife Tamie Fraser or other family members. Included are photographs documenting the 1977 visit to Australia of Her Majesty The Queen and His Royal Highness, The Duke of Edinburgh; the Commonwealth Heads of Government Regional Meeting (CHOGRM) held in Sydney in 1978 and the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) held in Melbourne in 1981.
NOTE ON COLLECTIONS	
NOTE ON LISTING	
LISTED BY	Initial listing by Peter Bode; re-listed by Caitlin Stone
DATE	30 January 2007

Box No	Series No	Description	Date
		Photographs of official domestic visits and events	1977–1989
1	PA/129	Visit to Australia of Her Majesty The Queen and His Royal Highness, The Duke of Edinburgh Album, 26.0 x 35.0 x 7.5 cm 82 colour photographs Photographer: Australian Information Service	7 Mar 1977–30 Mar 1977
	PA/130	Visit to Mt Isa by the Prime Minister, the Rt Hon. J.M. Fraser, CH, MP & Mrs Fraser Album, 33.0 x 28.6 x 1.8 cm 20 black and white photographs Photographer: Unknown, possibly local press	29 Sep 1977
	PA/131	[Visit to Mt Isa by Malcolm Fraser and Tamie Fraser] Album, 33.0 x 28.6 x 1.8 cm 12 black and white photographs [one removed prior to transfer] Photographer: Unknown, possibly local press	29 Sep 1977
	PA/132	Commonwealth Heads of Government Regional Meeting, February 1978 Album, 26.0 x 35.0 x 6.5 cm 64 colour and black and white photographs Photographer: Australian Information Service	13 Feb 1978–16 Feb 1978
	PA/133	1978 Northern Territory Album, 35.0 x 20.0 x 3.6 cm 106 colour photographs Photographer: Malcolm Fraser and family	1978
	PA/134	Visit to the Northern Territory by the Rt Hon. Malcolm Fraser, C.H., M.P. – Prime Minister of Australia – and Mrs Fraser Album, 26.2 x 35.1 x 4.6 cm 49 colour and black and white photographs Photographer: Australian Information Service	24 Apr 1978–27 Apr 1978
	PA/135	The Spastic Centre of New South Wales Album, 31.0 x 41.6 x 3.5 cm 28 colour and black and white photographs Photographer: Centre Industries	24 Jun 1980
2	PA/136	The Royal NSW Institute for Deaf and Blind Children: Official opening of Special School for Multi-Handicapped Blind Children Album, 27.0 x 22.2 x 1.8 cm 16 black and white photographs Photographer: Unknown	28 Jun 1980
	PA/137	Barrow Island Album, 28.7 x 32.0 x 2.0 cm 32 colour photographs Photographer: Unknown	3 Jul 1980
	PA/138	[Opening of Harold McCracken Nursing Home, North Fitzroy]	

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		Album, 31.0 x 41.6 x 3.5 cm 11 black and white photographs Photographer: Unknown, possibly Melbourne City Mission	
	PA/139	[Visit to Mt Isa: Photographs and newspaper cuttings] Album, 33.6 x 28.3 x 4.3 cm 9 black and white photographs Photographer: North-West Star	Dec 1980
	PA/140	Presentation of photographs taken at the 1981 Sport Australia Awards – The Rt Hon. J.M. Fraser Album, 30.5 x 29.2 x 2.0 cm 10 colour photographs Photographer: Confederation of Australian Sport	1981
	PA/141	Presented to the Right Honourable Malcolm Fraser, MP – Prime Minister of Australia – As a Memento of your Participation in the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting in Melbourne, Australia Album, 26 x 35 x 5 cm 72 black and white and colour photographs Photographer: Australian Information Service	Oct 1981
	PA/142	Visit to the Northern Territory by the Prime Minister – The Right Honourable Malcolm Fraser, C.H, M.P. – and Mrs Fraser, 5 Jun 1982–9 Jun 1982 Album, 26.0 x 35.0 x 3.8 cm 41 colour and black and white photographs Photographer: Australian Information Service	5 Jun 1982–9 Jun 1982
	PA/143	Compliments of Photograph Section, HMAS Albatross [Official visit and naval aircraft] Album, 29.6 x 25.0 x 4.0 cm 14 black and white photographs Photographer: Royal Australian Navy	Unknown

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