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Collection/Series Title: **FRASER, JOHN MALCOLM**

Creator	Fraser, John Malcolm
Creator's Activity/Occupation	Politicians - Farmers - Prime ministers
Creator's Historical Note (John) Malcolm Fraser was born on 21 May 1930 in Melbourne. The Fraser family lived in NSW before moving to 'Nareen', a sheep station in western Victoria, in 1943. Malcolm Fraser attended Tudor House School in NSW (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). Malcolm Fraser was elected Liberal member for Wannon in Western Victoria in 1955. He gained his first Cabinet post as Minister for the Army in 1966 and later became Minister for Education and Science (1968-1969 and 1971-1972) and Minister for Defence (1969-1971). He became leader of the Liberal Party in March 1975, and in November was appointed caretaker Prime Minister following the dismissal of the Whitlam government. He served as Prime Minister until 1983. Following his political career, Malcolm Fraser has maintained a role in world affairs, as Co-Chair of the Commonwealth Eminent Persons Group on 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, non-religious overseas aid organisation. In 1997 he led a Commonwealth Observer Mission to Pakistan to monitor the national elections. Malcolm Fraser remained actively interested in issues such as human rights and the rule of law until his death on 20 March 2015.	
Date Range of Collection/Series	1970-1975
Size/Extent	0.085 metres (1 box)
Access Conditions	Access: Open

Scope and Content of Collection/Series

This series includes five appointment diaries of J M (Malcolm) Fraser, maintained by his personal staff, for the years 1971, 1972 and 1974. They relate in part to the periods when he was Minister for Defence in the Gorton Government (items 1-2), Minister for Education and Science in the McMahon Government (items 1-4) and a member of the Opposition Executive before he succeeded Billy Snedden as Leader of the Opposition (item 5). The diary entries are in several hands, including that of Mr Fraser. They record both official appointments and social engagements, ranging from Parliamentary sittings, Cabinet meetings, Liberal Party and electoral meetings to appointments with diplomats, political and other colleagues; engagements with community and other organisations and family commitments. Items 1-3 include a partial telephone directory at the back of the volumes. Item 4 includes a list of 1972 Budget sittings and lists of Members of Parliament and Liberal Party Opposition spokesmen announced on 8 January 1973, a month after the Whitlam Labor Government came into office. There is no appointment diary for 1973 nor, as could have been expected, for 1975. When Mr Fraser became Prime Minister, the system for recording his appointments was changed to a series of index cards and related correspondence files. Formerly National Archives of Australia series M1340.

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Unit/Box	Item Number	Title	Date Range	Description
2006.0016 Unit 1	2006.0016.0000 1	Appointment diary 1971	17 December 197025 February 1972	Includes official and personal engagements and a partial telephone directory at back of volume (red cover). Previous control number 1
2006.0016 Unit 1	2006.0016.0000 2	Appointment diary 1971	25 December 197031 January 1972	Includes official and personal engagements and a partial telephone directory at back of volume (blue cover). Previous control number 2
2006.0016 Unit 1	2006.0016.0000 3	Appointment diary 1972	30 January 197231 January 1973	Includes official and personal engagements and a partial telephone directory at back of volume (red cover). Previous control number 3
2006.0016 Unit 1	2006.0016.0000 4	Appointment diary 1972	15 January 197225 March 1973	Includes official and personal engagements, list of 1972 Budget sittings inside front cover and lists of Members of Parliament and Liberal Opposition spokesmen as at 8 Jan 1973 at back of volume (blue cover). Previous control number 4
2006.0016 Unit 1	2006.0016.0000 5	Appointment diary 1974	18 February 19744 January 1975	Includes official and personal engagements (tan cover). Previous control number 5

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