



THE UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE ARCHIVES

NAME OF COLLECTION	Fraser, John Malcolm (Rt Hon.)
ACCESSION NO	107/7 (formerly NAA M1261)
CATEGORY	Community and Political, individuals
ACTIVITY	Prime Ministers; Politicians; Farmers
DATE RANGE	1962–1982
SIZE OF COLLECTION	1.27 metres (7 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).</p>

	<p>Following the Labor government's election win in 1972, he served as Shadow Minister for Industrial Relations. He became leader of the Liberal 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	7 December 2006
ACCESS CONDITIONS	Restricted
DESCRIPTION	<p>This series contains 'get well' messages to J M (Malcolm) Fraser and was maintained in the Prime Minister's Office during his Prime Ministership. It covers the period from November 1979 (second half of the third Fraser Ministry) to November 1982 (four months before the end of Mr Fraser's term in office).</p> <p>The series contains cards, letters and telegrams. The messages are addressed to the Prime Minister, but were mainly answered by his personal staff in the form of typed standard replies. Some letters, however, received a 'personalised' response. The original messages and replies are filed together. The folders are arranged chronologically by reply date with papers filed in alphabetical order in each folder, except for the 1982 messages. These are filed in small collections each including an address list of correspondents.</p>

NOTE ON COLLECTIONS	
NOTE ON LISTING	
LISTED BY	NAA; expanded and reformatted by Caitlin Stone
DATE	11 September 2007

Box No	Series No	Description	Date
		'Get well' messages	1962–1982
1	1	Get well messages, 20 Nov 1979, A–G [Includes letters/cards from Sir Peter Abeles, Sir John Anderson, Sir Nigel Bowen, John Carrick, Sir Charles Court]	22 Oct 1979–23 Nov 1979
	2	Get well messages, 20 Nov 1979, H–O [Includes letters/cards from Sir Walter Ives, Austcare: Australians Care for Refugees, Ian McPhee]	27 Oct 1979–21 Nov 1979
	3	Get well messages, 20 Nov 1979, P–Z [Includes letters/cards from Lin Ping, Ambassador of the People's Republic of China; Ian Sinclair; Sir Donald and Lady Tebbit]	3 Oct 1979–20 Nov 1979
	4	Get well messages, 21 Nov 1979–27 Nov 1979	30 Oct 1979–27 Nov 1979
	5	Get well messages, 3 Dec 1979 [Includes letters/cards from Han Lim Lee, Ambassador of Korea; Sir James Scholtens, Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet]	9 Apr 1978–3 Dec 1979
2	6	Get well messages, 10 Dec 1979 [includes photographs of Dale Buggins, exhibition motor cyclist) and letters/cards from Everard Baillieu; Sir Max Dillon, President, Confederation of Australian Industry]	2 May 1977–10 Dec 1979
	7	Get well wishes, 10 Dec 1979–18 Dec 1979 [Includes letter from His Excellency Dr Awang bin Hassan, Dean of the Diplomatic Corps and High Commissioner of Malaysia]	31 Oct 1979–18 Dec 1979
	8	Get well wishes, Dec 1980–Jan 1981 [Includes letters/cards from Sir Talbot Duckmanton; Peter Durack, Attorney-General; Sir Hubert and Lady Opperman; also unaddressed, handwritten thank you letters on Prime Minister's letterhead]	19 Oct 1980–15 Jan 1981
	9	Get well wishes, no addresses, Aug–Sep 81	28 Aug 1981–14 Sep 1981
	10	1981 Get well messages, 6 Sep–9 Sep [Includes letter from Dame Beryl Beaurepaire]	27 Aug 1981–12 Oct 1981
	11	Get well messages, 21 st September 1981, A–D (includes address list for mail received 21 Aug–15 Sep) [Includes letters/cards from Clyde Cameron; Sir Charles Court, Premier of WA]	2 Aug 1981–12 Sep 1981
	12	Get well messages, 21 Sep 81, E–O [Includes letters cards from Sir John Egerton, former President of Queensland Trades and Labour Council and Vice-President of the ALP; Frank Galbally; Bill Hayden, Leader of the	19 Jun 1981–21 Sep 1981

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	13	Get well messages, 21 Sep 81, P–Y	24 Aug 1981–6 Oct 1981
3	14	Get well messages, 22 Sep 1981, A–D	1980–22 Sep 1981
	15	Get well messages, 22 Sep 1981, E–M [Includes letter from Sir Condor Laucke; Sir John Mason, British High Commissioner passing on message from Margaret Thatcher]	25 Aug 1981–22 Sep 1981
	16	Get well messages, 22 Sep 1981–24 Sep 1981, N–Z [Includes letters from R D Nesen, American Ambassador; His Excellency Lin Ping, Ambassador, Embassy of the People’s Republic of China]	Mar 1977–24 Sep 1981
	17	Get well messages – Specials [November 1982, from Indira Gandhi (Prime Minister, India), Commonwealth Games Foundation, diplomatic representatives, senior political figures, Dick Smith (entrepreneur) and others]	1 Nov 1982–29 Nov 1982
	18	Get well wishes – General list 1 [Includes cards and letters]	1 Nov 1982–10 Nov 1982
	19	Get well wishes – General list 2 [Includes cards and letters]	1 Nov 1982–9 Nov 1982
	20	Get well wishes – General list 3 [Includes cards and letters]	31 Oct 1982–10 Nov 1982
4	21	Get well wishes – General list 4 [Includes some cards and letters]	1 Nov 1982–7 Nov 1982
	22	Get well wishes – General list 5 [Includes cards and letters]	1 Nov 1982–12 Nov 1982
	23	Get well wishes – General list 6 [Includes cards and letters]	30 Oct 1982–12 Nov 1982
	24	Get well wishes – General list 7 [Includes cards and letters]	5 Nov 1982–23 Dec 1982
	25	Get well wishes – General list 8 [Includes cards and letters]	1981–15 Nov 1982
	26	Get well wishes – General list 9 [Includes cards and letters]	2 Nov 1982–17 Nov 1982
	27	Get well wishes – General list 10 [Includes cards and letters]	8 Nov 1982–9 Nov 1982
	28	Get well wishes – General list 11 [Includes cards and letters]	4 Nov 1982–17 Nov 1982
	29	Get well wishes – General list 12 [Includes cards and letters]	1 Nov 1982–9 Nov 1982
5	30	Get well wishes – General list 13 [Includes cards and letters]	3 Nov 1982–10 Nov 1982
	31	Get well wishes – General list 15 [Includes cards and letters]	2 Nov 1982–10 Nov 1982
	32	Get well wishes – General list 16 [Includes cards and letters]	

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	33	Get well wishes – General list 17 [Includes cards and letters]	1 Nov 1982–9 Nov 1982
	34	Get well wishes – General list 20 [Includes cards and letters]	5 Nov 1982–11 Nov 1982
	35	Get well wishes – General list 22 [Includes cards and letters]	2 Nov 1982–10 Nov 1982
	36	Get well wishes – General list 23 [Includes cards and letters]	1 Nov 1982–10 Nov 1982
	37	Get well wishes – General list 25 [Includes some cards and letters. Item from 1962 is photocopy of article from the Gold Coast Bulletin relating to sender of letter, Mr J Sutherland, President of the Kirra-Bilinga Progress Association]	17 May 1962–6 Nov 1982
	38	Get well wishes – General list 26 [Includes cards and letters]	2 Nov 1982–19 Nov 1982
6	39	Get well wishes – General list 27 [Includes cards and letters]	4 Nov 1982–11 Nov 1982
	40	Get well wishes – General list 29 [Includes cards and letters]	5 Nov 1982–12 Nov 1982
	41	Get well wishes – General list 30 [Includes cards and letters]	1 Nov 1982–17 Nov 1982
	42	Get well wishes – General list 34 [Includes some cards and letters]	1 Nov 1982–19 Nov 1982
	43	Get well wishes – General list 38 [Includes cards and letters]	5 Nov 1982–8 Nov 1982
	44	Get well wishes – General list 39 [Includes cards and letters]	7 Nov 1982–8 Nov 1982
	45	Get well wishes – General list 40 [Includes cards and letters]	5 Nov 1982–15 Nov 1982
	46	Get well wishes – General list 41 [Includes cards and letters]	18 Nov 1982–23 Nov 1982
	47	Get well wishes – General list 42 [Includes letters from Euroa Shearing Association and Sir John Hurley]	6 Nov 1982–18 Nov 1982
	48	Get well wishes – General list 43 [Includes cards and letters]	1 Nov 1982–24 Nov 1982
7	49	Get well wishes – General list 52 [Includes cards and letters]	1 Nov 1982–29 Nov 1982
	50	Get well wishes – General list 54 [Includes cards and letters]	9 Nov 1982–14 Dec 1982
	51	Get well wishes – General list 56 [Includes cards and letters]	5 Nov 1982–30 Nov 1982
	52	Get well wishes – General [unnumbered list] [Includes some cards and letters]	5 Nov 1982–13 Dec 1982
	53	Get well wishes – General [unnumbered list] [Includes cards and letters]	2 Nov 1982–10 Nov 1982
	54	Get well wishes – General [unnumbered list]	17 Nov 1982–22 Nov 1982

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		[Includes letter from Harry H Jackman (former patrol officer, Papua New Guinea)]	
	55	Get well wishes – General [unnumbered list] [Includes Christian literature and three tapes from Women's Aglow Fellowship (Melbourne)]	2 Nov 1982–22 Nov 1982
	56	Get well wishes – General [unnumbered list] [Includes cards and letters]	1 Nov 1982–19 Nov 1982
	57	Get well wishes – General [unnumbered list] [Includes cards and letters]	2 Nov 1982–8 Nov 1982

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