



## THE UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE ARCHIVES

<b>NAME OF COLLECTION</b>	<b>Fraser, John Malcolm (Rt Hon.)</b>
<b>ACCESSION NO</b>	<b>107/32</b>
<b>CATEGORY</b>	Community and Political, individuals
<b>ACTIVITY</b>	Prime Minister, Politician, Farmer
<b>DATE RANGE</b>	1970–1984
<b>SIZE OF COLLECTION</b>	13 framed items
<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 Party in March 1975 and in November became caretaker Prime Minister after the Governor-General, Sir John Kerr, dismissed the Whitlam</p>

	<p>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>	9 December 2007
<b>ACCESS CONDITIONS</b>	Open
<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	Framed cartoons, artwork, photographs and certificates relating to Malcolm Fraser
<b>NOTE ON COLLECTIONS</b>	
<b>NOTE ON LISTING</b>	
<b>LISTED BY</b>	Initial listing by Oliver Brown, Tony Miller; expanded by Caitlin Stone
<b>DATE</b>	9 December 2006

<b>Box No</b>	<b>Series No</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Date</b>
	<b>1</b>	<b>Framed cartoons, artwork, photographs and certificates</b>	<b>1970–1984</b>
<b>OS item</b>	1	'Nareen House'; Cartoon by Geoff Pryor in limited print edition, 28/50. Malcolm Fraser as Head Prefect with 1977 Cabinet in attendance	1977
<b>1</b>	2	Photograph. Malcolm Fraser and family	c. 1980
<b>OS item</b>	3	Photograph. Malcolm Fraser fishing in the Northern Territory during an official visit in 1978 [enlargement of photograph in 105/104 album 3.2]	Apr 1978
<b>2</b>	4	Certificate presented to Mr and Mrs Malcolm Fraser for an Israeli woodland named in their honour. Presented by Jewish National Fund, Keren Kayemeth Leisrael	Feb 1984
<b>1</b>	5	Photograph. Prime Minister Malcolm Fraser turning first sod at the new Parliament House site in Canberra	1980
<b>2</b>	6	Photograph. 18 crew members of Gretel II for the Americas Cup challenge of 1970; signed by crew members	1970
<b>1</b>	7	Cartoon. Alexander Stitt, 'Life be in it goes national'. Presented to Rt. Hon J.M. Fraser, C.H., M.P., Prime Minister of Australia by the Rt. Hon. R.J. Hamer, E.D., M.P., Premier of Victoria.	Nov 1977
<b>OS item</b>	8	'Out for the Count', cartoon by Nicholson re Flinders by-election	Dec 1982
<b>OS item</b>	9	Cartoon by Larry Pickering. Happy 50 <sup>th</sup> Malcolm	1980
<b>OS item</b>	10	Cartoon by Nicholson. Carlton Football Club win the cup (with signatures)	
<b>2</b>	11	Photograph of Malcolm Fraser, an African leader and Senator Edward Kennedy; inscribed 'To Malcolm Fraser and [?] with my thanks. You made a difference. Ted Kennedy.'	
<b>OS item</b>	12	Cartoon by Loon. Yacht, Challenge 12 'Newport here we come'	1983
<b>OS item</b>	13	'The Flight into Egypt', Louis Kahan, print, No 20/50. Inscribed 'To Tammi [ <i>sic</i> ] & Malcolm Fraser with best wishes, Louis Kahan, 10.4.87'	1975

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