



Records Description List

Reference Number: 2005.0078

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	1955-1969
Size/Extent	5 boxes (0.88 metres)
Access Conditions	Access: Open

Scope and Content of Collection/Series

Subject files: personal and electoral. This series comprises 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 time, Mr Fraser was a backbencher, but some of the more interesting files in the series date from when he was Minister for the Army (1966-68) and Minister for Education and Science (1968-69). The files include personal correspondence relating to the Fraser family, their private home in Deakin (Canberra) and Western District property 'Nareen'; Mr Fraser's private car; donations; his fishing interests and his appointment to the Education and Science portfolio. More official correspondence relates Mr Fraser's overseas trip under a United States Government Leader Grant (1964) and include some insights into his views on Vietnam at that time. The series includes several files of financial receipts (personal, electoral and miscellaneous). Other papers relate to Mr Fraser's electoral expenses, redistribution and branches in the Wannon electorate. There are also a small number of speeches. Formerly National Archives of Australia series M1351.

Collection Category	Community and Political, individuals
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2005.0078 Unit 1	2005.0078.0000	Accounts and receipts 8 Daly Street, Deakin	1965-1966	Previous control number 1
2005.0078 Unit 1	2005.0078.0000	Club memberships	1966-1967	Previous control number 2
2005.0078 Unit 1	2005.0078.0000	Correspondence re 8 Daly Street, Deakin	1965-1966	Previous control number 3
2005.0078 Unit 1	2005.0078.0000	Correspondence Thank-you and	February 1968-April 1968	Previous control number 4
2005.0078 Unit 1	2005.0078.0000	Dalgety Trading Company Pty Ltd	February 1967-March 1967	Previous control number 5
2005.0078 Unit 1	2005.0078.0000	Donations, 19641966	1962-1966	To sporting, educational and community organisations; includes letter to J M Fraser as Parliamentary Representative on Council of the Australian National University relating to retirement of Professor J Burton. Previous control number 6
2005.0078 Unit 1	2005.0078.0000 7	Election 1966	1966	Congratulatory letters, telegrams from professional colleagues, friends etc. including R G Menzies and H E Holt. Previous control number 7
2005.0078 Unit 1	2005.0078.0000	Electoral expenses	1954-1964	Copies of official returns under the Commonwealth Electoral Act. Previous control number 8
2005.0078 Unit 1	2005.0078.0000	Electoral expenses statements M Fraser, 1960/611964/65	1960-1965	Previous control number 9
2005.0078 Unit 1	2005.0078.0001	Elections letters	1958-1961	Previous control number 10
2005.0078 Unit 1	2005.0078.0001 1	Electoral redistribution 1964	1961-1965	Previous control number 11
2005.0078 Unit 1	2005.0078.0001	Elections statistical returns etc.	1955-1966	Mainly Commonwealth publications. Previous control number 12
2005.0078 Unit 1	2005.0078.0001	Election speeches, 1963 and 1966	1963-1966	Previous control number 13

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2005.0078 Unit 2	2005.0078.0001 4	Election statements, 1966	1966	Previous control number 14
2005.0078 Unit 2	2005.0078.0001 5	Election and referendum papers	1966-1967	Includes Liberal Party documents and draft Ministerial speech relating to Vietnam. Previous control number 15
2005.0078 Unit 2	2005.0078.0001 6	Foreign affairs payments	December 1962-June 1963	Relates to J M Fraser as a member of Parliamentary Joint Committee on Foreign Affairs, 19621966. Previous control number 16
	2005.0078.0001	Honours and awards Private and	August 1968- November 1969	Currently held at National Archives of Australia. 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 Gortons respective Private Secretaries. Previous control number 17
2005.0078 Unit 2	2005.0078.0001	Minister for the Army Personal	1965-1968	Previous control number 18
	2005.0078.0001 9	Minister for the Army Public Relations Correspondence	July 1967- Septemb er 1967	Currently held at National Archives of Australia. Previous control number 19
2005.0078 Unit 2	2005.0078.0002	Personal M Fraser 1959	January 1959- Decembe r 1959	Previous control number 20
2005.0078 Unit 2	2005.0078.0002	Personal M Fraser 1960/61	April 1960- December 1961	Includes letter from Minister for National Development relating to UK playwright Christopher Fry. Previous control number21

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2005.0078 Unit 2	2005.0078.0002	Personal M Fraser 1962 (1)	January 1962-April 1962	Includes personal letters from Prime Minister R G Menzies, William McMahon and condolences from other political colleagues, friends etc. on death of J M Frasers father, Neville Fraser. Previous control number 22
2005.0078 Unit 2	2005.0078.0002 3	Personal M Fraser 1962 (2)	June 1962- Novembe r 1962	Includes correspondence with D M Fraser (uncle) and Minister for Territories relating to lease of Northern Territory property Alexandria, applications for Nareen station hand. Previous control number 23
2005.0078 Unit 2	2005.0078.0002	Personal M Fraser 1963	January 1963- September 1963	Includes draft letter to US Embassy friends on the assassination of J F Kennedy. Previous control number 24
2005.0078 Unit 2	2005.0078.0002	Personal M Fraser 1965	December 1964-April 1970	Includes letter to A Renouf (Charge dAffaires, 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. Previous control number 25
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2005.0078 Unit 3	2005.0078.0003 2	Receipts 1961 (1)	1960-1961	Previous control number 32
2005.0078 Unit 3	2005.0078.0003	Receipts Electoral 1961/62	1961-1962	Previous control number 33
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2005.0078 Unit 4	2005.0078.0003 6	Receipts Electoral 1963/64 (1)	1963-1964	Previous control number 36
2005.0078 Unit 4	2005.0078.0003 7	Receipts Electoral 1963/64 (2)	1963-1964	Previous control number 37
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2005.0078 Unit 4	2005.0078.0004 0	Receipts Electoral 1966/67	1966-1967	Previous control number 40
2005.0078 Unit 4	2005.0078.0004 1	Receipts Land tax, schools etc.	1964-1965	Previous control number 41
2005.0078 Unit 4	2005.0078.0004	Receipts Medical 1961/62 Subscriptions etc.	1961-1962	Previous control number 42
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2005.0078 Unit 4	2005.0078.0004 7	Receipts Miscellaneous 1961/62	1961-1962	Previous control number 47
2005.0078 Unit 4	2005.0078.0004 8	Receipts Miscellaneous 1962/63	1962-1963	Previous control number 48
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2005.0078 Unit 5	2005.0078.0005	Receipts Miscellaneous 1963/64	19631964	Previous control number 50

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2005.0078 Unit 5	2005.0078.0005	Receipts Miscellaneous 1963/64	1963-1964	Previous control number 51
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2005.0078 Unit 5	2005.0078.0005 3	Receipts Miscellaneous 1965/66	1965-1966	Previous control number 53
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2005.0078 Unit 5	2005.0078.0005	Science, agriculture, extension, agricultural training	1964-1969	Includes paper by J M Fraser, Government approaches to science (March 1969), other papers by S Encel, J R Gass, W Boswell, R G Ward, Sir F White and newspaper clippings. Previous control number 55
2005.0078 Unit 5	2005.0078.0005 6	Station Manager applications	November 1968	Nareen. Previous control number 56
2005.0078 Unit 5	2005.0078.0005 7	Taxation Correspondence	July 1965	Previous control number 57
2005.0078 Unit 5	2005.0078.0005 8	Travel reimbursements	1962-1967	Relates mainly to use of private car between Nareen and Melbourne. Previous control number 58
2005.0078 Unit 5	2005.0078.0005 9	Trip to USA, Canada, Saigon, and Malaysia, May 1964July 1964	1961-1964	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. Previous control number 59
2005.0078 Unit 5	2005.0078.0006	Voting record	1956-1969	J M Fraser Parliamentary divisions and bills. Previous control number 60
2005.0078 Unit 5	2005.0078.0006 1	Wannon electorate branches 1968/69	1968-1969	Previous control number 61

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