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Records Description List

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	1962-1982
Size/Extent	1.26 metres (7 boxes)
Access Conditions	Access: Open

Scope and Content of Collection/Series

Get well messages. This series was maintained in the Prime Minister's Office during the Prime Ministership of J M (Malcolm) Fraser. 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). The correspondence relates to Mr Fraser's illnesses in November 1979, September 1981 and, particularly, November-December 1982 when he was hospitalised with a back injury. The messages are from friends and colleagues, constituents from his electorate (Wannon in the Western District of Victoria) and other members of the Australian public. They include letters from Sir James Scholtens (Ceremonial and Hospitality Branch, Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet), Peter Durack (Attorney-General), Bill Hayden (Leader of the Opposition), R D Nesen (United States Ambassador), Sydney Women's Hospital Committee, Sisters of the Good Samaritan, school classes, private companies, church and other community organisations, etc. The series contains cards, letters and telegrams, including an impressive selection of commercially available 'get well' cards and embossed or illustrated writing paper. Some files include published material (booklets, Christian literature, news cuttings), children's drawings and photographs. Formerly National Archives of Australia series M1261.

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Collection Category	Community and Political, individuals	
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Unit/Box	Item Number	Title	Date Range	Description
2007.0007 Unit 1	2007.0007.0000 1	Get well messages, 20 November 1979, AG	22 October 1979-23 November 1979	Includes letters/cards from Sir Peter Abeles, Sir John Anderson, Sir Nigel Bowen, John Carrick, Sir Charles Court. Previous control number 1
2007.0007 Unit 1	2007.0007.0000 2	Get well messages, 20 November 1979, HO	27 October 1979-21 November 1979	Includes letters/cards from Sir Walter Ives, Austcare: Australians Care for Refugees, Ian McPhee. Previous control number 2
2007.0007 Unit 1	2007.0007.0000 3	Get well messages, 20 November 1979, PZ	3 October 1979-20 November 1979	Includes letters/cards from Lin Ping, Ambassador of the Peoples Republic of China; Ian Sinclair; Sir Donald and Lady Tebbit. Previous control number 3
2007.0007 Unit 1	2007.0007.0000 4	Get well messages, 21 November 197927 November 1979	30 October 1979-27 November 1979	Previous control number 4
2007.0007 Unit 1	2007.0007.0000 5	Get well messages, 3 December 1979	9 April 1978 -3 December 1979	Includes letters/cards from Han Lim Lee, Ambassador of Korea; Sir James Scholtens, Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet. Previous control number 5
2007.0007 Unit 2	2007.0007.0000 6	Get well messages, 10 December 1979	2 May 1977 -10 December 1979	includes photographs of Dale Buggins, exhibition motor cyclist) and letters/cards from Everard Baillieu; Sir Max Dillon, President, Confederation of Australian Industry. Previous control number 6
2007.0007 Unit 2	2007.0007.0000 7	Get well wishes, 10 December 197918 December 1979	31 October 1979-18 December 1979	Includes letter from His Excellency Dr Awang bin Hassan, Dean of the Diplomatic Corps and High Commissioner of Malaysia. Previous control number 7

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2007.0007 Unit 2	2007.0007.0000 8	Get well wishes, December 1980January 1981	19 October 1980-15 January 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 Ministers letterhead. Previous control number 8
2007.0007 Unit 2	2007.0007.0000 9	Get well wishes, no addresses, AugustSeptember 1981	28 August 1981-14 September 1981	Previous control number 9
2007.0007 Unit 2	2007.0007.0001 0	Get well messages, 6 September9 September 1981	27 August 1981-12 October 1981	Includes letter from Dame Beryl Beaurepaire. Previous control number 10
2007.0007 Unit 2	2007.0007.0001 1	Get well messages, 21 September 1981 'AD'	2 August 1981-12 September 1981	Includes address list for mail received 21 August 198115 September 1981. Previous control number 11
2007.0007 Unit 2	2007.0007.0001	Get well messages, 21 September 81 'EO'	19 June 1981-21 September 1981	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 Opposition. Previous control number 12
2007.0007 Unit 2	2007.0007.0001 3	Get well messages, 21 September 81 'PY'	24 August 19816 October 1981	Previous control number 13
2007.0007 Unit 3	2007.0007.0001 4	Get well messages, 22 September 1981 'AD'	1980-22 September 1981	Previous control number 14
2007.0007 Unit 3	2007.0007.0001 5	Get well messages, 22 September 1981 'EM'	25 August 1981-22 September 1981	Includes letter from Sir Condor Laucke; Sir John Mason, British High Commissioner passing on message from Margaret Thatcher. Previous control number 15

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2007.0007 Unit 3	2007.0007.0001 6	Get well messages, 22 September 198124 September 1981 'NZ'	March 1977- 24 September 1981	Includes letters from R D Nesen, American Ambassador; His Excellency Lin Ping, Ambassador, Embassy of the Peoples Republic of China. Previous control number 16
2007.0007 Unit 3	2007.0007.0001 7	Get well messages - Specials	1 November 1982-29 November 1982	November 1982, from Indira Ghandi (Prime Minister, India), Commonwealth Games Foundation, diplomatic representatives, senior political figures, Dick Smith (entrepreneur) and others. Previous control number 17
2007.0007 Unit 3	2007.0007.0001 8	Get well wishes - General list 1	1 November 1982-10 November 1982	Includes cards and letters. Previous control number 18
2007.0007 Unit 3	2007.0007.0001 9	Get well wishes - General list 2	1 November 1982-9 November 1982	Includes cards and letters. Previous control number 19
2007.0007 Unit 3	2007.0007.0002 0	Get well wishes - General list 3	31 October 1982-10 November 1982	Includes cards and letters. Previous control number 20
2007.0007 Unit 4	2007.0007.0002 1	Get well wishes - General list 4	1 November 1982-7 November 1982	Includes some cards and letters. Previous control number 21
2007.0007 Unit 4	2007.0007.0002 2	Get well wishes - General list 5	1 November 1982-12 November 1982	Includes cards and letters. Previous control number 22
2007.0007 Unit 4	2007.0007.0002 3	Get well wishes - General list 6	30 October 1982-12 November198 2	Includes cards and letters. Previous control number 23
2007.0007 Unit 4	2007.0007.0002 4	Get well wishes - General list 7	5 November 1982-23 December 1982	Includes cards and letters. Previous control number 24
2007.0007 Unit 4	2007.0007.0002 5	Get well wishes - General list 8	1981-15 November 1982	Includes cards and letters. Previous control number 25

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2007.0007 Unit 4	2007.0007.0002 6	Get well wishes - General list 9	2 November 1982-17 November 1982	Includes cards and letters. Previous control number 26
2007.0007 Unit 4	2007.0007.0002 7	Get well wishes - General list 10	8 November 1982-9 November 1982	Includes cards and letters. Previous control number 27
2007.0007 Unit 4	2007.0007.0002 8	Get well wishes - General list 11	4 November 1982-17 November 1982	Includes cards and letters. Previous control number 28
2007.0007 Unit 4	2007.0007.0002 9	Get well wishes - General list 12	1 November 1982-9 November 1982	Includes cards and letters. Previous control number 29
2007.0007 Unit 5	2007.0007.0003 0	Get well wishes - General list 13	3 November 1982-10 November 1982	Includes cards and letters. Previous control number 30
2007.0007 Unit 5	2007.0007.0003 1	Get well wishes - General list 15	2 November 1982-10 November 1982	Includes cards and letters Previous control number 31
2007.0007 Unit 5	2007.0007.0003 2	Get well wishes - General list 16	Undated	Includes cards and letters. Previous control number 32
2007.0007 Unit 5	2007.0007.0003 3	Get well wishes - General list 17	1 November 1982-9 November 1982	Includes cards and letters. Previous control number 33
2007.0007 Unit 5	2007.0007.0003 4	Get well wishes - General list 20	5 November 1982-11 November 1982	Includes cards and letters. Previous control number 34
2007.0007 Unit 5	2007.0007.0003 5	Get well wishes - General list 22	2 November 1982-10 November 1982	Includes cards and letters. Previous control number 35
2007.0007 Unit 5	2007.0007.0003 6	Get well wishes - General list 23	1 November 1982-10 November 1982	Includes cards and letters. Previous control number 36

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2007.0007 Unit 5	2007.0007.0003 7	Get well wishes - General list 25	17 May 1962 -6 November 1982	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. Previous control number 37
2007.0007 Unit 5	2007.0007.0003 8	Get well wishes - General list 26	2 November 1982-19 November 1982	Includes cards and letters. Previous control number 38
2007.0007 Unit 6	2007.0007.0003 9	Get well wishes - General list 27	4 November 1982-11 November 1982	Includes cards and letters. Previous control number 39
2007.0007 Unit 6	2007.0007.0004 0	Get well wishes - General list 29	5 November 1982-12 November 1982	Includes cards and letters. Previous control number 40
2007.0007 Unit 6	2007.0007.0004 1	Get well wishes - General list 30	1 November 198217 November 1982	Includes cards and letters. Previous control number 41
2007.0007 Unit 6	2007.0007.0004 2	Get well wishes - General list 34	1 November 1982-19 November 1982	Includes some cards and letters. control number 42
2007.0007 Unit 6	2007.0007.0004 3	Get well wishes - General list 38	5 November 1982-8 November 1982	Includes cards and letters. Previous control number 43
2007.0007 Unit 6	2007.0007.0004 4	Get well wishes - General list 39	7 November 1982-8 November 1982	Includes cards and letters. Previous control number 44
2007.0007 Unit 6	2007.0007.0004 5	Get well wishes - General list 40	5 November 1982-15 November 1982	Includes cards and letters. Previous control number 45
2007.0007 Unit 6	2007.0007.0004 6	Get well wishes - General list 41	18 November 1982-23 November 1982	Includes cards and letters. Previous control number 46
2007.0007 Unit 6	2007.0007.0004 7	Get well wishes - General list 42	6 November 1982-18 November 1982	Includes letters from Euroa Shearing Association and Sir John Hurley. Previous control number 47

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2007.0007 Unit 6	2007.0007.0004 8	Get well wishes - General list 43	1 November 198224 November 1982	Includes cards and letters. Previous control number 48
2007.0007 Unit 7	2007.0007.0004 9	Get well wishes - General list 52	1 November 198229 November 1982	Includes cards and letters. Previous control number 49
2007.0007 Unit 7	2007.0007.0005 0	Get well wishes - General list 54	9 November 198214 December 1982	Includes cards and letters. Previous control number 50
2007.0007 Unit 7	2007.0007.0005 1	Get well wishes - General list 56	5 November 198230 November 1982	Includes cards and letters. Previous control number 51
2007.0007 Unit 7	2007.0007.0005 2	Get well wishes - General	5 November 198213 December 1982	Unnumbered list. Includes some cards and letters. Previous control number 52
2007.0007 Unit 7	2007.0007.0005 3	Get well wishes - General	2 November 198210 November 1982	Unnumbered list. Includes cards and letters. Previous control number 53
2007.0007 Unit 7	2007.0007.0005 4	Get well wishes - General	17 November 198222 November 1982	Unnumbered list. Includes letter from Harry H Jackman (former patrol officer, Papua New Guinea). Previous control number 54
2007.0007 Unit 7	2007.0007.0005 5	Get well wishes - General	2 November 198222 November 1982	Unnumbered list. Includes Christian literature and three tapes from Womens Aglow Fellowship (Melbourne). Previous control number 55
2007.0007 Unit 7	2007.0007.0005 6	Get well wishes - General	1 November 198219 November 1982	Unnumbered list. Includes cards and letters. Previous control number 56
2007.0007 Unit 7	2007.0007.0005 7	Get well wishes - General	2 November 19828 November 1982	Unnumbered list. Includes cards and letters. Previous control number 57