

Reference Number: **2008.0063**

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

<b>Creator</b>	Fraser, John Malcolm
<b>Creator's Activity/Occupation</b>	Politicians - Farmers - Prime ministers
<b>Creator's Historical Note</b>  (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.	
<b>Date Range of Collection/Series</b>	1949
<b>Size/Extent</b>	0.08 (1 box)
<b>Access Conditions</b>	Access: Open
<b>Scope and Content of Collection/Series</b>  This diary kept by J M (Malcolm) Fraser describes a trip through New South Wales undertaken with his friend Gavin Casey (the nephew of former Governor-General Richard Casey) in 1949. Fraser and Casey set out from the Fraser family property 'Nareen' in western Victoria on 2 March 1949, travelling to Horsham, Ouyen, Mildura, Broken Hill, Bourke, Dubbo and back to Victoria via Canberra, Albury and Ballarat. The diary includes accounts of visits to the canning and dried fruit works in Mildura, the surface works at North Broken Hill Ltd and the Australian War Memorial and (Old) Parliament House in Canberra. Also included is a sixteen-page essay, 'Two thousand miles in a month', in which Malcolm Fraser both describes the trip itself and reflects more broadly on his feelings for Australia and hopes for the future. A brief movie taken on the same trip is held at the National Film and Sound Archive.	
<b>Collection Category</b>	Community and Political, individuals
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