



Records Description List

Reference Number: 2006.0010

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	1971-1975
Size/Extent	0.53 metres (3 boxes)
Access Conditions	Access: Open

## **Scope and Content of Collection/Series**

Invitations received by J M (Malcolm) Fraser from April 1971 to March 1975. During this period, Mr Fraser was a backbencher (March-August 1971) and Minister for Education and Science (August 1971-December 1972) in the McMahon Government, then a member of the Opposition (December 1972-March 1975) during the Whitlam Labor Government. He was also actively representing his electorate of Wannon in Victoria's Western District. Consequently the invitations relate to various Parliamentary, diplomatic, vice-regal and Liberal Party functions, as well as events organised by educational institutions, business groups and community organisations. Many of the invitations (whether cards or letters) have associated correspondence attached to them. There are also some publications (booklets, posters) and photographs. Some items are currently held at the National Archives of Australia (see list for details). Formerly National Archives of Australia series M441.

Collection Category	Community and Political, individuals
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Unit/Box	Item Number	Title	Date Range	Description
2006.0010 Unit 1	2006.0010.0000	Invitations, 1973	14 October 1973-16 April 1974	As Member for Wannon. Previous control number 10
2006.0010 Unit 1	2006.0010.0000	Invitations, 197374	22 January 1973-14 June 1974	As Member for Wannon. Previous control number 11
2006.0010 Unit 1	2006.0010.0000	Invitations, 1974	10 September 1973-14 January 1975	As Member for Wannon; includes 'Pattern for struggle: a brief history of the Australasian Society of Engineers', by K G Goodwin. Previous control number 12
2006.0010 Unit 1	2006.0010.0000	Invitations, 1974	11 January 1974-30 May 1974	As Member for Wannon; includes itinerary for visit of Marshall Green Previous control number 13
2006.0010 Unit 1	2006.0010.0000	Invitations, 1974	11 December 1973-8 October 1974	As Member of Wannon; includes Rural policy (Liberal Party booklet); invitation to National Gallery of Victoria special viewing of Blue Poles; Australian Frontier seminar papers of labour relations, metric conversion poster. Previous control number 14
2006.0010 Unit 1	2006.0010.0000 6	Invitations, 1974	10 December 1973-9 October 1974	As Member of Wannon. Previous control number 15
2006.0010 Unit 2	2006.0010.0000	Invitations, 1974	26 November 1973-26 November 1974	As Member for Wannon; includes 'National drycleaner' (August 1974 issue). Previous control number 16
2006.0010 Unit 2	2006.0010.0000 8	Invitations, 1975	15 October 1974-30 April 1975	As Leader of the Opposition and Member for Wannon; includes congratulatory telegram from Sir Robert Menzies (21 March 1975). Previous control number 17

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2006.0010 Unit 2	2006.0010.0000	Invitations, 1975	10 March 1975-9 May 1975	As Leader of the Opposition and Member for Wannon. Previous control number 18	
2006.0010 Unit 2	2006.0010.0001	Invitations declined, MarchAugust 1973	8 March 1973-19 August 1973	As Member for Wannon. Previous control number 20	
2006.0010 Unit 3	2006.0010.0001	Invitations, 19731974	30 April 1973 -31 October 1973	As Member for Wannon, includes National Library of Australia request for oral history interview. Previous control number 21 PART 1	
2006.0010 Unit 3	2006.0010.0001	Invitations, 19731974	2 October 1973-11 December 1973	As Member for Wannon, includes Australian National University Administrative and Allied Officers Association constitution and conditions of service (booklets). Previous control number 21 PART 2	
2006.0010 Unit 3	2006.0010.0001	Invitations, 19731974	29 November 1972-19 March 1975	As Member for W annon. Previous control number 21 PART 3	
2006.0010 Unit 3	2006.0010.0001	Invitations, 1973	16 April 1973-27 December 1973	As Member for Wannon, includes Tatura Guardian (19 September 1973) and two photographs. Previous control number 22 PART 1	
2006.0010	2006.0010.0001	Invitations, 1974	19	As Member for Wannon,	

**End of List** 

November

1974

1973-4 June

includes South Boorok

Pastoral Company cattle sale poster. Previous

control number 22 PART

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Unit 3