



PRIME MINISTER

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VISIT BY THE PRINCESS MARGARET

Details of the program for the visit in October by The Princess Margaret, to the Australian Capital Territory, Victoria and New South Wales have now been approved.

It will be recalled that on 29 May 1975 I released a statement issued by Kensington Palace announcing that Princess Margaret had accepted the Australian Government's invitation to visit Australia to attend engagements in Sydney connected with the twenty-fifth anniversary of the formation of the Women's Royal Australian Army Corps.

Princess Margaret will visit Canberra from 22 October to 24 October, Melbourne from 24 October to 28 October with a one-day visit to the Latrobe Valley on 27 October, Sydney from 28 October with the last official engagement on 31 October.

Princess Margaret has taken a close personal interest in the preparation of the program.

It reflects some of her special interests and responsibilities as a Princess of Australia, as Colonel-in-Chief of the WRAAC, as an officer of a number of organisations, and as a person in her own right.

As I have said previously, Princess Margaret, among her many interests in Australia, is President of the Girl Guides Association, of the Doctor Barnardo's Homes, and of the Victoria League for Commonwealth Friendship. Her Royal Highness is also Grand President of the St John Ambulance Association and Brigade.

Princess Margaret will be able to pursue her interest in the arts during her visit to Australia.

The program includes attendance at a concert, and at a performance by the Australian Ballet, and visits to art galleries and historic National Trust buildings housing important artifacts and works of art.

The public will have opportunities to see Her Royal Highness on a number of occasions at each of the cities to be visited.

In Canberra, Princess Margaret will lay a wreath at the Australian War Memorial and study Canberra's development from Mount Ainslie lookout and at the National Capital Development Commission's display at Regatta Point.

Her Royal Highness will visit the Woden Shopping Plaza and Berwick House, Dr Barnardo's Home for Children, as well as attending receptions, dinners and luncheons.

CANBERRA. A.C.T.

FOR PRESS:

BACKGROUND NOTE:

ROYAL VISIT OCTOBER 1975

The Prime Minister has announced the Australian itinerary for the visit to Australia by Her Royal Highness The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, in October 1975. He has also given an outline of the engagements in Canberra.

The program of engagements in Victoria and New South Wales will be released simultaneously at 1700 hours EST Monday 11 August by the Premiers of Victoria and New South Wales.

The full program of engagements is attached. It is made available for the convenience of news media representatives in Canberra.

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HER ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCESS MARGARET,
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PROGRAM FOR AUSTRALIA

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WEDNESDAY 22 OCTOBER 1975 : CANBERRA

Morning Arrives at RAAF Base Fairbairn
Stays at Government House

Lunch At Government House

Afternoon Visits Mt Ainslie Lookout
Lays wreath at Australian War Memorial
Visits Planning Exhibition at Regatta Point
At Government House receives informally
representatives of Press, Radio and Television

Evening Dinner at Government House

THURSDAY 23 OCTOBER 1975 : CANBERRA

Morning No official engagements

Lunch As guest of Commonwealth High Commissioners
and wives

Afternoon Visits Woden Shopping Plaza, Phillip and
Dr Barnardo's Home for Children at
Berwick House, Curtin
At Government House receives representatives
of voluntary organisations with which
associated

Evening Dinner at The Lodge
Attends Reception at Parliament House

SUNDAY 26 OCTOBER 1975 : MELBOURNE

Morning	Attends Divine Service at St Paul's Cathedral
Afternoon and Evening	No official engagements

MONDAY 27 OCTOBER 1975 : VISIT TO LATROBE VALLEY

Morning	Leaves by train for Moe At Moe receives Civic Welcome and visits Coach Road Lookout and Yallourn "W" Power Station
Lunch	As guest of State Electricity Commission
Afternoon	Visits Gippsland Folk Museum Leaves by train for Warragul At Warragul receives Civic Welcome and plants a tree in Civic Park Returns to Melbourne by train
Evening	Dinner at Government House Attends reception as guest of the Victoria League for Commonwealth Friendship at the Old Customs House

TUESDAY 28 OCTOBER 1975 : MELBOURNE AND SYDNEY

Morning Leaves Melbourne Airport for Sydney
 Informal arrival at Flight Facilities'
 Terminal, Sydney Airport
 Stays at Government House

Lunch At Government House

Afternoon Visits Art Gallery of New South Wales
 At Sydney Town Hall meets Lord Mayor,
 Aldermen and their wives
 At Royal Naval House meets members of the
 Victoria League for Commonwealth Friendship
 At Government House receives informally
 representatives of Press, Radio and Television

Evening Dinner at Government House

WEDNESDAY 29 OCTOBER 1975 : SYDNEY

Pre-lunch Visits the Sydney Opera House travelling
 from Government House via the historic
 Rocks area

Lunch At Opera House

Afternoon Visits Taronga Park
 At Bondi sees demonstration of surf life
 saving equipment and techniques
 At Government House receives representatives
 of the Women's Royal Australian Army Corps

Evening Attends Piano Recital by Rudolph Serkin in
 the Concert Hall

THURSDAY 30 OCTOBER 1975 : VISIT TO PARRAMATTA

Lunch At Old Government House, Parramatta

Afternoon Visits Experiment Farm Cottage, Parramatta
 Visits the Roy McCaughey Barnardo Centre
 at Auburn
 Visits the Girl Guides State Training Centre
 at North Turramurra

Evening Attends Dinner on board m.v. JOHN CADMAN
 as guest of the Government of New South
 Wales

FRIDAY 31 OCTOBER 1975 : SYDNEY

Morning At Victoria Barracks attends a Parade as part
 of the twenty fifth anniversary celebrations
 of the foundation of the Women's Royal
 Australian Army Corps

Lunch At Victoria Barracks

Afternoon Returns to Government House

Thereafter No official engagements

SATURDAY 1 NOVEMBER 1975

No official engagements

SUNDAY 2 NOVEMBER 1975

No official engagements

MONDAY 3 NOVEMBER 1975

Morning

Leaves Sydney (Kingsford-Smith) Airport
for overseas