

## PRIME MINISTER

FOR MEDIA

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I have sent the following message of congratulations to His Royal Highness The Prince Andrew and Miss Sarah Ferguson:

'On behalf of the Government and people of Australia, I offer sincere good wishes to you both on the happy occasion of your marriage.'

The wedding gift from the Australian Government and people of Australia is a sterling silver salver with gold wattle sprays in relief around the rim, made by the Australian artist, Mr Stuart Devlin, who designed Australia's decimal coins.

The inscription on the salver reads:

'Presented to his Royal Highness The Prince Andrew and Miss Sarah Ferguson with the good wishes of the Government and People of Australia. 23 July 1986'

The gift was Colivered by the Australian High Commissioner in London to Buckingham Palace.

Their Excellencies the Governor-General and Lady Stephen are in London at the invitation of Her Majesty The Queen and His Royal Highness The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh for the marriage ceremony.