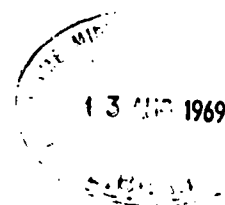


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Statement by the Prime Minister, Mr. John Gorton

The Queen has been pleased to approve an itinerary for Her visit to Australia next year with The Duke of Edinburgh.

They will be in Australia from Easter Monday 30 March to Sunday 3 May, and will visit the Australian Capital Territory, New South Wales, Victoria, Queensland and Tasmania. The itinerary is:-

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| 30 March to 2 April | - New South Wales |
| 2 April to 4 April | - Tasmania |
| 5 April to 8 April | - Victoria |
| 8 April to 12 April | - H. M. Y. "Britannia" en route to Brisbane |
| 12 April to 23 April | - Queensland including three days rest period on H. M. Y. "Britannia" |
| 23 April to 28 April | - Australian Capital Territory |
| 28 April to 3 May | - New South Wales |

As previously announced The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh will take part in the celebrations of the bi-centenary of Captain Cook's voyage. Her Majesty and His Royal Highness have suggested that some events related to the major economic development in Australia after the first settlements might be included in the programme, for example, events connected with exploration and transport, the development of agriculture and mining and port development. The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh also hope to see something of the work in Australian schools and hospitals and nature conservation.

Lt. Gen. Sir Reginald Pollard, K. B. E., C. B., D. S. O., will be returning to Australia on Monday 11 August following discussions in London and will be meeting with the State Directors at an early date to settle the detailed programme of engagements to be submitted for Her Majesty's consideration.

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