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PRIME MINISTER

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VISIT BY THE PRINCESS ANNE AND CAPTAIN MARK PHILLIPS

The Prime Minister, Mr Whitlam, announced today that the following statement had been issued from Buckingham Palace.

"The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips, and Captain Mark Phillips, have accepted with very much pleasure the invitation from the Australian Government and from the Government of South Australia to visit South Australia in April next to attend the International Equestrian Expo 1975.

Her Royal Highness and Captain Phillips plan: to leave London after competing in the Badminton Horse Trials from 16 to 19 April and are expected to be in Adelaide on 25 April for Expo 1975.

From South Australia they will visit Western Australia and the Northern Territory before returning to London on 7 May."

The Prime Minister said that he was sure that the Royal couple would be most warmly welcomed to South Australia. "I share with the South Australian Premier great pleasure that Her Royal Highness and Captain Phillips will visit South Australia for the International Equestrian Expo 1975."

Precise dates for the itinerary have yet to be decided. Consultations will take place to prepare a program and the details will be announced as soon as possible.

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