



PRIME MINISTER

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ROYAL VISITS

Visits to Australia by Princess Alexandra and her husband Mr Angus Ogilvy and by The Duke and Duchess of Gloucester were announced in Canberra on 13 June by Mr Anthony when acting as Prime Minister during my absence overseas.

At that time he stated that the dates for the visits and the States to be included in their itineraries would be announced as soon as practicable.

I am pleased now to say that these dates and the itineraries have been determined.

Princess Alexandra has agreed to the following itinerary for her visit from Wednesday 20 September to Tuesday 3 October:

Wed. 20 to Fri. 22 Sep.	Canberra
Fri. 22 to Tue. 26	Victoria
Tue. 26 to Thu. 28	New South Wales
Thu. 28 to Mon. 2 Oct.	Queensland

The itinerary which The Duke and Duchess of Gloucester will undertake during their visit from Saturday 3 to Sunday 18 February is as follows:

Sat. 3 to Wed. 7 Feb.	Canberra
Wed. 7 to Fri. 9	Tasmania
Fri. 9 to Mon. 12	South Australia
Mon. 12 to Thu. 15	Victoria
Thu. 15 to Sun. 18	New South Wales.

Princess Alexandra has accepted an invitation to be in Melbourne on Saturday 23 September to open the annual Show of the Royal Agricultural Society of Victoria.

The Duke of Gloucester is Grand Prior of the Most Venerable Order of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem. He and The Duchess of Gloucester after their program of official engagements plan to remain in Australia for a private holiday of about two weeks.

Consultations will take place between Commonwealth and State authorities to prepare programs of engagements for both visits. Those details will be announced when approvals have been obtained.

An itinerary for the visit by The Prince of Wales in March 1979 in connection with the sesquicentenary celebrations of the State of Western Australia has yet to be decided.

When Prince Charles was here in November 1977 as Patron of The Queen's Silver Jubilee Appeal for Young Australians, his program included engagements in each of the States, in Canberra and in the Northern Territory. His itinerary next year could be expected therefore to concentrate primarily on engagements in Western Australia.

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