



PRIME MINISTER

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ROYAL VISIT

The Duke and Duchess of Gloucester, whose visit to Australia was announced last year, will arrive in Canberra on 2 February.

The duke, who is Grand Prior of the Most Venerable Order of the Hospital of St John of Jerusalem, will visit St John National Headquarters in Canberra, and State Headquarters in Hobart, Melbourne, Adelaide and Sydney. He will officially open new premises in Adelaide and Melbourne.

The Duke of Gloucester lived in Australia from 1945 to 1947 when his father, the late Prince Henry, Duke of Gloucester, served a term as Governor-General of Australia.

In February/March 1963 he spent several weeks privately in Australia.

While in Tasmania the Duke and Duchess will attend the Hobart Cup at Elwick Racecourse. The Duke will present the Cup to the winning owner and the Duchess the trophy for the Duke and Duchess of Gloucester Stakes.

While in Victoria the Duke and Duchess will visit Sale and Longford, inspecting the shore-based installations associated with the Bass Strait gas/oil production.

During the visit to New South Wales the Royal couple will inspect the Jenolan Caves, staying overnight at Caves House, returning by train from Blackheath to Sydney the following morning.

It is appropriate in this, the International Year of the Child, that in addition to visiting schools, the Duchess will visit a number of children's organisations including the Regency Park Centre for Physically Handicapped Children in Adelaide, and the Koomarri Sheltered Workshop in the A.C.T.

The itinerary for the Duke and Duchess of Gloucester is as follows:

Friday 2 to Wednesday 7 Feb.	Canberra
Wednesday 7 to Friday 9	Tasmania
Friday 9 to Monday 12	South Australia
Monday 12 to Thursday 15	Victoria
Thursday 15 to Sunday 18	New South Wales