



PRIME MINISTER

FOR MEDIA

TUESDAY, 17 JUNE, 1980

VISIT OF H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES

The Prime Minister today welcomed the announcement from Buckingham Palace that The Prince of Wales will visit Australia next year to open the Fiftieth Anniversary Convention of Apex Clubs of Australia in Geelong on Friday, 17 April.

He said that The Prince of Wales would be assured of a warm welcome throughout his visit.

Actual dates for the visit and the length of time The Prince of Wales will be in Australia have yet to be decided. These details and the places to be visited will be announced as soon as practicable.

This will be the eighth occasion on which The Prince of Wales has visited Australia since he first came in 1966 as a student attending 'Timbertop', an annexe of Geelong Church of England Grammar School.

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BACKGROUND NOTE RE PREVIOUS VISITS

- 1966 A student at 'Timbertop', Victoria.
- 1967 Attended in Melbourne at the Memorial Service for the late Harold Holt.
- 1970 Participated for some of the time (NSW, Victoria and Tasmania) during the visit by The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh with The Princess Anne, for the bicentenary of Captain Cook's discovery voyage.
- 1974 Opened the Anglo-Australian Telescope at Siding Springs, New South Wales (and also visited Canberra, Queensland, Victoria and Tasmania).
- 1977 Visited all States, the Australian Capital Territory and the Northern Territory as Patron of The Queen's Silver Jubilee Appeal for Young Australians.
- 1978 Attended in Melbourne the funeral of the late Sir Robert Menzies.
- 1979 Visited Western Australia for its sesquicentenary celebrations and in Canberra attended the Silver Jubilee celebrations of the Australian Academy of Science.