



PRIME MINISTER

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DEPARTURE OF THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL AND LADY COWEN -
SWEARING-IN OF SIR NINIAN STEPHEN AS GOVERNOR-GENERAL

Details of the arrangements for the departure from Canberra of Their Excellencies the Governor-General, Sir Zelman and Lady Cowen and of the swearing-in of Sir Ninian Stephen as Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia, are as follows:-

Departure of the Governor-General and Lady Cowen

Their Excellencies will be accorded a ceremonial farewell at the RAAF Base Fairbairn on Wednesday 28 July 1982. Their Excellencies will arrive at Fairbairn at 11.00 am, the Governor-General will inspect a Guard of Honour and be accorded a 21 Gun Salute.

Their Excellencies will be farewelled by the Prime Minister, and a number of Commonwealth and diplomatic representatives.

Members of the public who wish to attend the ceremony should arrive at RAAF Base Fairbairn no later than 10.15 am.

Swearing in of the Right Honourable Sir Ninian Stephen GCMG, KBE, KStJ, as Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia

Sir Ninian Stephen will be sworn in as Australia's 20th Governor-General by the Chief Justice of the High Court of Australia at a ceremony at Parliament House on Thursday, 29 July 1982.

Sir Ninian and Lady Stephen will arrive at Parliament House at 2.50 pm for a ceremony in the Senate Chamber at 3.00 pm.

Following the ceremony the Government will give a reception in honour of Their Excellencies.

On leaving Parliament House at about 4.10 pm the Governor-General will inspect the Guard of Honour.

Members of the public may view the military ceremonial at the front of Parliament House.

The ceremony in the Senate Chamber will be televised nationally by the Australian Broadcasting Commission.