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PRIME MINISTER

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THE 1982 ROYAL VISIT

I announced on 4 November 1981 that The Queen, accompanied by The Duke of Edinburgh, would visit Australia to attend the XII Commonwealth Games in Brisbane. The Queen later accepted the Government's invitation to extend her visit to include Canberra so as to open the Australian National Gallery and to visit the Northern Territory and New South Wales.

Her Majesty has approved a program of engagements in Darwin on 5 - 6 October, Brisbane 6 - 9 October, Canberra 9 - 13 October and New South Wales on 11 October. Details of the program in each area will be announced by the Premiers and the Chief Minister of the Northern Territory.

The Duke of Edinburgh will arrive in Queensland on Monday, 27 September and open the XII Commonwealth Games on Thursday, 30 September. He will then carry out a program of engagements involving the Commonwealth Games and other interests prior to the arrival of Her Majesty in Brisbane on 6 October.

The Queen will close the Commonwealth Games on Saturday, 9 October and, with The Duke of Edinburgh, fly that evening to Canberra, where His Royal Highness will attend an International Showjumping Event at the National Indoor Sports Centre.

Engagements on Sunday, 10 October will include Divine Service, laying a wreath at the Australian War Memorial, luncheon at The Lodge and a dinner at Government House.

On Tuesday, 12 October Her Majesty will open the Australian National Gallery in the evening. During the day The Queen will hold a reception for young Australians in association with The Queen Elizabeth II Silver Jubilee Trust. The Duke of Edinburgh will present Gold Awards of The Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme and both will receive Commonwealth Government Ministers at Government House. The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh will attend a Parliamentary Reception at Parliament House in the late afternoon.

Departure from Australia for Papua New Guinea will take place after a ceremonial farewell at the RAAF Base, Fairbairn, Canberra on the morning of Wednesday, 13 October.