

PRIME MINISTER

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ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISIT BY THE PRINCE AND PRINCESS OF WALES

The Prince and Princess of Wales will visit Australia in March and April next year.

All further dates and details will be announced later.

We shall give the Prince and Princess of Wales a warm and affectionate welcome when they come next year.

This will be the first visit since the Royal Wedding and all Austalians will be glad to see them and show them together more of Australia than they have so far been able to see.

I am pleased that the announcement is being made while Her Majesty herself is with us.

While we cannot stage a Commonwealth Games for every Royal visitor, we can certainly provide a program for the Prince and Princess that will be full of interest.

The Government will be in touch with Buckingham Palace and an announcement will be made in due course.

I hope it will be possible for the Prince and Princess to travel widely while they are here.