



PRIME MINISTER

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The retiring Governor-General, Sir Ninian Stephen, and Lady Stephen, will be given a ceremonial farewell from RAAF Base Fairbairn at 11.30 am on Wednesday 15 February. The Base will be open to members of the public for the occasion.

I will be farewelling Sir Ninian and Lady Stephen with a dinner in their honour to be held at Parliament House on 14 February.

I wish to express sincere thanks on behalf of the Australian Government and people to Sir Ninian and Lady Stephen for their outstanding service to the nation over the past six and a half years.

I am also pleased to announce that Australia's next Governor-General, Mr Bill Hayden, will be sworn in at a ceremony in Parliament House on Thursday 16 February 1989.

The ceremony, which will take place in the Senate Chamber, will begin at 3.00 pm.

Mr Hayden will make the affirmations required by the Australian Constitution before the Chief Justice of the High Court, Sir Anthony Mason.