

COMMONWEALTH HEADS OF GOVERNMENT MEETING  
MELBOURNE 1981

PROGRAMME FOR THE PRIME MINISTER AND SECRETARY OF STATE

Tuesday 29 September

- 0830 Prime Minister and party arrive in Melbourne by RAF VC 10  
Met by Senator Dame Margaret Guilfoyle, Minister for Finance  
and Sir John Mason and Lady Mason
- 1015 Prime Minister: hair appointment
- 1145 Prime Minister: radio interview with ABC
- 1300 Secretary of State arrives in Melbourne from Wellington in  
the New Zealand Prime Minister's aircraft, which will be met  
by Mr Doug Anthony, Deputy Prime Minister
- 1230- Prime Minister: lunch with Mr Fraser at Hilton Hotel  
1400
- 1430 Meeting of senior officials at the Royal Exhibition Building
- 1530 Prime Minister: audience with The Queen on HMRY BRITANNIA
- 1600 Press briefing by the Commonwealth Secretary-General at  
the Royal Exhibition Building
- 1900 Reception by the Prime Minister of Australia for media  
representatives at the Melbourne Cricket Ground
- 1900 for Secretary of State attends dinner with ANZ Bank hosted by  
1930 Sir Ian McLellan at ANZ Headquarters, 55 Collins Street,  
Melbourne.

Wednesday 30 September

- 0800 Prime Minister: hair appointment
- 1030 Delegation Meeting: Prime Minister's suite, Hilton Hotel
- 1205 Heads and spouses begin arriving at the Melbourne Town Hall  
for luncheon
- 1230- Luncheon given by the Prime Minister of Australia for  
1345
- 1345 Secretary of State and other senior delegates take seats in  
Main Hall
- 1400 Official photograph in Lower Town Hall
- 1410 Heads move into Main Hall

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Wednesday 30 September

- 1420 Opening ceremony commences. Addresses by the Prime Minister of Australia and the Commonwealth Secretary General. Replies to Address of Welcome
- 1545 Opening Ceremony concludes
- 1550 Heads, Ministers and senior delegates return to hotels
- 1630- Commonwealth Secretary-General's Reception for Heads to  
1830 meet the Press at the Wentworth Hotel (by invitation only to Press)
- 1945 Banquet given by HM The Queen for Heads and spouses aboard HMRY BRITANNIA (Black Tie)
- 2145- Reception given by HM The Queen for Ministers and spouses  
2315 on board BRITANNIA (Black tie)

Thursday 1 October

- 0800 Prime Minister: hair appointment
- Morning Executive Session in the Royal Exhibition Building  
[NOTE: The timings of all Executive Session Meetings will be decided at the Senior Officials Meeting on Tuesday 29 September]
- ?1145 Secretary of State: Bilateral meeting, Nigeria
- 1300 Prime Minister's first lunch for Heads of Government at the  
approx Residence of the Consul-General, 38 Irving Road, Toorak (Prime Minister, High Commissioner, Mr Gow, Sir Robert Armstrong, Sir Michael Palliser, Consul-General, Private Secretaries)
- Afternoon Executive Session
- 1930 Dinner given by the Prime Minister of Australia at the Hilton Hotel for Heads, Ministers and spouses (Black Tie) (Prime Minister, Mr Thatcher, Lord and Lady Carrington)

Friday 2 October

- ?0900 Secretary of State: Bilateral Meeting, Nigeria
- Morning Executive Session
- 1315 Secretary of State: lunch for Commonwealth Foreign Ministers, High Commissioner's flat, 21/546 Toorak Road (Lord Carrington, Mr Fall, Sir Michael Palliser, ?Mr Day)
- 1315- Prime Minister: address to luncheon with the Institute of  
1430 Directors at the Leonda Restaurant (Prime Minister, Private Secretary, Mr Ingham)

/Afternoon

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Afternoon Executive Session

1540 Following fly from Melbourne to Canberra by commercial service arriving Canberra 1635:

Sir Robert Armstrong  
Sir Michael Palliser  
Sir John and Lady Mason  
Mr Whitmore  
Mr Ingham  
Secretarial Assistant  
Detective

Late Afternoon Lord and Lady Carrington depart by air from Albury (CRA private jet)

1800 approx Prime Minister, Mr Thatcher and Supt Cawthorne depart for Canberra in special aircraft for Heads of Government

1800 Reception in Melbourne given by HM The Queen for senior Officials aboard HMRY BRITANNIA (Lounge suit)

2000 approx Heads dine at Lakeside Hotel, Canberra. Prime Minister, Mr Thatcher and Detective overnight at Lakeside Hotel. Rest of party: details to follow.

Saturday 3 October - Retreat at Canberra

0800 Prime Minister: hair appointment

Morning Informal discussions at Lakeside Hotel

1230-1430 Informal luncheon at Government House

Afternoon Discussion

1930 Informal dinner hosted by the Prime Minister of Australia and Mrs Fraser at The Lodge. Prime Minister, Mr Thatcher and Detective overnight at the High Commissioner's residence

(Secretary of State and Lady Carrington: in Albury at the home of Mr Gordon Darling)

Sunday 4 October - Retreat at Canberra

0800 Prime Minister: hair appointment (Residence)

12 noon-1430 Informal lunch at the 'Huntley' Property, near Canberra

1530 approx Prime Minister meets British High Commission staff at the Residence, Canberra

/1700 onwards

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1700 Prime Minister, Mr Thatcher and Detective return to Melbourne  
onwards in one of the special flights; rest of the Prime Minister's  
party and Sir John and Lady Mason return to Melbourne by  
commercial flight

1800 Lord and Lady Carrington fly from Albury to Melbourne by  
approx private aircraft

Monday 5 October

0800 Prime Minister: hair appointment (Hilton)

Morning Executive Session

1300 Prime Minister's second lunch for Heads of Delegation at  
approx Consul-General's Residence, 38 Irving Road, Toorak (Prime  
Minister plus those officials who attended lunch on 1 October)

Afternoon Executive Session

1800- Reception by Prime Minister at High Commissioner's flat for  
1930 leading Australian and British businessmen

1930 Lord and Lady Carrington: Private dinner with Mr Chester Guest

2015 Special Ballet Performance - "The Three Musketeers" for Heads  
of Delegation and invited audience at The Palais Theatre,  
St Kilda

Tuesday 6 October

0800 Prime Minister: hair appointment (Hilton)

Morning Executive Session

1300 Secretary of State: Lunch for Sir John and Lady Pagan at the  
High Commissioner's flat

Afternoon Executive Session

1900 Prime Minister delivers the 1981 Sir Robert Menzies lecture  
at Monash University (Blackwood Hall)

1930 Lord and Lady Carrington: Private dinner with Sir R Carnegie

Wednesday 7 October

0800 Prime Minister: hair appointment

Morning Executive Session, followed by issue of communique

1330 Secretary of State and party depart Melbourne BA 12

Afternoon Closing Press Conference given by the Australian Prime Minister  
and Commonwealth Secretary-General

2015 Prime Minister and party leave Melbourne by RAF VC10 Task 1118  
for Singapore (refuelling stop) and Islamabad.

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