



Australian Government

Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

Plans for observance in Australia

The Queen

*As implemented following the passing of
Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second
on 9 September 2022 (AEST)*



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OUTLINE OF PLANS FOR OBSERVANCE

- *Blue shading denotes action/events in the United Kingdom*

Item	Day	Action/event	Comments
1	9 September 2022 [D-Day], approximately 02:30 AEST	<p>The Official Secretary to the Governor-General advises FAS Government Division that The Queen has died.</p> <p>The Governor-General, His Excellency General the Honourable David Hurley AC DSC (Retd) notifies the Prime Minister, the Hon Anthony Albanese MP.</p> <p>FAS Government Division notifies key departmental officials</p>	<p>Subsequent notifications to follow s 47E(d)</p>
2	9 September 2022, approximately 03:30 AEST	<p>Buckingham Palace announces the death of The Queen.</p> <p>PM&C Secretary notifies Commonwealth Departmental Secretaries and Secretaries of Premiers' and Chief Ministers' Departments.</p> <p>The Governor-General releases a statement on Facebook advising Australians of The Queen's death.</p>	<p>The Governor-General's statement is published on his website.</p>
3	9 September 2022, approximately 04:30 AEST	<p>PM&C website publishes sequence of events, link to online condolence form, FAQs (updated iteratively, final version [updated on Tuesday 20 September 2022] at Attachment 2) and photo gallery, and switches to an obituary format (black background).</p> <p>Condolence messaging in black band added to Prime Minister's website</p>	<p>Supporting social media published on PM&C Twitter</p>



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4	9 September 2022, approximately 04:35 AEST	The Prime Minister's statement is published on his website	The Prime Minister's written statement is at Attachment 3 . Supporting social media published on PM&C Twitter
5	9 September 2022, approximately 04:45 AEST	Flag notice issued advising that the Australian National Flag should be flown at half-mast immediately and until further notice. Vice-Regal Standards are to remain at full-mast.	The flag notice is at Attachment 4 .
6	9 September 2022, approximately 05:45 AEST	Governor-General's initial statement to the nation.	The Governor-General's statement is published on his website.
7	9 September 2022, approximately 05:50 AEST	Condolence messaging in black band added to the Platinum Jubilee website	
8	9 September 2022, approximately 06:05 AEST	Prime Minister delivers a televised statement on the death of The Queen.	A transcript of the Prime Minister's statement is published on his website.
9	9 September 2022, approximately 06:40 AEST	Publish Prime Minister's statement on the passing of Her Majesty The Queen	Supporting social media published on PM&C Twitter
10	9 September 2022, approximately 11:00 AEST	PM&C shares draft Proclamation of Accession and other documents with the Official Secretary to the Governor-General. The Official Secretary shares the draft Proclamation with State and Territory Official Secretary colleagues.	
11	9 September 2022, approximately 11:50 AEST	The Prime Minister signs letters to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Hon Milton Dick MP, and President of the Senate, Senator the Hon Sue Lines, asking that Members and Senators be advised that the Parliament will not be sitting for the week commencing 12 September 2022.	



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12	9 September 2022, approximately 12:00 AEST	The Prime Minister writes to the Minister for Defence, the Hon Richard Marles MP, seeking support for logistical arrangements to support observances.	
13	9 September 2022, approximately 12:10 AEST	The Prime Minister writes to the Governor-General requesting a special meeting of the Federal Executive Council be held on Sunday 11 September 2022.	
14	9 September 2022, approximately 12:35 AEST	The Governor-General writes to the Prime Minister agreeing to hold a special meeting of the Federal Executive Council on Sunday 11 September 2022.	
15	9 September 2022, 17:00 AEST	A 96-gun salute is held at Parliament House to mark The Queen's death. The salute consists of one round for each year of The Queen's life at 10 second intervals.	Open to the public (no invitations)
16	9 September 2022, approximately 17:30 AEST	The Prime Minister holds a phone call with the then Prime Minister of the United Kingdom, the Rt Hon Elizabeth Truss.	
17	9 September 2022, approximately 18:55 AEST	The Governor-General makes a nationally televised address.	A transcript of the Governor-General's address is published on his website.
18	10 September 2022, 10:00 AEST	Wreath laying at Parliament House in Canberra A transcript of the Prime Minister's remarks at the wreath laying ceremony is subsequently published on his website.	The Governor-General, the Prime Minister, the Leader of the Opposition and any other Minister to lay wreath at Queen's Terrace, followed by invitation for any other Member or Senator to lay wreath.



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19	10 September 2022	<p>Flag notice issued advising that the Australian National Flag should be flown at full-mast for the Proclamation of King Charles the Third on Sunday 11 September 2022, from 12:00 until dusk in each locality, at which time the flag should be returned to half-mast until the day after The Queen's funeral.</p> <p>The Prime Minister writes to King Charles the Third extending his condolences on the death of The Queen.</p>	Flag notice at Attachment 5 .
20	10 September 2022 (UK time)	<p>Proclamation of new Sovereign</p> <p>UK arrangements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10:00 (UK time) Accession Council, St James's Palace • 11:00 (UK time) Proclamation of The King, St James's Palace and • 12:00 (UK time) Proclamation of The King, Royal Exchange 	
21	11 September 2022, 11:00 AEST	Proclamation of Accession of King Charles the Third signed by the Governor-General at a special meeting of the Federal Executive Council.	<p>Proclamation at Attachment 6.</p> <p>Order of arrangements at Attachment 7.</p>
22	11 September 2022, 12:00 AEST	Proclamation of Accession read by the Governor-General at Parliament House, followed by a 21-gun salute.	<p>Open to the public (no invitations)</p> <p>States can make their own Proclamations after the Commonwealth Proclamation has been read.</p>



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23	11 September 2022	<p>The Prime Minister announces that Australia will hold a National Day of Mourning on 22 September 2022, and that he has written to Premiers and Chief Minister asking they declare this day a National Public Holiday.</p> <p>The Prime Minister also announces that a National Memorial Service will be held at 11am at Parliament House in Canberra on 22 September 2022.</p> <p>Flags flown at full-mast from 12:00 until dusk in each locality, before returning to half-mast.</p>	
24	11 September 2022 (12:00 UK time)	Acting Australian High Commissioner to the UK, Ms Lynette Wood, attends reception with The King and other realm High Commissioners.	
25	12 September 2022	<p>The Prime Minister announces that the Parliament will reconvene at 8.00am on Friday 23 September for condolence motions in the House of Representatives and the Senate. Parliament will then sit from 26 to 28 September for urgent business.</p> <p>Flags continued to fly at half-mast (Australia).</p>	
26	12 September 2022 (UK time)	Acting Australian High Commissioner to the United Kingdom attends The King's Speech to the United Kingdom Parliament.	
27	13 September 2022	<p>The Prime Minister announces ten everyday Australians who will travel with him to the United Kingdom for The Queen's funeral.</p> <p>Flags continued to fly at half-mast.</p>	



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28	14 September 2022	Flag notice issued advising that the Australian National Flag should continue to be flown at half-mast all day on Monday 19 September 2022 for the State Funeral Service for The Queen, and should then be returned to full-mast at 8:00 on Tuesday 20 September 2022.	Flag notice at Attachment 8 .
29	15 September 2022	The Prime Minister, the Governor-General and nine everyday Australians depart from Sydney to London (with two carers in support). s 47F	
30	16 September 2022 (UK time)	The Prime Minister's plane lands in London. Flags continue to fly at half-mast. The Prince and Princess of Wales visit assembled Commonwealth troops in Pirbright, Surrey in the afternoon.	
31	17 September	Flags continued to fly at half-mast (Australia).	
32	17 September 2022 (UK time)	The Prime Minister meets with the Prime Minister of the United Kingdom and signs a condolence book for Her Majesty The Queen. The Prime Minister attends the Lying in State and signs the Condolence Book at Lancaster House. His Majesty The King holds an audience with the Prime Minister.	



Item	Day	Action/event	Comments
33	18 September 2022 (UK time)	<p>The Prime Minister meets with the Prime Minister of Canada.</p> <p>The Prime Minister and Ms Haydon attend Commemorative Luncheon in honour of The Queen hosted by the Australian High Commission and signs their condolence book.</p> <p>The Prime Minister and Ms Haydon attends evening reception with The King for Heads of State and international VVIPs.</p>	
34	19 September 2022 (UK time)	<p>11:00 – 12:00: The Prime Minister and ten everyday Australians attend State funeral.</p> <p>12:45: The Prime Minister and Ms Haydon move to Windsor Castle for the committal service.</p> <p>12:45: The Acting High Commissioner attends a post-funeral reception at Church House</p> <p>15:45 – 16:45: The Prime Minister attends Committal Service at St Georges Chapel, Windsor.</p>	
35	20 September 2022	<p>Flags return to full-mast (Australia).</p> <p>Flag notice issued advising that the Australian National Flag should be flown at half-mast all day on Thursday 22 September 2022 for the National Day of Mourning.</p>	Flag notice at Attachment 9 .
36	21 September 2022	<p>The Prime Minister's plane lands in Sydney.</p> <p>Flags are flown at full-mast (Australia).</p>	
37	22 September 2022, 11:00 AEST	A National Memorial Service for The Queen is held at Parliament House. The service begins with one minute's silence, held at approximately 11:00 AEST.	Members of the public view the National Memorial Service via a live feed at Federation Mall in Canberra.



Item	Day	Action/event	Comments
38	22 September 2022	National Day of Mourning (National Public Holiday) Flags are flown at half-mast.	
39	23 September 2022	Parliamentary condolences for Her Majesty The Queen. Flags are flown at full-mast from this date onwards.	The Prime Minister's condolence motion at Attachment 10 . Flags are flown at full-mast from this date onwards
40	26 to 28 September 2022	Parliament sits for urgent business	

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

PLANS OF OBSERVANCE

How will Australia observe The Queen's passing?

- The Governor-General has announced the death of Her Majesty The Queen, following advice from Buckingham Palace.
- The Australian Government is conducting a number of events to honour and celebrate The Queen's life. Key events will include:

Event	Description
National Statement by the Prime Minister	<p>On Friday 9 September 2022, the Prime Minister issued a public statement on behalf of all Australians to acknowledge the life and service of Her Majesty The Queen and to extend condolences to His Majesty The King, Charles the Third, King of Australia and to Her Majesty's family and friends.</p>
Gun salute	<p>On Friday 9 September 2022 at 5 pm, a gun salute took place at Parliament House in Canberra to mark The Queen's death. It consisted of one round for each year of The Queen's life at 10 second intervals.</p>
Proclamation ceremony	<p>A Proclamation ceremony was held at 12 noon on Sunday 11 September 2022 at Parliament House in Canberra. The Governor-General read the Proclamation on the Forecourt of Parliament House. The Proclamation was followed by a 21 gun salute.</p>
National Memorial Service	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A National Memorial Service will be held on Thursday 22 September 2022 at 11:00 am AEST at Parliament House in Canberra. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information on getting to the Memorial Service, including parking, shuttles and road closures can be found on the National Capital Authority website. Public transport in Canberra will operate on a Sunday bus timetable and frequency. • One minute's silence will be observed at 11:00am.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The National Memorial Service will be broadcast live. Please refer to your local television programming for more information.
<p>National Day of Mourning</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A National Day of Mourning on 22 September 2022 and is recognised as a National Public Holiday. The day coincides with the National Memorial Service in Australia. One minute's silence will be observed at 11 am. Members of the public are invited to view the National Memorial Service via a live feed at Federation Mall, Capital Hill, Canberra. Footage of The Queen on her visits to Australia will be screened from 9 am. You may wish to bring a picnic blanket. Enquiries can be directed to a Protocol Officer, Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, on (02) 6271 6129 or email StateMemorial@pmc.gov.au. There is no formal requirement to suspend events on the National Day of Mourning. Any decision to suspend an event is that of the event organiser.

Should all flags be flown at half-mast?

- The Australian National Flag should be flown at half-mast from Friday 9 September 2022 until Tuesday 20 September 2022. Direction has been provided to raise the flag for the proclamation.
- When flying the Australian National Flag with other flags, all flags in the set should be flown at half-mast.
- Should it be the custom to fly the flags of other nations at your flag station, it would be appropriate to seek permission from the diplomatic representatives of that nation to half-mast their flag.
- Vice-Regal Standards are to remain at full-mast.

Why is the Governor-General's flag at full-mast?

- Vice-Regal Standards, such as the Governor-General's Standard, are to remain at full-mast. It represents the Monarchy, which is continuous, and it would therefore be inappropriate for it to fly at half-mast.

When and where will the funeral for Her Majesty The Queen be held?

- The funeral of Her Majesty The Queen will be held on Monday 19 September 2022 at Westminster Abbey.
- Further information on the funeral can be found on [The Royal Family's website](#).

CONDOLENCE AND MARKS OF RESPECT

How can Australians express their condolences?

- Condolence Books are available at Parliament House and Government House in Canberra from Friday 9 September to Friday 23 September 2022.
- Books of Condolence are also open at Government Houses in other Australian jurisdictions.
- An online Condolence form has also been established on the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet website: [Condolence form](#). Condolences will be accepted until midnight on Sunday 9 October 2022.
- You can also [Download a condolence book - PDF 350 KB](#) or [Mail your message to the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet](#). Condolences will be accepted until midnight on Sunday 9 October 2022.

Where can floral tributes be left?

- In Canberra, floral tributes may be left at the Forecourt of Parliament House.
- Each State and Territory has made local arrangements for floral tributes.
- The Royal Family have noted that instead of leaving floral tributes, Australians may wish to consider making a donation to a charity of their choice.

Should bells be rung?

- It is a matter for individual institutions to ring bells as a mark of respect during this period.

MOURNING PERIOD GUIDANCE

How long is the official mourning period?

- In the United Kingdom, the official mourning period following the death of Her Majesty The Queen continues until the day of the funeral.
- In Australia, there will not be an official mourning period. The day of the National Memorial Service on 22 September 2022 will be a National Day of Mourning for Australia and a National public holiday.

Is there a dress protocol for the Australian Proclamation ceremony or the Australian National Memorial Service?

- No dress protocol is designated for these events. However, attendees are encouraged to dress respectfully.

I am hosting a major event during the mourning period. Are there any protocols that need to be observed?

- There are no official protocols that need to be observed during the mourning period.
- Organisations are invited to observe one minute of silence on the National Day of Mourning on 22 September 2022.

Will there be a public holiday?

- On 11 September 2022, the Prime Minister announced that, with the agreement of Premiers and Chief Ministers, the National Day of Mourning, to be held on Thursday 22 September 2022, will be a National Public Holiday.
- Members of the public are invited to attend a National Memorial Service, to coincide with the National Day of Mourning.
- Members of the public are also invited to observe one minute of silence on the National Day of Mourning to honour The Queen's life.

Will schools remain open during the mourning period?

- Yes. Schools will remain open as usual, subject to arrangements in each State and Territory regarding the National public holiday on 22 September 2022.

Will Parliamentary proceedings be suspended?

- Parliamentary proceedings have been suspended.

Will the Parliament be recalled?

- On 12 September 2022, the Prime Minister announced that the House of Representatives and the Senate will be recalled on 23 September 2022 for a day of remembrance and condolence motions. Parliament will then also sit on 26 – 28 September 2022, after which the Parliament will resume its regular sitting pattern.

ACCESSION

When will accession of the new Sovereign occur?

- The accession of the new Sovereign is automatic.
- Accession describes the event of a new Sovereign taking the throne upon the death of the previous King or Queen.

When and where will the Proclamation of the new Sovereign take place?

- Information about the UK accession process is available on the Royal Family website.
- The United Kingdom held the Accession Council at St James's Palace.
- This was followed by the Proclamation of the King at St James's Palace and Royal Exchange.
- In Australia, a Proclamation ceremony was held at 12 noon on Sunday 11 September 2022 at Parliament House in Canberra. The Governor-General read [the Proclamation](#) on the Forecourt of Parliament House. The Proclamation was followed by a 21 gun salute.

Who will represent Australia at the Proclamation in the United Kingdom?

- High Commissioners for the Realms attended the Proclamation as observers.

- Australia’s Acting High Commissioner to the United Kingdom, Ms Lynette Wood, attended the Proclamation. Australian Privy Councillors (The Rt Hon Sir William Heseltine and The Rt Hon Ian Sinclair) were also be invited.

When will the coronation of the new Sovereign occur?

- The coronation will take place at a later time to be announced by Buckingham Palace.

What is the role of the Governor-General following the death of The Queen?

- The Governor-General’s role does not change following the death of The Queen.
- As the transition to the new Sovereign is automatic, the Governor-General will automatically be His Majesty The King’s representative in Australia.

THE QUEEN AND AUSTRALIA

Can photographs of The Queen be displayed?

- Photographs of Her Majesty The Queen may continue to be displayed.

Where can I find an official portrait of the Queen

- Senators and Members of the Australian Parliament distribute Official Portraits of Her Majesty The Queen to their constituents via the Nationhood Material Program.
- To request one you should contact your local Federal Member or one of your state/territory Senators. The contact details for Senators and Members are available from the Australian Parliament House website at [Senators and Members](#).
- Alternatively you can download a [digital copy of the official portrait \(JPG 6.2 MB\)](#)

What gifts did Australia give to The Queen?

- Australian Prime Ministers have provided a wide range of gifts to The Queen. A full list of Prime Ministerial gifts to The Queen can be found here: [Official Royal Gifts to The Queen HTML](#) | [PDF 160 KB](#)

The Queen was a patron of a number of organisations in Australia. Will patronage be passed on?

- The Queen’s patronages will be reviewed to decide whether to retain, transfer or relinquish particular relationships.
- The Queen’s patronages in Australia are listed below.

What changes will be required to Australian currency?

- The death of Her Majesty The Queen does not affect the validity of Australian currency.
- Any changes to Australia’s currency will be considered in due course.

Will my Australian passport remain valid?

- The death of Her Majesty The Queen does not affect the validity of Australian passports.

How many times did The Queen visit Australia?

- The Queen visited Australia on 16 occasions, her first visit in 1954 and her last in 2011:
 - 1954, 1963, 1970, 1973, 1974, 1977, 1980, 1981, 1982, 1986, 1988, 1992, 2000, 2002, 2006 and 2011
- The official visit books which outlines the program for each of The Queens visits to Australia can be viewed here: [Royal Visits to Australia](#)

What is The Queen's title in Australia?

- It is still correct to refer to The Queen in the following ways:
 - Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II
 - Her Majesty The Queen
 - The Queen
 - Her Majesty
- If required, The Queen's formal Royal style and title in Australia is:
Elizabeth the Second, by the Grace of God Queen of Australia and Her other Realms and Territories, Head of the Commonwealth.

What is The King's title in Australia?

- It is correct to refer to The King in the following ways:
 - His Majesty King Charles III
 - His Majesty the King
 - The King
 - His Majesty
- If required, The King's formal Royal style and title in Australia is:
King Charles the Third, by the Grace of God King of Australia and His other Realms and Territories, Head of the Commonwealth.

List of Australian charities and associations with a patronage from Her Majesty The Queen

- [Australian Medical Association](#)
- [Australian Physiotherapy Association](#)
- [Australian Racing Museum](#)
- [Australian Red Cross Society](#)
- [Commercial Representatives' and Agents' Association of Australia Limited](#)
- [Mothers' Union in Australia](#)
- [Naval Association of Australia](#)
- [Royal Australian Air Force Reserve](#)
- [Royal Australian Army Nursing Corps](#)
- [Royal Australian Army Ordnance Corps](#)
- [Royal Australian Engineers](#)
- [Royal Australian Infantry Corps](#)
- [Royal Australian Institute of Architects](#)

- [Royal Regiment of Australian Artillery](#)
- [The Institution of Engineers, Australia](#)
- [The Returned & Services League of Australia Limited](#)
- [The Royal Children's Hospital, Melbourne](#)
- [The Royal Melbourne Hospital](#)
- [The Royal Society of Western Australia](#)
- [The Royal Women's Hospital, Melbourne](#)
- [The Scout Association of Australia](#)
- [Young Men's Christian Association of Australia](#)
- [Young Women's Christian Association of Australia](#)

QUICK FACTS AND HEAD OF COMMONWEALTH

Quick facts about The Queen

- For 70 years, Queen Elizabeth the Second was Australia's Head of State.
- The Queen was Head of State of the United Kingdom and 14 other Commonwealth realms including Australia.
- During her reign, The Queen visited Australia 16 times.
- The Queen was the patron of more than 20 Australian charities and associations.
- The elder daughter of King George VI and Queen Elizabeth, The Queen was born on 21 April 1926 in Mayfair, London.
- Her Majesty became Queen at the age of 25 on 6 February 1952.
- The Coronation took place in Westminster Abbey on 2 June 1953.
- The Queen is the longest serving British monarch. Only five other kings and queens in British history have reigned for 50 years or more. (Victoria, 63 years 216 days 1837-1901; George III, 59 years 96 days; James VI and I, 57 years, 246 days 1567-1625; Henry III, 56 years 19 days 1216-1272; and Edward III, 50 years 147 days 1327-1377).
- The Queen was married to His Royal Highness The Duke of Edinburgh. They were married in Westminster Abbey on 20 November 1947. Their marriage was the longest in the history of the British monarchy — lasting 73 years, until Prince Philip passed away at Windsor Castle on 9 April 2021, aged 99.
- The Queen and Prince Philip had four children — King Charles (b. 1948), Princess Anne (b. 1950), Prince Andrew (b. 1960), and Prince Edward (b. 1964). They had eight grandchildren — William, Harry, Peter, Zara, Beatrice, Eugenie, Louise, and James — and twelve great-grandchildren — George, Charlotte, Louis, Archie, Savannah, Isla, Mia, Lena, Lucas, August, Lilibet, and Sienna.
- Following the death of King Abdullah of Saudi Arabia on 23 January 2015, Queen Elizabeth II became the world's oldest living monarch.
- The Queen became the longest serving monarch in British history on 9 September 2015, surpassing the 63 years, 7 months and 2 day-long reign of her great great grandmother Queen Victoria.
- Following the death of King Bhumibol Adulyadej of Thailand on 13 October 2016, Queen Elizabeth II became the longest-serving living monarch in the world.

- Queen Elizabeth II was the second-longest serving monarch of a sovereign state in world history — after King Louis XIV of France (who ruled for 72 years and 110 days).
- Sixteen Australian prime ministers served during The Queen’s reign: 1. Robert Menzies, 2. Harold Holt, 3. John McEwen, 4. John Gorton, 5. William McMahon, 6. Gough Whitlam, 7. Malcolm Fraser, 8. Bob Hawke, 9. Paul Keating, 10. John Howard, 11. Kevin Rudd, 12. Julia Gillard, 13. Tony Abbott, 14. Malcolm Turnbull, 15. Scott Morrison, 16. Anthony Albanese.
- Sixteen governors-general served during The Queen’s reign: 1. William McKell, 2. William Slim, 3. William Morrison, 4. William Sidney, 5. Richard Casey, 6. Paul Hasluck, 7. John Kerr, 8. Zelman Cowen, 9. Ninian Stephen, 10. William Hayden, 11. William Deane, 12. Peter Hollingworth, 13. Michael Jeffery, 14. Quentin Bryce, 15. Peter Cosgrove, 16. David Hurley.

Head of the Commonwealth

The Commonwealth has grown from eight nations (Australia, Canada, New Zealand, India, Pakistan, South Africa, Ceylon (now Sri Lanka), and the United Kingdom) at the beginning of The Queen’s reign to 56 members today, representing 2.5 billion people – or almost a third of the world’s population.

A Commonwealth Realm is a country which has The Queen as its Monarch.

There are 15 Commonwealth Realms: 1. United Kingdom, 2. Australia, 3. The Bahamas, 4. Belize, 5. Canada, 6. Grenada, 7. Jamaica, 8. New Zealand, 9. Papua New Guinea, 10. St Christopher and Nevis, 11. Saint Lucia, 12. Tuvalu, 13. Antigua and Barbuda, 14. Solomon Islands, 15. St Vincent and The Grenadines.

In addition, there are 41 other countries in the Commonwealth:

- **Africa:** 1. Botswana, 2. Cameroon, 3. Gabon, 4. The Gambia, 5. Ghana, 6. Kenya, 7. Kingdom of eSwatini, 8. Lesotho, 9. Malawi, 10. Mauritius, 11. Mozambique, 12. Namibia, 13. Nigeria, 14. Rwanda, 15. Seychelles, 16. Sierra Leone, 17. South Africa, 18. Togo, 19. Uganda, 20. United Republic of Tanzania, 21. Zambia.
- **Asia:** 22. Bangladesh, 23. Brunei Darussalam, 24. India, 25. Malaysia, 26. Maldives, 27. Pakistan, 28. Singapore, 29. Sri Lanka.
- **Caribbean and Americas:** 30. Dominica, 31. Guyana, 32. Trinidad and Tobago, 33. Barbados.
- **Europe:** 34. Cyprus, 35. Malta.
- **Pacific:** 36. Fiji, 37. Kiribati, 38. Nauru, 39. Samoa, 40. Tonga, 41. Vanuatu.
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PRIME MINISTER’S STATEMENT TO MEDIA

Good morning

With the passing of Queen Elizabeth the Second, an historic reign and a long life devoted to duty, family, faith and service has come to an end.

This is a morning of sadness for the world, for the Commonwealth and all Australians.

It is a day of profound sadness and grief for the Royal Family who have lost a beloved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother.

The person who for so long was their greatest inner strength.

Australian hearts go out to the people of the United Kingdom who mourn today, knowing they will feel they have lost part of what makes their nation whole.

It is a time of mourning for the people in Britain, across the Commonwealth, and indeed around the world.

There is comfort to be found in Her Majesty’s own words: “Grief is the price we pay for love.”

This is a loss we feel deeply in Australia.

Queen Elizabeth II is the only reigning monarch most of us have known—and the only one to ever visit Australia.

And over the course of a remarkable seven decades, Her Majesty was a rare and reassuring constant amidst rapid change.

Through the noise and turbulence of the years, she embodied and exhibited a timeless decency and an enduring calm.

Her Majesty served our nation and the Commonwealth for 70 years.

She is the longest-reigning monarch in British history and, remarkably, the second longest-reigning monarch of a sovereign state in world history.

Her life of faithful service will be remembered for centuries to come.

From the moment the young princess became Queen, Her Majesty’s dedication to duty and service over self were the hallmarks of her reign.

Performing her duty with fidelity, integrity, and respect for everyone she met.

We saw those qualities each time she visited our shores — and she graced us on 16 occasions during her reign, travelling to every state and territory across our vast continent.

Her first visit, with Philip, began on the 3rd of February 1954 — just eight months after her coronation.

It was the biggest single event ever organised in Australia and it remains a defining moment in our nation’s history.

Some 7 million Australians — or 70 per cent of our population at the time — turned out to catch a glimpse of the young Queen passing by.

Queen Elizabeth II was a wise and enduring presence in our national life.

Sixteen prime ministers consulted with her – and sixteen governors-general served in her name.

Throughout her reign, Queen Elizabeth II showed a deep affection for our country.

As she said at the Sydney Opera House in the year 2000:

“[S]ince I first stepped ashore here [...] I have felt part of this rugged, honest, creative land. I have shared in the joys and the sorrows, the challenges and the changes that have shaped this country’s history.

Her Majesty celebrated our good times, and she stood with us during trials and hardships.

Happy and glorious, but steadfast too.

In particular, we recall the sympathy and personal kindness she extended to Australians afflicted by tragedy and disaster — from floods and bushfires to wars and a pandemic.

Her words and presence were a source of comfort, hope and solace for millions of Australians.

Queen Elizabeth II has been a wise and encouraging guide, always wanting the best for our nation and greeting each change with understanding, good grace and an abiding faith in the Australian people’s judgement.

From her first trip here, it was clear Her Majesty had a special place in our hearts.

And we, in hers.

In the coming days, the Governor-General and I will be heading to London where we will meet The King.

We will convey the sorrow of Australians as well as our best wishes to him, and the Queen Consort, as he takes on his duties as Sovereign.

Over the next 48 hours, more details will be shared about the arrangements for The Queen’s funeral and memorial.

Today marks the end of an era, the close of the second Elizabethan age.

This time of mourning will pass, but the deep respect and warm regard in which Australians have always held Her Majesty will never fade.

May she rest in eternal peace.



Australian Government
Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

ONE NATIONAL CIRCUIT
BARTON

URGENT - FOR IMMEDIATE ACTION

To: All Flag Marshals - Action Australia-wide and at Australian Overseas Posts

AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL FLAG TO FLY AT HALF-MAST

HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN

Australia mourns the passing of Elizabeth the Second, by the Grace of God Queen of Australia and Her other Realms and Territories, Head of the Commonwealth.

As a mark of mourning and respect and in accordance with protocol, the Australian National Flag should be flown at half-mast **immediately and until further notice**. Vice-Regal Standards are to remain at full-mast.

It is customary to fly the flag at half-mast from the time of announcement of the death of The Sovereign until the day after the funeral, except on the day the accession of the new Sovereign is proclaimed.

- When flying the Australian National Flag with other flags, all flags in the set should be flown at half-mast.
- If a set of flags includes the flags of other nations, it would be appropriate to seek permission from the diplomatic representatives of that nation to half-mast their flag.
- An acceptable half-mast position would be when the top of the flag is a third of the distance down from the top of the flagpole.
- Flags may be flown at half-mast overnight, provided they are illuminated.
- Information on flag protocol is available at <http://www.pmc.gov.au/flag>.

The financial and staffing implications arising from weekend and public holiday flag marshal duties are the responsibility of each organisation.

Further advice will be issued when details of the proclamation and funeral are confirmed.

Commonwealth Flag Officer

9 September 2022



Australian Government

Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

ONE NATIONAL CIRCUIT
BARTON

To: All Flag Marshals - Action Australia-wide and at Australian Overseas Posts

AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL FLAG TO FLY AT FULL-MAST

SUNDAY, 11 SEPTEMBER 2022

PROCLAMATION OF

KING CHARLES THE THIRD

The proclamation of the accession of His Majesty The King, Charles the Third, King of Australia will be announced by the Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia at Noon on Sunday 11 September 2022, at Australian Parliament House in Canberra.

Further information is available at the [Plans of Observance](#).

In accordance with Australian flag protocol, the Australian National Flag **should be flown at full-mast on Sunday, 11 September 2022 , from 12pm (Australian Eastern Standard Time) until dusk in your locality**, at which time the flag should be returned to half-mast until the day after the funeral of the late Sovereign, Elizabeth the Second.

Further advice will be issued when details of the funeral are confirmed.

- Flags may be flown at half-mast overnight, provided they are illuminated.
- Information on flag protocol is available at <http://www.pmc.gov.au/flag>.

Your assistance is appreciated.

Commonwealth Flag Officer

10 September 2022



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS because of the death of our blessed and glorious Queen Elizabeth the Second, the Crown has solely and rightfully come to Prince Charles Philip Arthur George:

We, therefore, General the Honourable David Hurley AC DSC (Retd), Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia, and members of the Federal Executive Council, do now proclaim Prince Charles Philip Arthur George to be King Charles the Third, by the Grace of God King of Australia and his other Realms and Territories, Head of the Commonwealth, and, with hearty and humble affection, we promise him faith and obedience:

May King Charles the Third have long and happy years to reign over us.

Given at Canberra this eleventh day of September, Two thousand and twenty two, and in the first year of His Majesty's reign.

David Hurley
Governor-General

By His Excellency's Command

Anthony Albanese
Prime Minister



EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING

Government House

11.00 am

PROCLAMATION

The Forecourt, Parliament House Canberra

11 September 2022

12.00 pm

ORDER OF ARRANGEMENTS

Dress: Business Attire
Service Uniform

**AT PARLIAMENT HOUSE
AT THE MINISTERIAL ENTRANCE (POINT 6)**

10.35 am Ministers enter their Comcars to be ready for the Prime Minister's departure

IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S COURTYARD

10.40 am The Hon Anthony Albanese MP, Prime Minister of Australia enters his car and departs for Government House

The Ministers' vehicles follow behind to form a motorcade

AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE

10.50 am Ministers arrive at the State Entrance, are greeted by members of the Governor-General's office and are escorted to the meeting room to take their position at the table

10.50 am The Prime Minister arrives at the Private Entrance, is greeted by Mr Paul Singer MVO, Official Secretary to the Governor-General and escorted to the meeting room to take his position at the table

IN THE MEETING ROOM (ROOM TO BE ADVISED)

- 10.57 am The Prime Minister and Ministers are in position to await the arrival of His Excellency the Honourable David Hurley AC DSC, Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia
- 10.58 am The Governor-General arrives, is greeted by the Prime Minister and Ministers
The Governor-General invites the Prime Minister and Ministers to take their seats
- 11.00 am Executive Council meeting begins
Proclamation is signed
- 11.20 am Executive Council meeting concludes
- 11.21 am The Governor-General farewells the Prime Minister and Ministers and takes his leave
- 11.22 am The Prime Minister is escorted by Mr Singer to the Private Entrance and farewelled
The Prime Minister departs for the Prime Minister's Courtyard, Parliament House
- 11.22 am The Ministers are escorted by a member of the Governor-General's staff to the State Entrance and farewelled
The Ministers follow behind the Prime Minister's vehicle and separate at Parliament House and continue to the public underground carpark

AT PARLIAMENT HOUSE

- 11.30 am *Protocol Officers from the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet are on hand*
The Media Liaison Officer escorts members of the media to position
Indigenous representatives are in position

IN THE PUBLIC UNDERGROUND CARPARK

- 11.30 am *Protocol Officers from the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet are on hand to greet Ministers and escort to the Forecourt*
- 11.35 am Ministers arrive and are escorted by Protocol Officers to Position **C** (see *diagram*) on the Forecourt

IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S COURTYARD

11.35 am The Prime Minister arrives and proceeds to his suite

AT THE FORECOURT

11.30 AM TRI-SERVICE GUARD AND THE BAND OF THE ROYAL MILITARY COLLEGE OF AUSTRALIA AND SALUTING BATTERY, PROVIDED BY AUSTRALIA’S FEDERATION GUARD, ARE IN POSITION AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE

11.45 am The Governor-General and Her Excellency Mrs Linda Hurley depart for the Forecourt of Parliament House

AT PARLIAMENT HOUSE AT THE PRIME MINISTER’S SUITE

11.45 am Mr Gerard Martin, Chief of Commonwealth Protocol, Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, is on hand

11.47 am The Prime Minister of Australia is escorted by Mr Martin to the Great Verandah

ON THE GREAT VERANDAH

11.51 am Senator the Hon Sue Lines, President of the Senate and the Hon Milton Dick MP, Speaker of the House of Representatives and the Hon Peter Dutton MP, Leader of the Opposition, are in position

11.53 am The Prime Minister arrives

The Prime Minister, escorted by Mr Martin, proceeds to the dais for a General Salute (with musical honours)

11.55 am The Governor-General and Mrs Hurley arrive, are met by the Prime Minister, the Presiding Officers and the Leader of the Opposition

The Governor-General and Mrs Hurley, the Prime Minister, the Presiding Officers and the Leader of the Opposition, escorted by Songman Billy T and Indigenous representatives performing a smoking ceremony, proceed to the Official Party Viewing Point (*see diagram*)

Mrs Hurley, the Prime Minister, the Presiding Officers and the Leader of the Opposition are escorted to their positions (*see diagram*)

The Governor-General is escorted by Mr Martin to the dais for a Royal Salute (*with Vice Regal musical honours*)

12.00 pm The Ceremony commences

The band plays the Australian National Anthem

Aunty Violet Sheridan, Ngunnawal Elder, delivers a Welcome to Country

The Proclamation is read by the Governor-General

The band plays 'God Save the King' (with singer)

Note: Ceremonial Australian flag on the forecourt and on the ceremonial flag poles are at half-mast. During the playing of 'God Save the King' the flags are raised to full mast

Yukkembruk Dreaming with songman Billy T, perform spiritual dances

21 gun salute

12.30 pm The Service concludes

(approx) The Governor-General returns to the dais for a Royal Salute (with Vice Regal musical honours)

Following the salute the Governor-General and Mrs Hurley are farewelled by—

Prime Minister
Presiding Officers
Leader of the Opposition

The Governor-General and Mrs Hurley proceed to their car on the Great Verandah and depart

The Prime Minister proceeds to the dais for a General Salute (with musical honours)

The Prime Minister, the Presiding Officers and the Leader of the Opposition, proceed into Parliament House and then to their suites

Other dignitaries depart

Protocol and International Visits Branch
Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet
10 September 2022



Australian Government

Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

ONE NATIONAL CIRCUIT
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To: All Flag Marshals - Action Australia-wide and at Australian Overseas Posts

MONDAY, 19 SEPTEMBER 2022

State Funeral Service, United Kingdom

HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN (1926 – 2022)

A State Funeral Service for the late Sovereign, Elizabeth the Second, will be held at 11 am (British Summer Time), on Monday 19 September 2022, at Westminster Abbey in London, United Kingdom. Further information is available on the [Royal Family website](#).

As a mark of mourning and respect and in accordance with protocol, the Australian National Flag should continue to be flown at half-mast **all day on Monday 19 September 2022**. Vice-Regal Standards are to remain at full-mast.

- When flying the Australian National Flag with other flags, all flags in the set should be flown at half-mast.
 - If a set of flags includes the flags of other nations, it would be appropriate to seek permission from the diplomatic representatives of that nation to half-mast their flag.
 - An acceptable half-mast position would be when the top of the flag is a third of the distance down from the top of the flagpole.
 - Flags may be flown at half-mast overnight, provided they are illuminated.
- Information on [flag protocol](#) is available on the Department's website.

Flags should be returned to full-mast at 8am on the following Tuesday 20 September 2022 until further notice.

Further advice will be issued when details of the National Day of Mourning and Reflection are confirmed.

Your assistance is appreciated.

Commonwealth Flag Officer
14 September 2022



Australian Government

Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

ONE NATIONAL CIRCUIT
BARTON

To: All Flag Marshals - Action Australia-wide and at Australian Overseas Posts

Australian National Flag to fly at Half-Mast

Thursday, 22 SEPTEMBER 2022

National Day of Mourning for Australia

HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN (1926 – 2022)

The Prime Minister has announced a National Day of Mourning for Australia on Thursday, 22 September 2022 for the late Sovereign, Elizabeth the Second. Further information is available in the [Prime Minister's media release](#).

As a mark of mourning and respect and in accordance with protocol, the Australian National Flag should be flown at half-mast **all day on Thursday, 22 September 2022 (from the beginning until the end of the day in your locality)** from all buildings and establishments occupied by Australian Government departments and affiliated agencies. Vice-Regal Standards are to remain at full mast.

A minute of silence will be observed at 11 am Australian Eastern Standard Time.

State and territory governments and other organisations are encouraged to participate.

- When flying the Australian National Flag with other flags, all flags in the set should be flown at half-mast.
- If a set of flags includes the flags of other nations, it would be appropriate to seek permission from the diplomatic representatives of that nation to half-mast their flag.
- An acceptable half-mast position would be when the top of the flag is a third of the distance down from the top of the flagpole.
- Information on flag protocol is available on the Department's website.

The financial and staffing implications arising from public holiday flag marshal duties are the responsibility of each organisation.

Your assistance is appreciated.

Commonwealth Flag Officer

20 September 2022



NATIONAL MEMORIAL SERVICE

Her Majesty The Queen

The Great Hall, Parliament House Canberra

22 September 2022

11.00 am

ORDER OF ARRANGEMENTS

Dress: Business Attire
Service Uniform
Decorations
Medals

Note: Those attendees who arrive in the public underground car park will be guided by Protocol Officers to the main entrance, where security screening will take place. Officials will then be escorted to their seats by Protocol Officers

AT THE PUBLIC ENTRANCE

9.00 am Attendees commence arriving and are shown to their seats in the Great Hall

AT THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ENTRANCE

9.30 am Governors, Administrator of the NT, Chief Justice, Justices of the High Court, former Governors-General, former Prime Ministers, former Chief Justice, Official Secretaries and spouses arrive and proceed to the Speaker's Suite for morning tea

AT THE MINISTERIAL ENTRANCE

9.30 am Premiers and Chief Ministers arrive at the Ministerial Entrance and, escorted by Protocol Officers, proceed to the Deputy Prime Minister's office for morning tea

AT THE SENATE ENTRANCE

10.00 am Members of the Diplomatic Corps arrive and are escorted to seating in the Great Hall

IN THE GREAT HALL

10.15 am Chief of the Defence Force, Departmental Secretaries, Defence Chiefs and Agency Heads arrive and are escorted to their seats

Attachment 10 – Order of arrangements - National Memorial Service

- 10.20 am Members and Senators arrive and are escorted to their seats
- 10.25 am Premiers and Chief Ministers arrive from the Deputy Prime Minister's office and are escorted to their seats

From

- 10.15 am Governors, Administrator of the NT, Chief Justice, Justices of the High Court, former Governors-General, former Prime Ministers, former Chief Justice, Official Secretaries and spouses arrive from the Speaker's Suite and are escorted to their seats

IN THE MARBLE FOYER

- 10.35 am Senator the Hon Sue Lines, President of the Senate, the Hon Milton Dick MP, Speaker of the House of Representatives and the Hon Peter Dutton MP, Leader of the Opposition, Serjeant-at -Arms, Black Rod, Auntie Violet Sheridan, Ngunawal Elder and the Wiradjuri Echoes are in position

IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S SUITE

- 10.35 am The **Hon Anthony Albanese MP, Prime Minister of Australia** and **Ms Jodie Haydon**, escorted by Mr Gerard Martin, Head of Commonwealth Protocol, leave for the Great Verandah
- 10.40 am The **Prime Minister** and **Ms Haydon**, escorted by Mr Martin, arrive at the Great Verandah. En-route, the **Prime Minister** and **Ms Haydon** sign the Condolence Book in the Marble Foyer

ON THE GREAT VERANDAH

- 10.45 am His Excellency General the Honourable David Hurley AC DSC (Retd), Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia and Her Excellency Mrs Linda Hurley arrive on the Great Verandah and are met by the **Prime Minister** and **Ms Haydon** and escorted into the Marble Foyer

IN THE MARBLE FOYER

- 10.46 am The Governor-General and Mrs Hurley are welcomed by the Presiding Officers, the Leader of the Opposition and the Indigenous representatives
- 10.47 am The Governor-General and Mrs Hurley are invited by the **Prime Minister** to sign the Condolence Book
- 10.48 am The Official Party forms up in the following order then enter the Great Hall in the following positions:

*Wiradjuri Echoes**Serjeant-at-Arms Black Rod**Governor-General Mrs Hurley***Prime Minister Ms Haydon***Speaker President**Leader of the Opposition**Indigenous Elder*

10.49 am The Wiradjuri Echoes lead the Official Party into the Great Hall

IN THE GREAT HALL

10.51 am The Governor-General and Mrs Hurley, the **Prime Minister** and **Ms Haydon**, the Presiding Officers and the Leader of the Opposition are shown to their seats by Protocol Officers

Order of Service to be followed from this point

IN THE GREAT HALL

12.15 pm The Service concludes

(approx) The MC announces the end of the Service and asks guests to stand for the departure of the Official Party

The Governor-General and Mrs Hurley, the **Prime Minister** and **Ms Haydon**, the Presiding Officers and the Leader of the Opposition are escorted by the Serjeant-at-Arms and Usher of the Black Rod to the Marble Foyer

IN THE MARBLE FOYER

The Governor-General and Mrs Hurley are farewelled by the Presiding Officers and the Leader of the Opposition

ON THE GREAT VERANDAH

12.15 pm The Governor-General and Mrs Hurley proceed to their car on the Great Verandah, are farewelled by the **Prime Minister** and **Ms Haydon**, and enter their car then depart

The **Prime Minister** and **Ms Haydon** are escorted by Mr Martin to the Prime Minister's Suite

Other attendees depart as directed by Protocol Officers

Protocol and International Visits Branch
Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet
21 September 2022

PRIME MINISTER
CONDOLENCE - HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN

We, the members of the House of Representatives in the Parliament of the Commonwealth of Australia, express our deep sympathy with Your Majesty and members of the Royal Family for the great loss sustained in the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, our late Sovereign.

On behalf of the Australian people, we pay tribute to and acknowledge Her late Majesty's exceptional life of dedication to duty and commitment to Australia and the Commonwealth. We extend our congratulations to Your Majesty on your accession to the throne.

We express our respect for Your Majesty and pledge to work to achieve peace and prosperity for Australia and the Commonwealth.

With the passing of Queen Elizabeth II, an historic reign and a long life devoted to duty, family, faith and service have come to an end. The second Elizabethan age is over. Despite all the solemn pageantry that has served to remind us of this sad fact, it is hard to grasp that Queen Elizabeth II now belongs to the realm of memory.

We give thanks for her long and exceptionally well lived life, and we do so here in the building she opened for a nation she loved as part of her greater family—a new permanent home for the parliament she described as 'both the living expression of that federation and the embodiment of the democratic principles of freedom, equality and justice'. When she joined Bob Hawke to do the honours in 1988 out there by the Michael Nelson Jagamara mosaic that so caught her eye, she could see the Old Parliament House that her own father opened in 1927—what a shining thread through our houses of democracy, through our own history. Indeed, Her Majesty's reign was so long that, to most of us, she was simply always there. She was a rare and reassuring constant amidst rapid change. But even the brightest star must eventually set, leaving us with the memory of the glow. The Queen was our head of state for a majority of our existence as a federation.

It's also important to remember the personal as well: a much-loved wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother, the gravitational centre around which a family turned, which I believe is one of the reasons that she was always so much

more than a monarch to us. The Queen lived a life of privilege but one that was always balanced by an unyielding sense of duty, of service, a desire to give. That noble counterweight of the spirit was something she bore faithfully for the United Kingdom, for Australia and for the great family of nations we call the Commonwealth—a family that grew so swiftly on her watch. Even as the focus began to shift more towards the individual, the Queen embodied a sense of duty that placed community and selflessness first. The Queen never lost her belief in society.

Underpinning all of it was an inner strength, one that was tested early. The first time was when her uncle, Edward VIII, abdicated—a seismic act that shifted the crown onto her father's head, transforming him into George VI and the young princess into the heir to the throne. It all unfurled as Britain was about to face the threat of what Winston Churchill called 'the abyss of a new dark age'. The second time was when her beloved father died, aged just 56, finally spent by the burdens of war and illness. Princess Elizabeth was only 25. The news reached her in Kenya the day before she and Prince Philip were due to board the SS Gothic for their journey to Australia. The dream of relatively calm years raising a family with Philip was over. The princess returned to England as Queen, the responsibilities of the throne on one shoulder, the sudden absence of her father on the other.

Somehow in her grief she found the strength to measure up to the expectations of a nation and the thousand-year-old institution into which she had been born. When asked what name she would be taking as Queen, she bucked the trend by replying, 'My own, of course.' It was just one hint of the stability and continuity that she would provide. Over the past 184 years, the throne has been held by women for 133 of them—but, remarkably, just two women: Queen Victoria, who was on the throne for over six decades, and her great-great-granddaughter Queen Elizabeth, the first British monarch to reign for seven decades.

When it came to the relationship between Queen Elizabeth II and Australia, 16 truly was the number most recalled. Through her reign she consulted with 16 Australian prime ministers, starting with Sir Robert Menzies, and 16 governors-general, starting with Sir William McKell. She made 16 visits to our shores, starting with a 58-day tour that saw her visit 57 towns and cities and pass through so many more. According to someone quoted at the time in the *Forbes Advocate*, 'By comparison, organising the Olympic Games would be quite simple.'

She got to know us, appreciate us and embrace us. And the feeling was very much mutual. She handed out trophies in schools. She chatted with outback families on the radio. There were people to comfort and achievements to be celebrated. There were openings and festivals, rodeos and surf carnivals. She got to know our landscapes and our character. All the time, she was gently endearing herself ever deeper into our national life.

Along the way, Her Majesty had one of the most Australian experiences of all: sitting next to Bob Hawke at the races when his horse was winning. The photograph of these two connoisseurs of the turf in that moment is a perfect study in balance: the Queen sitting serenely; the Prime Minister like a firecracker in a suit. Bob was criticised, but, as he later reflected, 'I took great pleasure in pointing a little later to a photo of the Queen showing similar exultation when one of her horses won in England.'

When she first came to us, our pockets jingled with pennies and shillings. Television was still in the future, as was the filling of Lake Burley Griffin. When the Queen first addressed our parliament, she was one of just a handful of women in the room, and that wasn't the only deficit among the faces gazing up at her. The White Australia policy was still in place, and—the gift to the Queen of an Albert Namatjira painting notwithstanding—this nation was still a long way off any sort of reckoning with the truth of this continent's first inhabitants. Since then, we've changed in so many ways for the better, and the Queen saw it all.

She was the patron of more than 20 Australian charities and associations. Throughout her reign, Queen Elizabeth II showed a deep affection for her country. From her famous first trip to Australia, the only reigning sovereign to ever visit, it was clear Her Majesty held a special place in her heart for Australia. Fifteen more tours before cheering crowds in every part of the country confirmed the special place that she held in ours.

As monarch for more than half the life of our federation, the relationship between Australia and Britain matured and evolved throughout Her Majesty's reign. The Queen greeted each and every change with understanding, good grace and an abiding faith in the Australian people's good judgement. This was the deft and diplomatic way she bound the diversity of the modern Commonwealth.

The world today is almost unrecognisable from what it was in 1952, and there is no doubt, given modern technology, including television, that the Queen is the most famous woman who during her life has walked this earth. Throughout all the

tumult and noise and tectonic shifts in those 70 years, so many old certainties were broken. New, more tentative ones took their place. Throughout it all was Her Majesty, a Queen who let her humanity show, who stood with us in times of hardship, even as she had endured her own.

Of course, there was always Philip, whom the Queen once described as her 'strength and stay'. Between the layers of formality and protocol, we sometimes got glimpses of the affection and the tenderness between Queen and Duke. After Prince Philip died, the most striking image from the funeral was the most human: no pomp, no regal splendour—just the Queen, alone in her sorrow. As Her Majesty once put it, 'Grief is the price we pay for love.'

Seventy years as sovereign is a towering record, yet what will always stand tallest in our hearts and our memories is the commitment and spirit to service and duty that the Queen so unflinchingly brought to her role and the pride and sense of unity that she engendered. The Queen served with dignity, fidelity, humour and a grace that was indefatigable, and she took nothing for granted. When she opened this place in 1988, she said something that rings even truer today given global events:

Parliamentary democracy is a compelling ideal, but it is a fragile institution. It cannot be imposed and it is only too easily destroyed. It needs the positive dedication of the people as a whole, and of their elected representatives, to make it work.

We knew her voice and we knew her mannerisms: the stately expressions and the impish twinkle; the hats and the headscarves; the corgis and the horses; the hands that so lovingly gripped the steering wheels of generations of Land Rovers; the eagerness to perform with James Bond for the London Olympics; a princess who trained as a motor mechanic in World War II; a Queen who inspired Duke Ellington to compose a suite for her and present her with the solitary copy of its only recording; a sovereign who appreciated the value of being roused from every sleep every morning by bagpipes, knowing no alarm clock could ever be quite so emphatic.

It is perhaps fitting that in what proved to be the twilight of a remarkably long life she was drawn home to the corner of Scotland that spoke so powerfully to her heart. There at Balmoral, amid the sometimes severe splendour of the Highlands, she found that which eluded her in London: moments of solitude away from a life in the spotlight, the most famous woman in the world able to enjoy the luxury of the intimacy of family and of friends.

At the Sydney Opera House in 2000, Her Majesty bared the heart of her feelings for our country, saying:

... since I first stepped ashore here ... I have felt part of this rugged, honest, creative land. I have shared in the joys and the sorrows, the challenges and the changes that have shaped this country's history ...

But even as history continued to shape and change us and as the bond between our two nations evolved, the affection and respect in which we held Her Majesty remained. The Queen transcended barriers. You could be a republican and still feel nothing but regard and respect for her. She celebrated our good times and stood with us in our times of trial, bringing sympathy and comfort when it was so badly needed. Through fire and flood, drought and cyclone, and pandemic, she was there. As she said 20 years ago:

... my admiration, affection and regard for the people of Australia will remain, as it has been ... constant, sure and true.

Let it be said we felt the same way. The Queen always had a special place in the hearts of Australians, and she always will. I thank His Excellency the Governor-General and Mrs Hurley, as well as the Australians—led by Dylan Alcott, the Australian of the Year—who graced London as part of the delegation and did Australia proud.

Our thoughts are with all the royal family as they mourn. In particular, we think of King Charles, who feels the weight of his sorrow as he takes on the weight of the Crown. When I met with him a few days ago in London, I conveyed on behalf of the Australian people our grief, our gratitude, our condolences and our respect. Our conversation was a reminder that Australia has always been very dear to him, not least Victoria, where he did some of his schooling all those years ago. As His Majesty put it on one occasion:

If you want to develop character, go to Australia.

I admire King Charles's passion and his commitment to the natural environment and sustainability. At the dawn of his reign, we wish His Majesty well, and, now that the great Elizabethan reign is over, may Her Majesty rest in eternal peace.

[ENDS]

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PDR: MS22-000509

DEPARTMENT OF THE PRIME MINISTER AND CABINET

PM&C Secretary Ms Foster Mr Reid Ms Gartmann Mr Rush Mr Martin

To: Prime Minister

cc: Minister Assisting the Prime Minister and Cabinet

PLANS FOR OBSERVANCE - THE DEMISE OF THE QUEEN

PMO Dr Kunkel s 22(1)(a)(ii) CABINET SECRETARY s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Recommendations - that you:

- 1. Agree that the Commonwealth will follow the plans for observance (Attachment A) following the death of The Queen (the 'London Bridge' plan)

Agreed/Not Agreed

- 2. Note certain decisions relating to timing of events and final content of announcements will be made on the day of death ('D Day decisions') (Attachment B)

Noted

- 3. Note that, should The Queen's demise occur during the caretaker period, you may wish to offer a briefing to the Leader of the Opposition on the London Bridge plan and key decisions in line with the Guidance on Caretaker Conventions

s 22(1)(a)(ii) [Redacted]

Noted

SCOTT MORRISON

Date: 10.4.22

Comments:

s 47C [Redacted]

Key Points:

- 1. On 9 October 2018, you agreed a number of arrangements for observance spanning the 14-day period following the death of Her Majesty The Queen (MS18-003856 refers).
a. Since this time, the Department has iteratively revised the London Bridge plan to align with events planned in the United Kingdom and to take account of external factors, including the COVID-19 pandemic.
b. Revisions have been made in consultation with your office and across Government, including the Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General, Departments of the House of Representatives, Senate, Parliamentary Services, Defence, Foreign Affairs and Trade, Treasury, Attorney-General's Department and the National Capital Authority.

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- c. To assist states and territories with their plans for observance, on 17 August 2021, the Department shared an abridged copy of the plans for observance with Official Secretaries to State Governors and Territory Administrators.
2. Note there are certain decisions regarding the plans for observance that cannot be made until the day of death (D Day). These are outlined at Attachment B and include matters regarding timing of events and final content of announcements.
 - a. Should The Queen's demise occur during the caretaker period, you may wish to offer a briefing to the Leader of the Opposition on the decisions that the Government has already taken and the decisions that need to be made following The Queen's death. We note there are public events that the Leader of the Opposition is invited to attend, such as the Proclamation.
 3. Key features of the plans for observance comprise the following:
 - a. Upon the death of Her Majesty The Queen, Government House will contact you immediately at any time. On the day of death (D Day), the Governor-General will make a short formal announcement to Australia, after which you will make a national statement.
 - b. If either or both Houses of Parliament are sitting, immediate suspension until the ringing of the bells will occur, followed by adjournment without debate. If the Houses are not sitting, you may wish to write to Presiding Officers to propose a date for return of Parliament, not before 15 days after D Day (D+15).
 - i. If the Senate is not sitting then under Senate Standing Order 55 (2) a request of an absolute majority of the whole numbers of Senators is required for the Senate to meet at a certain time. For this purpose, a request by the leader or deputy leader of a party in the Senate is deemed to be a request from every senator of that party.
 - c. Together with the Governor-General, Leader of the Opposition and any other Minister who wishes to do so, you will lay a wreath at Queen's Terrace to commemorate the life of The Queen.
 - d. You will recommend to the Governor-General that he issue a proclamation of accession on D+2. On the same day, the Governor-General will read the proclamation on the Forecourt of Parliament House, which will be open for public attendance.
 - i. A copy of the proclamation, as agreed by you on 9 October 2018, forms part of the plans for observance.
 - ii. The Department is in continued consultations with your office regarding arrangements for the proclamation.
 - e. Together with the Governor-General and your respective spouses, you will attend the Lying in State (D+9), State Funeral and Committal Service (D+10) in the UK. Australia's High Commissioner will also attend the Lying in State and State Funeral.
 - f. A National Memorial Service will be held to coincide with the National Day of Mourning and an invitation to observe silence (one minute). While this is tentatively slated for D+14, we propose the exact date of the National Day of Mourning be confirmed on D Day to ensure it does not conflict with other significant days.

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- g. The Commonwealth will fly Australian flags at half-mast from D Day to D+10 and on the National Day of Mourning, except on the day of the proclamation, where flags will be flown at masthead from the time of the reading until sunset.
- h. A media release, condolence motion and video script have been prepared for your use and are included in the plans for observance.
- i. An online condolence book has been developed for Australians to express their sympathies.


Petra Gartmann
Assistant Secretary
Legal Policy Branch
8 April 2022

Policy Officer: § 22(1)(a)(ii)
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ATTACHMENT B D DAY DECISIONS

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PM Decisions to be made on D Day

Immediate (before formal Palace announcement)

Action/event	Decision to be made on D Day	Item on plan
Timing of announcements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PM&C will confirm timing of Buckingham Palace announcement. Govt House will confirm timing of GG statement (and whether broadcast) Confirm timing of PM Media Release (immediately after GG announcement) Confirm timing of PM National Statement Confirm timing and location of PM press conference 	4
Recall or adjourn the Parliament	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If Parliament is not sitting – decision on whether to recall (propose no) If Parliament sitting – decision to immediately suspend until ringing of the bells, then adjourn until a date to be determined. Confirm proposed date for return of Parliament (propose D+15, depending upon Parliamentary calendar.) 	4
PM National Statement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Confirm text of National Statement 	4 (Att 3)
PM media release	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Confirm text of Media Release 	4 (Att 4)
Death gun salute	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PM&C will confirm date and timing of death gun salute: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If notification of Queen's passing by Buckingham Palace is before midday, salute will occur at dusk on D Day. If notification is after midday, salute will occur at dusk on D+1. <p>Note, Presiding Officer agreement has been obtained.</p>	10
Accession Proclamation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Confirm timing of Exco (D+2, 11.00am) Confirm attendees at Exco (all Ministers) 	22
National Memorial Service	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Confirm date and time (D+14, 11:00am) Seek Presiding Officer's formal approval for use of Great Hall (approval has been granted in principle). 	38

Within four hours of Palace announcement

Action/event	Decision to be made on D Day	Item on plan
Condolence letter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Confirm text of condolence letter to Buckingham Palace. Sign letter. 	11 (Att 8)
Condolence books	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Seek Presiding Officers' confirmation whether they will host condolence books in APH. 	16
Suspension of official events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Decision on whether to suspend official events (will involve consideration of PM / Government commitments up to D+14). 	19
Wreath laying	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Confirm arrangements and timing for wreath laying in Parliament House (proposed for D+1 if gun salute on D, or D+2 if gun salute on D+1) 	20
Accession Proclamation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Seek Presiding Officers' approval to cancel any bookings for the Great Hall at the time of Proclamation (in order to allow for wet weather event) 	22
Accession gun salutes (D+2)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PM&C will confirm timing of Accession gun salute (D+2) <p>Note, Presiding Officer agreement has been obtained.</p>	23
Westminster Funeral	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Confirm PM travelling party (including staff, media) and transmit proposal to Australia House in London to commence accom arrangements. 	30

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PDR: MB22-000144

DEPARTMENT OF THE PRIME MINISTER AND CABINET

PM&C Secretary Ms Foster Mr Reid Ms Le Cerf Mr Belgrove Mr Martin

To: Prime Minister (for signature by 12 September 2022)

PUBLIC HOLIDAY - RECOGNITION OF MOURNING DAY

PMO CoS s 22(1)(a)(ii) CABINET SECRETARY

Recommendations - that you:

- Agree to request the states and territories make a one-off national public holiday, in honour of the life and service of Her Majesty The Queen, Elizabeth The Second.

Agreed / Not Agreed
- Sign the letters at Attachments A –H to First Ministers

Signed / Not Signed

10/9/22

ANTHONY ALBANESE Date: 10/9/22

Comments:

Key Points:

- While the Commonwealth is responsible for the proclamation of the observance of a National Day, the declaration of public holidays is the responsibility of each respective state and territory government.
- In the past, nationally recognised public holidays were agreed in the Council of Australian Governments forum. ^{s 47C}
- A National Memorial Service is proposed to be held at Australian Parliament House on 22 September 2022, and broadcast to the nation. The day of the National Memorial Service will also be observed as a National Day of Mourning.
- It would be appropriate to hold a one-off public holiday on this day to allow the nation to view or attend the service, and provide an opportunity for all Australians to reflect outside of a work and study setting.
- Further consultation with the States and Territories should occur if trade restrictions are to be imposed on the day.

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- a. The imposition of restrictions similar to those imposed on 'hard' public holidays (e.g. Good Friday and Anzac Day) would reflect the solemnity of the National Day of Mourning.
 - b. However, public holiday trade restrictions may require legislative or regulatory action by states, which could be challenging at short notice (particularly if State and Territory Parliaments do not sit before the day of the public holiday).
6. The following options may be pursued to agree a one-off national public holiday on 22 September 2022:
- s 47C
- b. Alternatively, you could write to First Ministers, seeking their agreement to a national public holiday, including its terms. The letter could be followed-up by email to First Secretaries Group to seek confirmation of National Cabinet agreement.
 - i. The Department has prepared letters to all members of National Cabinet (Attachments A-H).
7. Following agreement, a public statement would be released (potentially by National Cabinet) to ensure full public awareness.

Sensitivities:

8. The Department notes Friday 23 September 2022 is already a public holiday in Victoria for the Friday before [AFL] Grand Final Day.
9. Public holidays carry significant economic costs. In 2015 the Victorian Government requested PricewaterhouseCoopers Australia prepare a report to outline the impact of declaring Easter Sunday and the Friday before the AFL Grand Final as public holidays.
 - a. The report found that lost production (or economic cost) from the new public holidays was estimated to be between \$717 million and \$898 million annually. The new public holidays would also result in increased wage payments of between \$252 million and \$286 million annually to those people who work on the public holidays.
10. In 2015, the Australian Industry Group estimated that each national public holiday equates to approximately \$3-4 billion in lost sales.

Background:

11. Australia Day officially became a public holiday for all states and territories in 1994.
12. From the *Council of Australian Governments' Communiqué 8-9 June 1993*:
 - a. Heads of Government have acted to overcome the wasteful situation where parts of Australia are closed down while other parts remain open because of the lack of uniformity in the observance of public holidays.
 - b. It has been agreed that there should be uniform Australian Public Holidays and the dates on which Public Holidays are observed should be certain.

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- c. Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year’s Day will be observed on 25 December, 26 December and 1 January respectively; Australia Day will be observed on 26 January; ANZAC Day on 25 April; and Good Friday, Easter Saturday and Easter Monday will continue to be observed on the days set according to formulae traditionally followed for these public holidays in Australia.

Consultation:

- 13. Comm-State Policy and Funding Section, Commonwealth-State Relations Branch

John Reid PSM
First Assistant Secretary
Government Division
9 September 2022

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PRIME MINISTER
The Hon Anthony Albanese MP

Reference: MB22-000144

The Hon Natasha Fyles MLA
Chief Minister of the Northern Territory
GPO Box 3146
DARWIN NT 0801

Dear Chief Minister

Natasha,

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Yours sincerely

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PRIME MINISTER
The Hon Anthony Albanese MP

Reference: MB22-000144

The Hon Jeremy Rockliff MP
Premier of Tasmania
Treasurer
GPO Box 123
HOBART TAS 7001

Dear Premier

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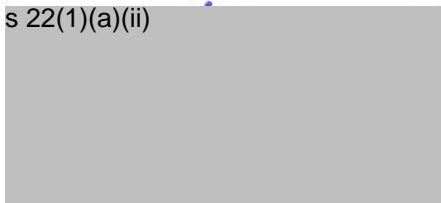
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The Hon Peter Malinauskas MP
Premier of South Australia
GPO Box 2343
ADELAIDE SA 5001

Dear Premier *Peter,*

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PRIME MINISTER
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The Hon Mark McGowan MLA
Premier of Western Australia
Treasurer
1 Parliament Place
PERTH WA 6005

Dear Premier

Mark,

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PRIME MINISTER
The Hon Anthony Albanese MP

Reference: MB22-000144

The Hon Anastacia Palaszczuk MP
Premier of Queensland
PO Box 15185
CITY EAST QLD 4002

Dear Premier

Anastacia,

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Reference: MB22-000144

Mr Andrew Barr MLA
Chief Minister of the Australian Capital Territory
GPO Box 1020
CANBERRA ACT 2601

Dear Chief Minister

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The Hon Dominic Perrottet MP
Premier of New South Wales
GPO Box 5341
SYDNEY NSW 2001

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Dominic,

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The Hon Daniel Andrews MP
Premier of Victoria
GPO Box 4912
MELBOURNE VIC 3002

Dear Premier

David,

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DEPARTMENT OF THE PRIME MINISTER AND CABINET

PM&C Secretary Ms Cooper Ms Foster Mr Brazier Mr Reid Mr Collingburn Mr Baker Mr Martin Ms Green

To: Prime Minister (for decision by 12pm on 10 September 2022 to enable formal offers of support to Pacific partner countries asap)

FUNERAL OF HER MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH II: OFFERING TRANSPORT TO PACIFIC LEADERS

PMO CoS s 22(1) (a)(ii)

Recommendations - that you:

1. Agree PM&C authorise DFAT to formally offer all 10 Commonwealth countries in the Pacific an allocation of seats on facilitated RAAF flights from Brisbane to London (return). The number of seats to be offered will be informed by aircraft capacity and pending UK advice on delegation numbers.

Agreed / Not Agreed

2. Note that in line with your letter to the Deputy Prime Minister of 9 September, PM&C will request Defence to facilitate a flight from Brisbane to London for Pacific delegations, separate from the VIP aircraft transporting you (Prime Minister) and the Governor-General. PM&C will also request that Defence facilitate pre-positioning flights from the Pacific into Brisbane for those delegations that are unable to get to Brisbane in time by commercial means.

Noted

3. Note PM&C will request DFAT consider appropriate ministerial and senior official-level support, including to travel with the Pacific delegations on the London flight, s 33(a)(iii)

[Redacted text]

Noted

s 22(1)(a)(ii) [Redacted text]

Comments:

Key Points:

- 1. We will carefully manage expectations, and intend to place the following parameters around our offer:
a. Delegations for flights would likely be capped at eight seats per country, and the invitation is contingent on Head of State or Head of Government travel, and not for officials to travel separately from principals.
b. Delegations would be required to pre-position in Brisbane. Australia would not pay for commercial flights into Brisbane or for any accommodation in Brisbane.

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- c. Only those Pacific island countries with inadequate commercial flight connections to Brisbane (likely Tuvalu and Kiribati) would be considered for facilitated pre-positioning flights to Brisbane.
- d. Pacific island countries will be advised that they must book their accommodation and have ground transport arrangements ready for arrival in London.

Resources:

Nil. To be absorbed by Defence and DFAT.

Consultation:

PIV, GovDiv, Fiscal, DFAT, Defence

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First Assistant Secretary
International Division
9 September 2022

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