



Speech by

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MINISTERIAL STATEMENT

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

Hon. P. D. BEATTIE (Brisbane Central—ALP) (Premier and Minister for Trade) (9.39 a.m.), by leave: I am pleased to inform this House that Her Majesty the Queen plans to spend three days in Queensland after opening the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting in Brisbane on 6 October. Prior to the tragedies in the US, Buckingham Palace had reported that all was in order for the visit. The Queen will visit Brisbane, Roma, Cairns and Kuranda during her trip.

In light of the time, I seek leave to have the remainder of my statement incorporated in *Hansard*. I also table an update in relation to the visit by Her Majesty.

Leave granted.

I am delighted that Her Majesty has chosen an itinerary that will enable her to experience three very different parts of Queensland and enable people from three of our regions an opportunity to welcome her personally.

The program means that many Queenslanders will have the opportunity of meeting and seeing the Queen and the Duke both formally and informally in Brisbane, Roma, Cairns and Kuranda.

Queensland Governor Major General Peter Arnison, Lord Mayor Jim Soorley and I will welcome Her Majesty and the Duke of Edinburgh to Queensland at Brisbane International Airport late in the afternoon of Friday, October 5.

CHOGM duties will occupy the Queen on Saturday, October 6.

On Sunday, October 7, the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh will attend a People's Reception at Roma Street Parkland where they will meet some of our Queensland Greats and walk through a section of the Parkland to meet people.

We decided on a People's Reception instead of an indoor State Reception because it gives everyone a chance to come along instead of limiting the invitations to a privileged few.

On Monday, October 8, the Queen will open Griffith University College of Art on the South Bank where she will meet students and view a display of their work.

She will then name the new pedestrian bridge connecting South Bank with the City.

In the afternoon, the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh will visit Roma where the Queen will open a major Centenary of Federation project—the Big Rig Oil and Gas Museum.

There will also be an opportunity for the people of Southern and Western Queensland to see the Queen at Bassett Park where the Queen and the Duke will stop to talk to people in the crowd.

On Tuesday, October 9, the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh fly to Cairns where the Queen will visit the Royal Flying Doctor Service hangar at the airport and name a new plane for the service.

The royal party will then travel in the splendour of Great South Pacific Express carriages from Freshwater Station to Kuranda where people will have a chance to greet the Queen and the Duke as they walk to the Skyrail cable car terminus.

They will travel through the rainforest on Skyrail for a dance performance at Tjapukai Aboriginal Cultural Park and to meet the performers.

The people of Far North Queensland will have an opportunity to farewell the Queen and the Duke when they walk across a lawn at Cairns Airport to Cairns Port Authority Building before leaving for Adelaide.

In addition to the Queen's itinerary, the Duke of Edinburgh will visit the Clunies Ross Centre for Science and Industry on the evening of Friday, October 5.

He will attend a function for the Charities Aid Foundation and a Duke of Edinburgh's Award Presentation in Brisbane on Sunday, October 7.

The Duke will meet with loyal societies and unveil a plaque to re-open the headquarters of the English Speaking Union of Queensland at Palma Rosa in Hamilton on Monday, October 8.

While the Queen is laying a wreath at the Cenotaph in Roma, on Monday, October 8, the Duke will visit Roma sale yards.

And that evening the Duke will attend a World Wildlife Fund function in Brisbane.