Passing of His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh

Frequently asked questions

**When and where will the funeral for His Royal Highness The Duke of Edinburgh be held?**

* The Duke of The Duke of Edinburgh’s Funeral will take place on Saturday 17 April 2021 at 3pm (midnight AEST) in St George’s Chapel, Windsor, United Kingdom.
* The Funeral Service will begin with a National Minute’s Silence at three o’clock. The service will be preceded by a ceremonial procession inside the grounds of Windsor Castle.
* For information about arrangements for observance in the United Kingdom, visit the Royal Family website [www.royal.uk](http://www.royal.uk/).

**How will Australia observe The Duke of Edinburgh’s passing?**

* The Governor-General and the Prime Minister have made official statements.
* A 41 gun salute took place at Parliament House on Saturday 10 April at 5pm.
* The Australian National Flag was flown at half-mast on Saturday 10 April and the day of the funeral in the United Kingdom.
* A motion of condolence will be proposed by the Prime Minister on the next Parliamentary sitting day.

**How can Australians express their condolences?**

* An [online condolence form](https://www.pmc.gov.au/his-royal-highness-duke-edinburgh)has been established.

**Will there be a way for Australians to express their condolences in person?**

* As part of the [online condolence form](https://www.pmc.gov.au/his-royal-highness-duke-edinburgh), Australians will be able to print a condolence template. This will then be provided to Buckingham Palace.
* State and Territory Governments will provide further advice on arrangements for communities to express condolences in a COVID safe way.
* 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.
* In Canberra, a 41 gun salute will take place at Parliament House on Saturday 10 April at 5pm.
* Information will be made available for Anglican services that will be held in memory of the Duke of Edinburgh. Please check your local churches for information.
* Further details will be provided as they become available.

**Should all flags be flown at half-mast?**

* The Australian National Flag should be flown at half‑mast only on Saturday 10 April 2021 and the day of the funeral (Saturday 17 April 2021) in the United Kingdom.
* 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.

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

* The Duke of Edinburgh retired from official business in 2017, at which time his patronage was passed on.