

**HIS EXCELLENCY
MAJOR GENERAL MICHAEL JEFFERY AC CVO MC (Retd)
GOVERNOR-GENERAL OF
THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA**

On 11 August 2003, Major General Jeffery was sworn in as the twenty-fourth Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia. Since his appointment General Jeffery has:

- Delivered over 900 speeches.
- Attended some 1190 separate events throughout Australia and Territories.
- Presented hundreds of honours and awards at 34 separate investitures.
- Hosted some 820 official functions.
- Received over 630 callers, many of whom were representatives of the approximately 180 organisations for which the Governor-General and Mrs Jeffery are Patrons or have a similar relationship.
- Received the credentials of 137 Ambassadors and High Commissioners to Australia.
- Presided over 138 meetings of the Federal Executive Council, which has considered over 2,796 agenda items.
- Assented to over 830 pieces of legislation passed by the Commonwealth Parliament.
- Represented the Government and people of Australia at: the Royal Weddings of The Prince of Wales and Mrs Parker-Bowles in London and Crown Prince Frederik and Mary Donaldson in Denmark; the State Funerals for President Reagan, His Holiness Pope John Paul II, His Majesty Taufa'ahua Tupou IV King of Tonga, His Highness Malietoa Tanumafili II Head of State of Samoa; Anniversary commemorations to mark the 60th VE Day in Moscow, the 30th anniversary of Papua New Guinea independence, 400 years of bilateral relations between Australia and The Netherlands, 50th Anniversary Celebrations of Malaysian Independence, the 90th anniversary of a range of significant WW1 battles on the Western Front and the 60th Anniversary of the State of Israel.

July 2008