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**THURSDAY 23 OCTOBER 2003**

**WREATH LAYING  
AND MEETING WITH MEMBERS OF THE  
AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE FORCE  
WHO SERVED IN IRAQ  
AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL**

Dress: Lounge Suit  
Day Dress  
Service Uniform

**AT THE AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL**

*4.00 pm Protocol officers are on hand*

*Members of the media arrive, proceed through security checks and take up positions (see diagram)*

*Vice Admiral Chris Ritchie AO RAN, Chief of Navy, Lieutenant General Peter Leahy AO, Chief of Army, Air Marshal Angus Houston AO AFC, Chief of Air Force, are in position in the Orientation Gallery with members of the Australian Defence Force who served in Iraq*

*In the Hall of Memory two United States Marines are in place with the wreath*

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**AT THE AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL**

- 4.50 pm Major General Adrian Clunies-Ross AO MBE (Ret'd) *Chairman, Council of the Australian War Memorial*, and Mrs Julienne Clunies-Ross and Major General Steve Gower AO (Ret'd), *Director, Australian War Memorial*, and Mrs Heather Gower are in position at the entrance to the Australian War Memorial at Point A (*see diagram*)
- 4.51 pm General Peter Cosgrove AC MC, *Chief of the Defence Force*, arrives and is escorted to the entrance at the top of the steps where he is welcomed and proceeds to the Orientation Gallery
- 4.53 pm The Honourable Danna Vale MP, *Minister for Veterans' Affairs*, arrives and is escorted to the entrance at the top of the steps where she is welcomed and proceeds to her position in the greeting line at Point B (*see diagram*)
- 4.55 pm Senator the Honourable Robert Hill, *Minister for Defence*, arrives and is escorted to the entrance at the top of the steps where he is welcomed and proceeds to his position in the greeting line at Point B

**AT THE LODGE**

- 4.55 pm The Honourable John Howard MP, *Prime Minister of Australia*, and Mrs Janette Howard leave for the Australian War Memorial

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**AT THE AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL**

5.05 pm      The Prime Minister and Mrs Howard arrive and are escorted by Ms Helen Withnell, *Assistant Director Public Programs, Australian War Memorial*, to the entrance at the top of the steps

**Met by –**

Major General and Mrs Clunies-Ross  
Major General and Mrs Gower

The Prime Minister and Mrs Howard remain in position with Major General Clunies-Ross at Point A to await the arrival of the President and Mrs Laura Bush

*Mrs Clunies-Ross and Major General and Mrs Gower proceed to their positions in the greeting line at Point B*

**AT THE RESIDENCE OF THE AMBASSADOR OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

5.10 pm      The Honourable George W Bush, *President of the United States of America*, and Mrs Laura Bush leave for the Australian War Memorial

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**AT THE AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL**

5.20 pm      The President and Mrs Laura Bush arrive and alight from the right hand side of the vehicle and are escorted by Ms Helen Withnell, to the top of the steps

**Met by –**

The Prime Minister and Mrs Howard  
Major General Clunies-Ross

The President and Mrs Laura Bush are escorted to the greeting line where the Prime Minister introduces to the President and Mrs Howard introduces to Mrs Laura Bush –

The Minister for Defence  
The Minister for Veterans' Affairs  
Major General and Mrs Gower  
Mrs Clunies-Ross

The President and Mrs Laura Bush, accompanied by the Prime Minister and Mrs Howard, are escorted by the Minister for Veterans' Affairs, Major General Clunies-Ross and Major General Gower along the Eastern Cloisters to the Hall of Memory

*The Minister for Defence proceeds to the Orientation Gallery*

*Remaining members of the Australian greeting party accompany members of the American official party directly to the Hall of Memory and take positions on the right side of the tomb*

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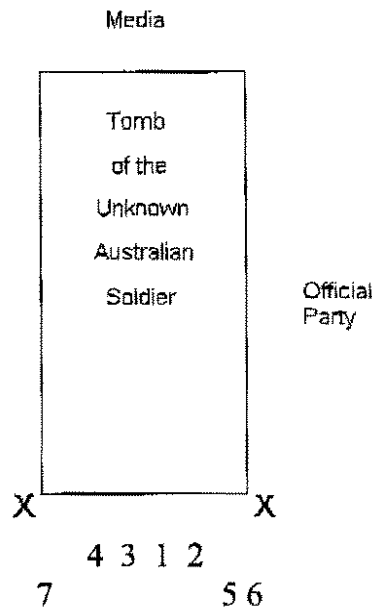
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**IN THE HALL OF MEMORY**

5.27 pm The President and Mrs Laura Bush, accompanied by the Prime Minister and Mrs Howard, escorted by the Minister for Veterans' Affairs, Major General Clunies-Ross and Major General Gower arrive and take their positions at the foot of the tomb

Positions in the Hall of Memory are as follows:



1. President
2. Mrs Laura Bush
3. Prime Minister
4. Mrs Howard
5. Minister for Veterans' Affairs
6. Major General Clunies-Ross
7. Major General Gower
- X Marines with wreath

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The Marines place the wreath on the inscription at the foot of the Tomb of the Unknown Australian Soldier

The President moves forward and adjusts the wreath, takes a pace back and pauses

On completion of the wreath laying, the President and Mrs Laura Bush, accompanied by the Prime Minister and Mrs Howard, proceed to the Orientation Gallery via the Western Fire Exit at Point C (*see diagram*)

*Members of the American official party follow through to the far end of the Orientation Gallery*

*Members of the Australian official party remain by the Pool of Reflection*

#### **IN THE ORIENTATION GALLERY**

*The Minister for Defence, the Chief of the Defence Force, the three Service Chiefs and members of the Australian Defence Force who served in Iraq are in position*

5.30 pm The President and Mrs Laura Bush and the Prime Minister and Mrs Howard arrive

The President and Mrs Laura Bush greet members of the Australian Defence Force who served in Iraq

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5.50 pm The President and Mrs Laura Bush, accompanied by the Prime Minister and Mrs Howard, proceed via the Western Fire Exit to the Visitors' Book by the Pool of Reflection

*Members of the American official party proceed via the front door of the Orientation Gallery to their vehicles in the motorcade*

The President and Mrs Laura Bush are invited by Major General Clunies-Ross to sign the Visitors' Book

*Note: The President will use his own pen for signing and will leave it with the book*

5.55 pm The President and Mrs Laura Bush proceed to the entrance and are farewelled

The President and Mrs Laura Bush, accompanied by the Prime Minister and Mrs Howard, proceed to their vehicles in the motorcade

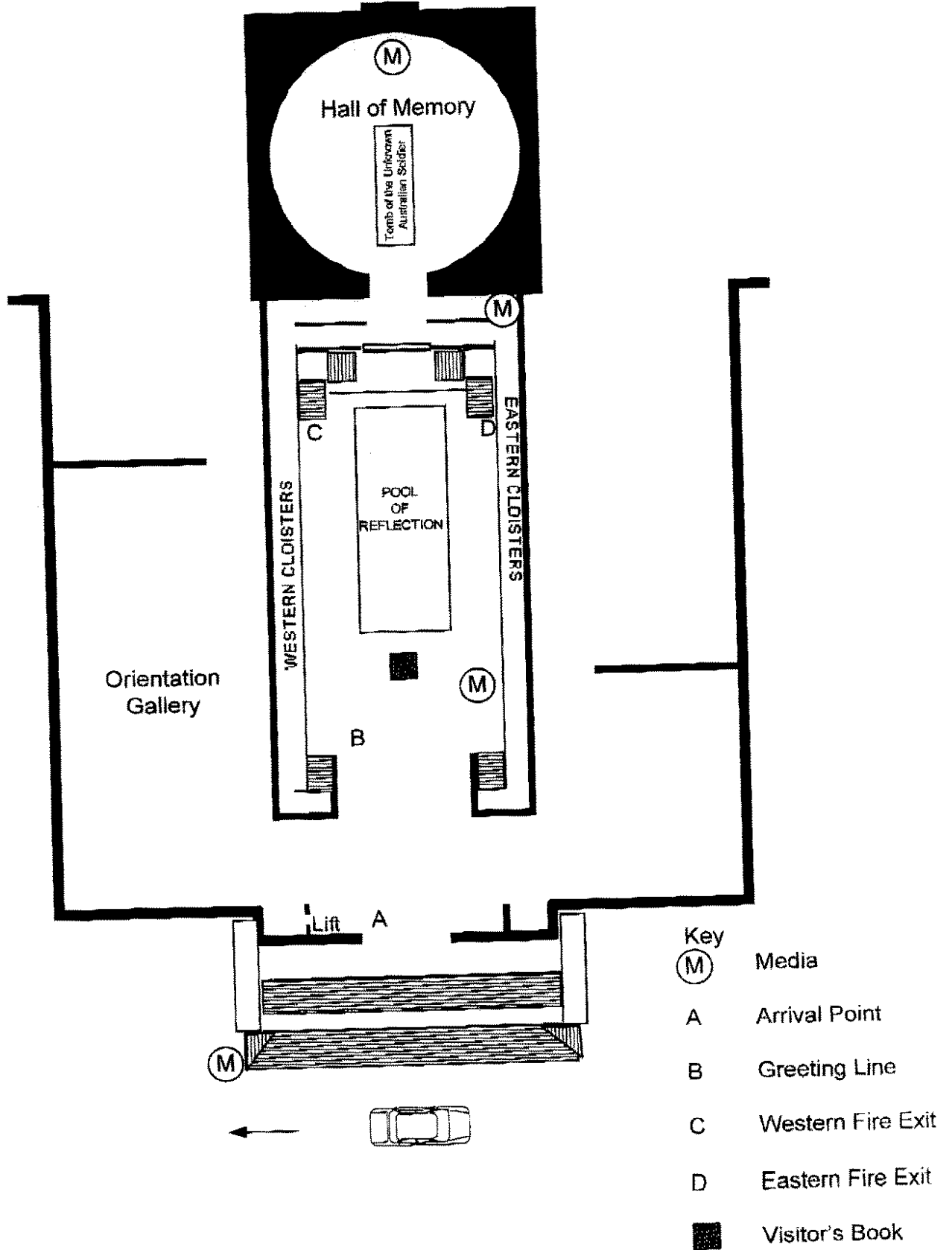
6.00 pm Leave for VIP Apron, Defence Establishment, Fairbairn

**AT VIP APRON, DEFENCE ESTABLISHMENT  
FAIRBAIRN**

6.10 pm Arrive

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# AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL



- Key
- (M) Media
  - A Arrival Point
  - B Greeting Line
  - C Western Fire Exit
  - D Eastern Fire Exit
  - Visitor's Book