

Fact Sheet 6

Government House – a Working House



GOVERNMENT HOUSE
QUEENSLAND



The Investiture Room is used for formal ceremonies, including Investiture Ceremonies and, on occasion, Citizenship Ceremonies.



The Governor and Mrs de Jersey receiving the King and Queen of the Netherlands in November 2016.



Her Majesty The Queen arrives at Government House in 1954.

The people's house

Government House belongs ultimately to the people of Queensland and the public areas of the house and estate are open to the public on a number of occasions each year, including for tours.



Gavel – The official duties of Gavel Vice-Regal Dog include welcoming tour groups, attending functions with the Governor and Mrs de Jersey, and attending formal ceremonies.

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Government House is the residence of the Governor of Queensland, but it is also central to the Governor's ability to fulfil his or her public constitutional, ceremonial and civic duties.

The Governor hosts formal lunches and dinners in the State Dining Room for Queenslanders who have made major contributions to the State, and for visiting dignitaries.

The Governor hosts at Government House receptions to celebrate or commemorate important occasions, or to honour the work of community groups, in the Drawing Room or on the lawns outside the House.

National honours such as Order of Australia and bravery awards are presented by the Governor in the Investiture Room.

The Governor receives important visitors, including Heads of State and ambassadors, at Government House.

Government House is also able to accommodate a small number of official visitors. Many decades ago Her Majesty The Queen stayed at Government House, however in recent years Mayors and representatives from regional towns in Queensland are more likely to stay.

There are offices and other buildings on site that accommodate the Governor's support staff.