## Diplomatic relations

## **Australian Ambassadors to the EU**

Official relations between the EU and Australia began in 1962 when Sir Edwin McCarthy, Australia's Ambassador to the Netherlands was also accredited to the European Communities HQ in Brussels, Belgium. The current Ambassador, His Excellency Mr Duncan Lewis, presented his credentials to the President of the European Commission, José Manuel Barroso, on 20 February 2013. A list of all Ambassadors is shown below, with the date of their presentation of credentials.



2013 to present H.E. Ambassador Duncan E. Lewis

## **Heads of the EU Delegation**

In 1981, the EC established its Delegation in leased premises in Manuka, Canberra. The Delegation was officially opened by European Commission President Gaston Thorn and Prime Minister Malcolm Fraser in 1982. The Ambassador in Canberra is Head of the Delegation of the EU to Australia and to New Zealand.



2010 – 2012 H.E. Ambassador Brendan Nelson



2007 – 2010 H.E. Ambassador Alan W. Thomas



2003 – 2006 H.E. Ambassador Peter C. Grey



2000 – 2003 H.E. Ambassador Joanna M. Hewitt



2009 to present H.E. Ambassador David Daly



2005–2008 H.E. Ambassador Bruno Julien



2002–2005 H.E. Ambassador Piergiorgio Mazzocchi



19<mark>97 -</mark> 2000 H.E. Ambassador Donald Kenyon



1992 – 1996 H.E. Ambassador Edward R. Pocock



1991 – 1992 H.E. Ambassador David M. Sadleir



1987 – 1991 H.E. Ambassador Peter C. J. Curtis



1995–2002 H.E. Ambassador Aneurin Hughes



1992–1995 H.E. Ambassador Dietrich Hammer



1986–1992 H.E. Ambassador Ove J. Jorgensen



1983 – 1987 H.E. Ambassador H. David Anderson



1980 – 1982 H.E. Ambassador Roy R. Fernandez



1977 – 1980 H.E. Ambassador Sir James Plimsoll



1975 – 1977 H.E. Ambassador James W. C. Cumes



1981 – 1985 H.E. Ambassador Kaj Barlebo-Larsen



1972 – 1975 H.E. Ambassador Allan J. Eastman



1969 – 1972 H.E. Ambassador Owen L. Davis



1965 – 1968 H.E. Ambassador Ralph Harry



1962 – 1964 H.E. Ambassador Sir Edwin McCarthy