

# Why the Queen is pinning her hopes on Prince William's Australia trip

Buckingham Palace will have high hopes of a warm public reaction to Prince William on his first official overseas tour on behalf of the Queen. It is likely to be the first of many more solo engagements.

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Officially, Buckingham Palace will not even countenance that the Queen, at 83, and the Duke of

Edinburgh, at 88, are contemplating a reduction in their workload.

But the Prince of Wales has already taken over some of those gruelling investitures when the Queen is on her feet for the best part of a day.

The trip to the most far flung outreach of the Queen's realm is another sign that Prince William, who has at least four more years in the RAF as a search and rescue pilot, is stepping up his preparations for when he takes centre stage in The Firm. He already has a private office at St James's Palace with Prince Harry.

The Prince of Wales, already the longest serving king-in-waiting in British history, is resigned to the fact that his son and heir will inevitably overshadow him as the glamorous future of Royal Family.

His son has inherited the good looks of his mother Diana, Princess of Wales which explains some of the huge media interest

in next January's trip Down Under.



Prince William: Prince William, second in line to the throne, will be in Auckland and Wellington from January 17 to 19 before travelling to Australia for a three day unofficial visit

There were statements from both the New Zealand and Australian Prime Ministers about the Prince William's visit. By con-

trast, the reaction to the visit to Canada next week of the Prince of Wales and Duchess of Cornwall could not be more marked.

The Canadian Broadcasting Corporation launched its revamped breakfast programme with leaked private research conducted by friends of the Royal Family in Canada which showed that two thirds thought the Prince of Wales was out of touch.

Another poll over the weekend in Canada showed that the Prince of Wales and Duchess of Cornwall are the least popular members of the Royal Family.

The Queen was top on 65 per cent, Prince William next on 64 per cent, Prince Harry third with 57 per cent, then the Duke of Edinburgh on 42 per cent but the Prince of Wales trailed with 34 per cent. The Duchess of Cornwall scored only 18 per cent compared to 25 per cent for Kate Middleton, Prince William's long-term girlfriend.

It's why the Queen is pinning so much on her grandson.

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## Bad moods 'boost memory and judgement'

**B**eing in a bad mood may not be all gloom and doom after Australian scientists found that negative feelings improved judgement, boosted memory and made people less gullible.

The study, authored by psychology professor Joseph Forgas at the University of New South Wales, showed that people in a bad mood were more critical of, and paid more attention to, their sur-based on racial or religious prejudices

"Whereas positive mood seems to promote creativity, flexibility, cooperation, and reliance on mental shortcuts, negative moods trigger more attentive, careful thinking paying greater attention to the external world," Prof Forgas wrote. "Our research suggests that sadness ... promotes information processing strategies best suited to dealing with more demanding situations."

The team of researchers conducted several experiments that started with inducing happy or sad moods in their subjects through watching films and recalling positive or negative events. In one of the experiments, happy and sad participants were asked to judge the truth of urban myths and rumours. The results showed that people in a negative mood were less likely to believe these statements.

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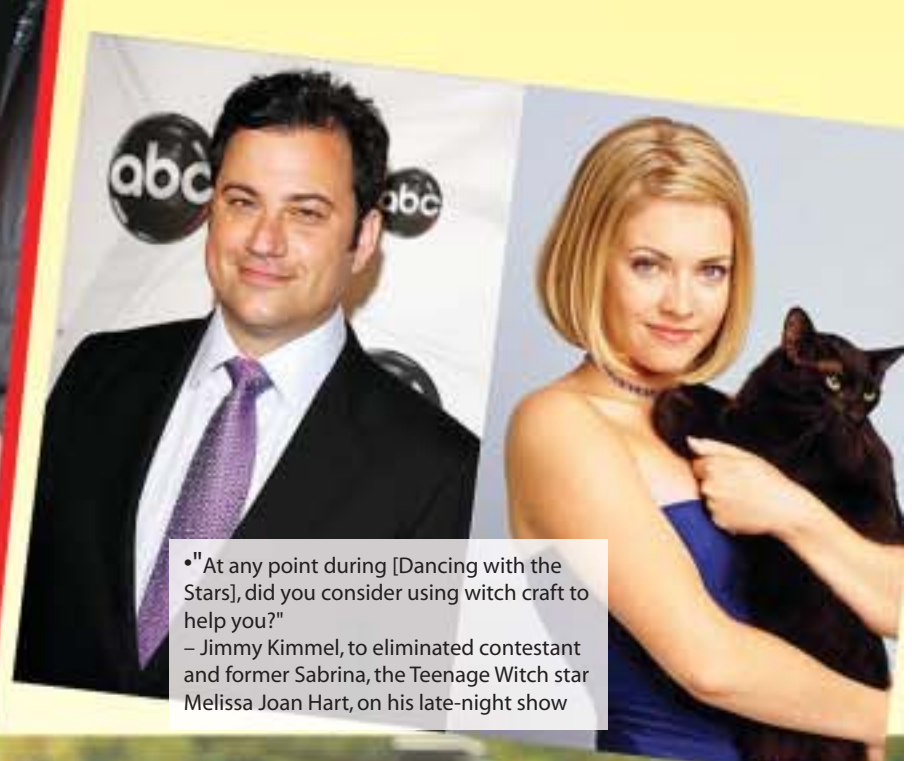
**STUDD STAR**  
After her rousing performance with Jay-Z at Yankee Stadium the night before, Alicia Keys gets back to work on Friday, filming a video for her new single, "Try Sleeping with a Broken Heart," in New York City.



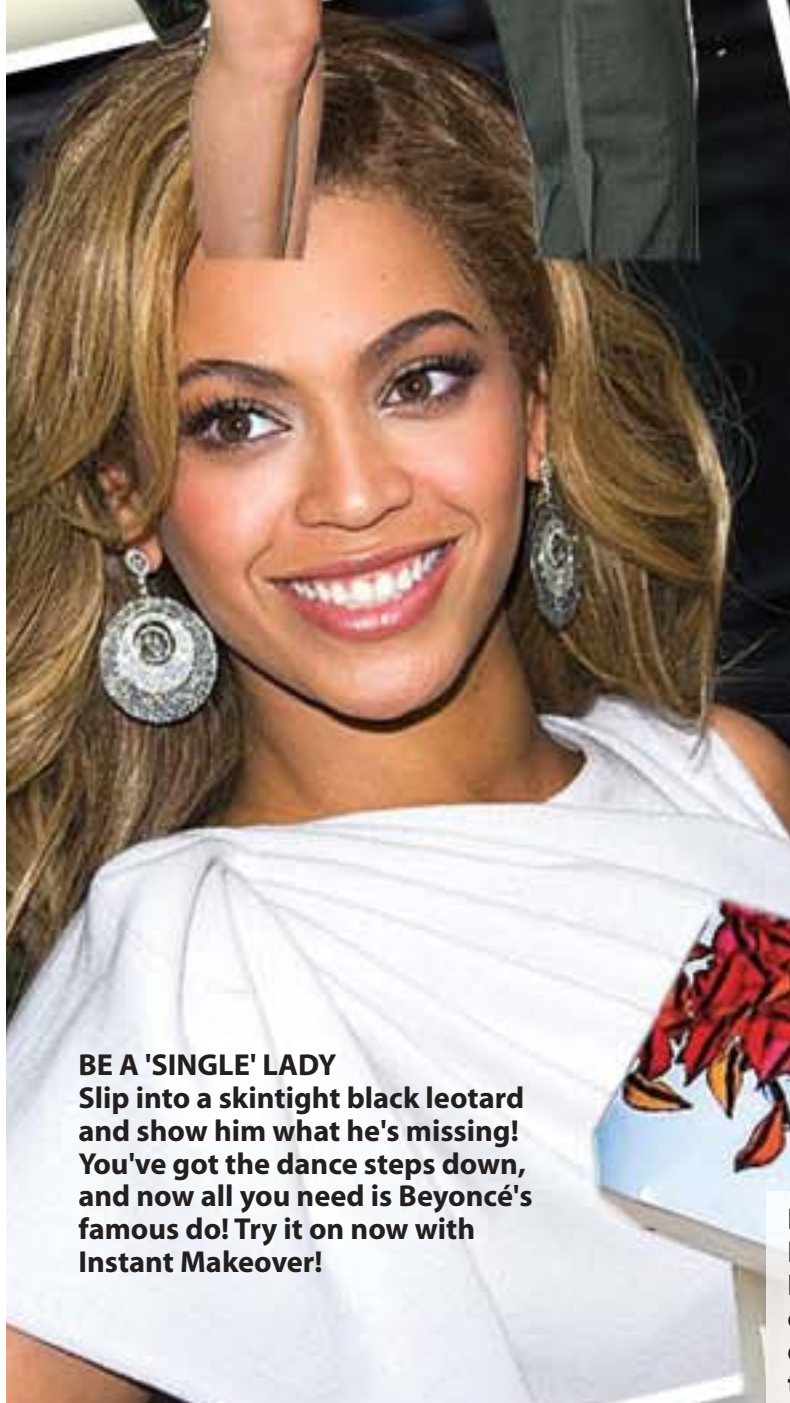
**POWER' COUPLE**  
Grey's Anatomy hunk Eric Dane keeps an expectant Rebecca Gayheart close during the 9th annual Power Up Premiere Gala in Hollywood on Sunday. The event honored ten amazing gay men and women in showbiz.



**HELLO KITTY!**  
Me-wow! DWTS pro Julianne Hough gets into the Halloween spirit, dressing up as one sexy kitten for a bash at L.A. hotspot Voyer on Thursday.



"\*At any point during [Dancing with the Stars], did you consider using witch craft to help you?" - Jimmy Kimmel, to eliminated contestant and former Sabrina, the Teenage Witch star Melissa Joan Hart, on his late-night show



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**WHEEL SWEET**  
Look what cropped up! With a helping hand from some local school kids, First Lady Michelle Obama picks some freshly harvested sweet potatoes from her garden across the White House lawn in Washington, D.C., on Thursday

**BAG LADY**  
Parks & Recreation star Rashida Jones looks like one satisfied customer during a solo shopping trip in L.A. on Thursday.