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CANADA DAY AT AUSTRALIA'S EXPO 88

BRISBANE, AUSTRALIA -- 1 JULY 1988 -- Deputy Prime Minister Don Mazankowski joined Rick Hansen in Brisbane, Australia today to mark Canada's national day at World EXPO 88. Rick Hansen is Commissioner General for Canada at the World Fair that began on 30 April and continues through until the end of October.

Speaking at the formal ceremony to raise Canada's flag, Mr. Mazankowski said "Our participation at EXPO 88 is Canada's major contribution to helping Australia celebrate its bicentenary. Like our own EXPO 86 two years ago in Vancouver, the exposition has electrified the country."

Canada's national day was the high-point of four days of entertainment and special events. An all-Canadian variety show at the 10,000-seat main stage featured Cape Breton singer/songwriter Rita MacNeil, comic/singing impressionist André-Philippe Gagnon, the 47-member RCMP Concert Band and "Paskwa Enuwak", a Cree Indian dance group from Saskatchewan.

There was also a special presentation of award-winning animated short films from the National Film Board.

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