

PRINCESS "TRIX" WAS A WINNER IN ORANGE



HER Royal Highness Princess Beatrix and the Mayor of Orange, Ald. Ron Thomas, were greeted by a large number of schoolchildren outside the Amoco Community Hall before the Civic reception for Her Highness yesterday morning.

CITY TURNS ON A RIGHT ROYAL WELCOME

Orange and district turned on a "Right Royal" welcome yesterday to Her Royal Highness Princess Beatrix, of The Netherlands and her husband, His Royal Highness Prince Claus.

Overcast skies gave way to patches of blue for the occasion — a welcome relief to the Royal Couple and entourage, who have been dogged by bad weather throughout their Australian visit.

Thousands of enthusiastic

wellwishers lined the route of the Royal procession through Summer and Kite Streets, at Lucknow, Spring Hill Airport, the Amoco Community Hall and the Civic Centre to catch a glimpse of the Dutch Royal Couple.

Princess Beatrix endeared herself to the community with her easy-going style and ready smile.

Throughout her brief two and a half hour visit Princess Beatrix displayed an informality and grace which drew a tremendous response

from the crowds.

It was a memorable day for the Dutch community.

More than 450 people of Dutch nationality and heritage were in Orange for the occasion and the red, white and blue bands of the Dutch flag fluttered in profusion.

Members of the Royal entourage said the Princess and Prince had been tremendously impressed by the reception.

"It is by far the most impressive turnout of the visit so far," a member of the Royal party said.

"Probably it is because for the first time the Prince and Princess have been able to meet and talk informally with members of the com-

munity, particularly the Dutch people," he said.

From the time the Royal plane touched down at Spring Hill Airport at 11.30 a.m. until it departed with the Royal Couple at 2.40 p.m. there was no hitch in the tour organisation.

It was a credit to the organisers that everything went so well in such a tightly-packed itinerary.

Princess Beatrix drew sustained applause at the Civic Centre luncheon when she presented the Mayor of Orange, Ald. Ron Thomas, with a gift of a silver Dutch tulip.

A resounding burst of applause greeted the Princess when she declared a further gift of 2000 Dutch tulip bulbs would follow — and they would bloom in orange colors.

Princess Beatrix told Ald. Thomas how delighted she was to have been able to visit Orange and how impressed she and her husband had been with the warmth of the welcome.

Ald. Thomas presented Princess Beatrix with a Greg Turner print of Templer's Mill.

**MORE
PICS,
STORIES,
PAGES
2, 3, 14,
15**



SOME OF THE SENIOR CITIZENS who waited outside Wontama yesterday for a glimpse of the Royal couple.

BELOW: Children from the Spring Terrace School give a warm welcome to Princess Beatrix and Prince Claus after their arrival at Spring Hill Airport yesterday morning.



MR. & MRS. DICK BOSS meet the Princess.



PRINCESS BEATRIX chats with the Mayor of Bathurst, Alderman Les Wardman.



THE PRINCESS meets Mr. and Mrs. W. Kloosterman.



BATHURST RESIDENT, Mrs. B. Tucker, meets the Princess.

An unforgettable moment for many

Reception was an occasion to remember

The reception at the Amoco Community Hall yesterday was an unforgettable experience for the 600 who were there.

The reception was tendered by Orange City Council in honor of the visit to Orange of Her Royal Highness Princess Beatrix of the Netherlands and her husband Prince Claus.

For the Dutch people, and there were 200 of them, it was an occasion they will remember and treasure for the rest of their lives.

Without exception all felt the same way. If they had remained in Holland, the country of their birth, they would never have had occasion to be in such close proximity to their Royal Highnesses.

For the lucky ones who met and talked with them, it was like an impossible dream come true.

From the moment Princess Beatrix entered the hall emotion ran high.

She was an elegant figure in black pure wool patterned in red and green, black court shoes and a black off-the-face hat.

She wore little jewellery.

She was welcomed with the singing of the Dutch National Anthem.

Het Wilhelmus, followed by a spontaneous call for three hearty cheers.

Advance Australia Fair was sung, and after the Mayor's address of welcome Princess Beatrix and her husband parted ways for a meet-the-people walk round the hall.

They were introduced to many and stopped and talked to many.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Brinkman, who came from the Princess's home town of Soest; Ophir County Clerk Mr. Don Pain and Cr. Jack Plowman and Mrs. Plowman who talked to her about electricity and solar heat and said the Princess was most interested; Mr. and Mrs. Dick Bos and their son Alex and his wife (Dick Bos was instigator of the Royal visit), Mr. and Mrs. H. Visser and their son Jan and his wife Patricia.

Mr. Visser was with the Dutch Army in Canada during the war years when Princess Beatrix and her sister Irene and family lived there.

Princess Beatrix was interested in everything and everyone, and all

BY LORNA McLEAN

who talked with her were immediately at ease.

She had something to say to so many and was obviously interested in much that she was told.

For instance there was Mr. and Mrs. J. Bobeldyk's story. Mr. Bobeldyk was in the Army and a member of the firing squad which fired a salute when her parents were married, and later when she was born.

She had a long chat with Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wolters and their daughter Elma. She spoke in her own language and so did Harry, who asked if she would object if he changed to English. The Princess was amused and did not mind at all.

She met Mrs. D.J. Runeman and her son Hank, Mrs. E. Ripperger, Mr. and Mrs. H. Tonkin, Mrs. J. Boers and daughter Katie Brady, and was delighted to hear that Mrs. Boers had made a special effort to leave hospital and attend the reception.

She met Mrs. Bertha MacSmith and Mr. Bill Agland, many, many people.

Mr. and Mrs. D.J. Van Dooren were there with their children, one a babe in arms.



HER Royal Highness Princess Beatrix stops to talk to Joann Brown, 8, from the Spring Terrace School. She was among a number of children who welcomed Her Highness at the Orange Airport yesterday.



HER Royal Highness, Crown Princess of The Netherlands, on the dais at the Amoco Community Hall during the singing of the Dutch national anthem.

CWD CAMERA ON THE ROYAL VISIT

ENTHUSIASTIC WELCOME AT SPRING HILL

A small but enthusiastic crowd of school children and members of the Dutch Community braved the cold yesterday to welcome Her Royal Highness Princess Beatrix and his Royal Highness, Prince Claus of the Netherlands at Orange airport.

BY RUTH CROFTS

The princess arrived at the airport at 11.30 in a RAAF VIP aircraft with her ADC, and the Ambassador for the Netherlands, Mr Emile Schiff and his wife, a number of secretaries and officials.

Although it had stopped raining there was still a cold strong wind whipping across the airport as the princess stepped from the plane.

She was met by the Mayor of Orange, Ald. Ron Thomas who introduced her to his sister-in-law, Mrs. Thomas and the Member for Orange, Mr Garry West and his wife, Libby.

The official party quickly left the tarmac and walked towards the parking area.

Princess Beatrix spoke to a number of children from Spring Terrace school who were standing at the tarmac gate.

They were waving Dutch flags which they had made and stuck on to rulers.

She asked them if they had made them and said they were lovely.

The children, all primary school age, were excited but rather over-awed.

The Princess and the official party were then whisked away in 10 Commonwealth cars.

At Spring Hill they passed children from the school before turning down the Spring Hill road to Lucknow.

A number of workmen were at the railway crossing to stop any trains and a few people had parked their cars at the spot to watch the entourage.

RESIDENTS

Residents at Lucknow stood in the gardens of their homes to wave as the Princess passed.

The cavalcade was led by a police car and followed by an ambulance during the trip to town.

Oncoming cars were waved down by the police and pulled off the road.

A large crowd was at the Amoco Centre to

greet the Princess.

Thousands of school children and Orange citizens lined the route taken by the Royal Party to catch a glimpse of Princess Beatrix.

Many were waving orange colored flags, cheering and clapping as she passed.

The Princess left the Civic reception at the Amoco Community Hall about 1 p.m. and travelled along the Bathurst Road, down Peisley Street, Kite Street, Sampson Street, Summer Street and Peisley Street to the Civic Centre.

About 30 senior citizens from Wontama Homes sat in the cold on chairs provided outside the homes in Summer Street to watch.

The Princess' car slowed down and drove close to the kerb to allow the senior people to catch a glimpse of Her Royal Highness and Prince Claus.



AT TOP: The Mayor of Orange, Ald. Ron Thomas, centre, introduces the Member for Orange, Mr. Garry West, and his wife Libby to HRH Prince Claus when they arrived at Orange Airport yesterday.

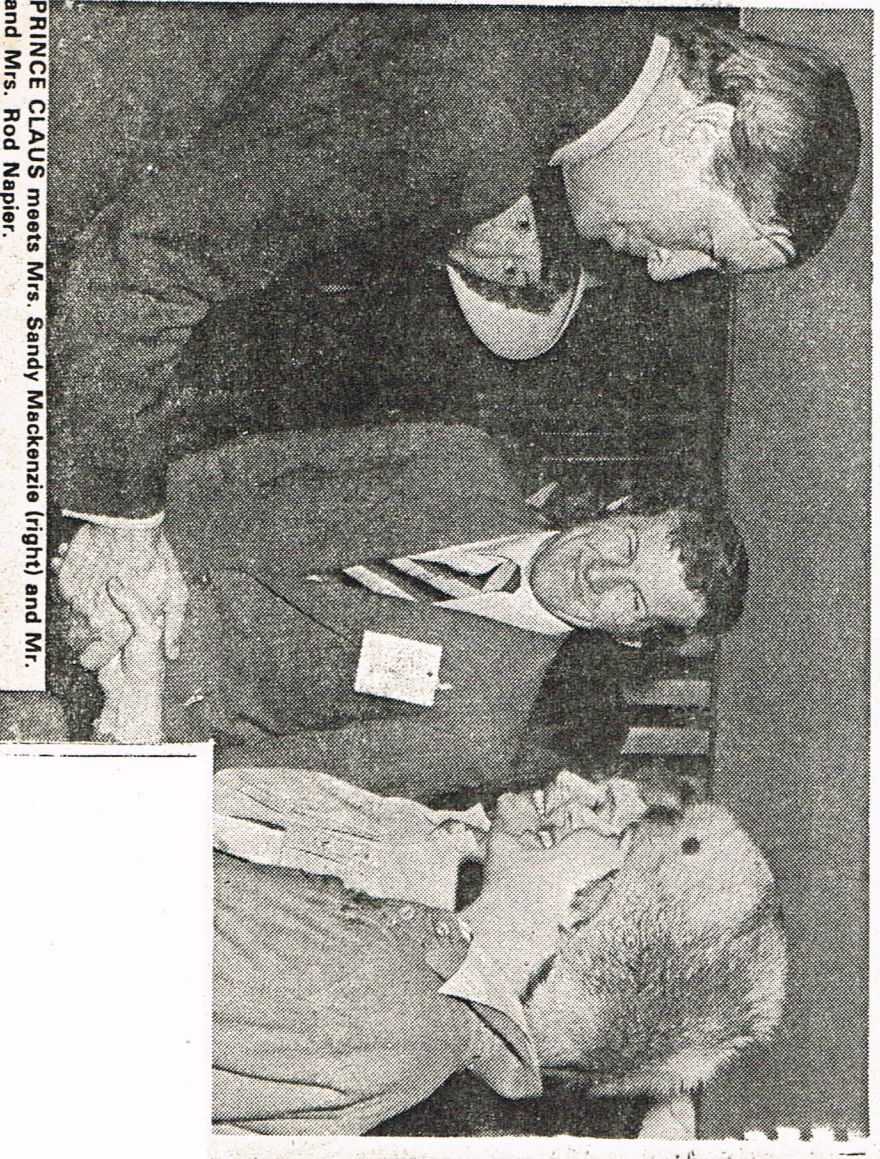
ABOVE: Orange Mayor, Ald. Thomas (at left) and Town Clerk, Mr. Bill Marshall (right) outline the history of Templer's Mill to Princess Beatrix at the luncheon in the Civic Centre yesterday. A print of Greg Turner's Templer's Mill painting was presented to the Princess. Standing behind the Princess is her private secretary, Miss Marlene Woltjer.



HER Royal Highness Princess Beatrix was welcomed to the Civic Reception at the Amoco Community Hall yesterday by Mr. Adrian Immens, a member of the Dutch Community in Orange. Mr. Immens presented Princess Beatrix with a scrolled welcome to Orange and district on behalf of the Dutch community.



MAYOR RON THOMAS admires the silver tulip presented to him by Crown Princess Beatrix at the Civic Centre luncheon.



PRINCE CLAUS meets Mrs. Sandy Mackenzie (right) and Mr. and Mrs. Rod Napier.



PRINCESS BEATRIX chats with Orange artist, Mr. Greg Turner, and Mrs. Peter Morris.

A Royal day for Orange



THE PRINCESS meets Orange Scout, Michael Gunner, with Miss M. Agland and Mr. Bill Agland in the background.



PRINCESS BEATRIX signs the visitors' book at the Centre watched by her husband, Prince Claus.



PRINCESS BEATRIX chats with Orange artist, Mr. Greg Turner, and Mrs. Peter Morris.

A Royal day for Orange



PRINCESS BEATRIX signs the visitors' book at the Civic Centre watched by her husband, Prince Claus.



THE PRINCESS meets Mrs. Harry Wolters and her daughter, Alma.



THE PRINCESS meets Orange Scout, Michael Gunner, with Miss M. Agland and Mr. Bill Agland in the background.



THE PRINCESS chats with Mr. and Mrs. Chris Grylls as the Mayor looks on.



ABOVE: Princess Beatrix acknowledges the crowd as she leaves the Civic Centre with the Mayor, Alderman Ron Thomas.