In the 99 years since Rockhampton was founded, only one other member of the Royal family has visited the city. This was the Queen's uncle, the Duke of Gloucester and at that time Governor-General of Australia, who arrived here late

Choir Sang Welcome The next day, a civic welcome was held at the Town Hall. After the

was held at the Town Hall. After the address of welcome by the Mayor and the Duke's reply, choral items were given by the Rockhampton Musical Union Ladies' Choir, before a presentation of decorations.

Brilliant sunshine favoured the occasion, the main streets were gay with flags and bunting, and several thousands congregated at the Town Hall for the reception.

The three recipients of decorations, all members of the RAAF, were F/Lt T. W. J. Noon, DFC, for having displayed the utmost courage, fortitude and devotion to duty during numerous operations against the enemy; Fit/Sgt K. N. Heilbronn, wireless operator, DFM, for great devotion to duty, particularly throughout the monsoon period over Burma; Fit/Sgt A. V. Pearson, wireless operator, DFM, for outstanding bravery during an air operation over German; in which the

A. V. Pearson, wireless operator, DFM, for outstanding bravery during an air operation over Germany, in which the aircraft sustained extensive damage.

Returned soldiers of three wars—Boer War, World War I and World War II—were inspected by the Duke on the Derby Street side of the Town Hall, and he spent much time speaking to the Diggers, old and young.

Boer War Veterans were commanded by the late Brigadier-General W. G. Thompson, World War I permanded by the late Brigadier-General
W. G. Thompson, World War I personnel by the late Colonel H. R.
Gower, and World War II men by
Major A. J. Millroy.
VADs and members of the Red
Cross Society, Girl Guides, Scouts and

that there were no speeches and the Duke was able to chat freely with the guests.

After signing the visitor's book at the Town Hall, the Duke was driven to the airport via the Central Girls' and Central Boys' Schools and the Range College in Agnes Street, where the children who had lined the footpaths gave him a tremendous welcome. He later told the Masser a tremendous welcome. He later told the Mayor that he had been particularly touched by these

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## DUKE OF GLOUCESTER WAS CITY'S FIRST ROYAL VISITOR

The Duke of Gloucester talking to Flight-Lieut. T. W. J. Noon on the dais at the Town Hall after decorating him with the Distinguished Flying Cross.

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on the afternoon of June 11, 1946, and left the following afternoon for Mackay.

THE Avro-Yer!: aircraft "Endeavour" brought the Duke to Rock hampton from Brisbane and he was met on arrival at Connor Park by the Mayor (Mr H. Jeffries), the Minister for the Army (Mr F. M. Forde) and the Town Clerk (the late

Mr E. H. Bryant).

The Duchess of Gloucester had been unable to accompany the Duke on account of a throat infection, but later travelled by plane to Mackay to

join him.

He was accompanied here by Major-General C. H. Miller, CB, CBE, DSC, Chief of Staff, and Major Michael Hawkins, MBE, Senior ADC.

No official function was held that night, and the Duke and his staff were accommodated in special suites at the Criterion Hotel.

Cross Society, Girl Guides, Scouts and Cubs were also inspected, and also several thousand school children from the district who were assembled on the Alma Street side of the Town Hall.

An official lunches was held at the A large crowd had also assembled at the airport to farewell the Duke, who left for Mackay at 2.55 p.m.

LONG LIVE THE QUEEN. LOYAL GREETINGS AND A HAPPY Her Most Gracious Majesty

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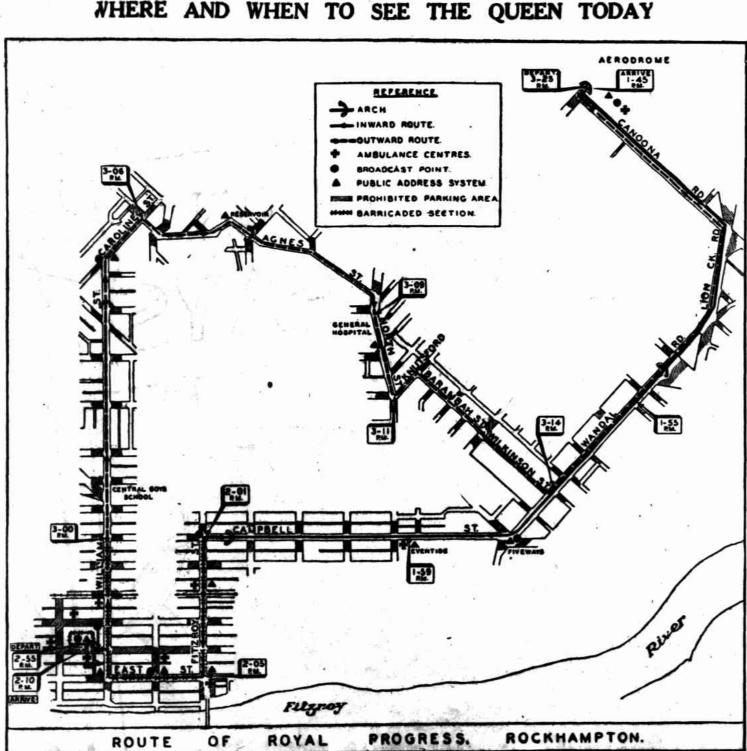
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### HELP THE POLICE AND YOURSELF

With large and excited crowds expected in the city today, the wait your coming gracious lady from the police have a big job on their hands keeping the Royal Progress route the Superintendent of Traffic (Sub. Inspector A. Purcell) asks the public for their help by observing the following "do's" and "don'ts."

A thousand hearts shall keep the memories

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HONOURED BY

THE VISIT OF

OUR REIGNING

MONARCH

Queen Elizabeth II.

and

H. R. H.

The Duke of Edinburgh

May Her Majesty's Reign Be

Happy, Long and Glorious.

THE VOGUE SALON

III EAST STREET, ROCKHAMPTON.

GIVE yourself plenty of time to get to your destination by motor vehicle, as there may be traffic hold-ups.

Show tolerance if you are held up by traffic.

Take every precaution to avoid accidents, particularly after the Royal Visit has concluded, as it is enticipated there will be a heavy volume as it is enticipated there will be a heavy volume.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

Her Most Gracious Majesty QUEEN ELIZABETH II and

His Royal Highness ' The DUKE OF EDINBURGH

We pay loyal homage on this historic occasion of their Royal Visit to the City of Rockhampton.

EAST STREET-ROCKHAMPTON

THE STAFF AND MANAGEMENT

WALTER STROW'S PHARMACY

JAMES STREET, YEPPOON Join In Joyous Welcome Her Gracious Majesty QUEEN ELIZABETH

and His Royal Highness THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH "LONG LIVE THE QUEEN "

### WELCOME, ELIZABETH

WHAT YOU CAN'T DO

the weary, and the halt and lame,

They, too, pay homage to your loveliness.

Be peaceful, happy, safe and sanctified

### **PROGRAMME** FOR TODAY

This is what will happen in the one hour and 40 minutes of the Royal visit to Rockhampton today. ON arrival at Connor Park at 1.45 p.m. the Royal couple will be received by the Min-ister for Health and Home Affairs (Mr W. M. Moore) who will present the Mayor (Mr Pil-beam) and Mrs Pilbeam.

The Royal Progress from the airport commences at 1,50 p.m. and terminates in front of the City Hall dais at 2,10 p.m., where the Mayor and Mayoress will receive the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh and escort them to the dais. The Rockhampton City Band will then play the first verse of the National Anthem.

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• Church leaders, aldermen and their wives will be presented, and immediately after the Mayor will read the address of welcome. Her Majesty will reply.

• The bouquet will be presented by Elma Kay Bannerman, and the party will then proceed to the top floor at the rear of the City Hall to view the schoolchildren.

• They will view the returned soldiers and other organisations from the Derby Street side, and womens' and other organisations from the School of Arts side.

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• After the signing of the Visitors' Book, the Royal couple will view the public assembled in front of the City Hall, and at 2.55 p.m. they will leave for Connor Park.

• At 3.21 p.m. they will be farewelled at the airport by the Mayor and Mayoress.

• At 3.25 p.m. the Royal plane will leave for Brisbane.

# Loyal Greetings

To Her Most Gracious Majesty QUEEN ELIZABETH II. And His Royal Highness THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH

May They Carry Back With Them Many Happy Memories Of Their Visit To Our City of Rockhampton. 55 William St Phone 3328

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