

Mansfield welcomes back Prince Charles



Town crowd disappointed as scarf mars view of Princess Anne

Prince Charles and Princess Anne arrived at the McMillan Airfield, Mansfield, this morning on their way to Timbertop where they were greeted by the Mansfield Shire President, Cr. J. Cummins, and Mrs. Cummins, who were supported by all 14 members of the Mansfield Shire Council, and their wives, and Shire office personnel.

The Royal visitors left the airfield in an open car and proceeded to Mansfield where they were given a tumultuous welcome by possibly the greatest crowd that has ever been seen in Mansfield.

In a closed car they left Mansfield for Timbertop, where they toured the school before spending the afternoon as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Geoffrey Ritchie, at "Koombahla," a station property, near Mansfield.

Prince Charles spent the first two terms of 1965 as a student at the Geelong Grammar School's Timbertop School, near Mansfield.

During his school days at Timbertop many Mansfield residents had been fortunate enough to catch an occasional glimpse of Prince Charles.

The picture that Prince Charles presented of himself while in Mansfield today greatly contrasted with the recollections that many local residents have of him during his days at Timbertop.

Prince Charles, the mature young man who stepped from the plane today, contrasted greatly with the youthful schoolboy Prince who passed through Mansfield just over five years ago to spend two terms at Australia's rugged bush school, Timbertop.

And, today, Prince Charles' fresh, fair English complexion contrasted greatly with the deep Australian sun tan that he wore when he passed through Mansfield at the completion of his school days at Timbertop, on his way back to England.

A PROUD MOMENT

• School was never like this . . . Proud pupils of Winton State School chatted quite freely to Prince Charles as he moved amongst them, guided by Mansfield Shire President, Cr. J. Cummins, this morning. Some youngsters thought it unusual that Prince Charles was carrying a hat (see page 27).

This and other photographs on page 27 were taken by The Ensign photographer, Mr. Alan Day, of Tyson Studio, who made a special rush trio to Mansfield and back to have them developed in time for today's issue.