#### **Royal Visits to Adelaide Source Sheet No. 12**

The first Royal Visit to Adelaide was in 1867, when Prince Alfred the Duke of Edinburgh, second son of Queen Victoria, visited the City at the commencement of his tour of the Australian colonies. Since then there have been a number of Royal Visits, almost all of them by members of the British Royal Family. Royal Visits to Adelaide have traditionally been major events attracting huge crowds and much fanfare and preparation by the City Council, perhaps none more so than the visit of the newly-crowned Queen Elizabeth II in March 1954, which brought the City to a complete standstill. The City Archives holds records relating to the following Royal Visits:

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| 1867 Prince Alfred | 1964 Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother (cancelled) |
| 1881 Prince Albert Victor and Prince George | 1966 Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother |
| 1901 Duke and Duchess of Cornwall and York | 1967 Duke of Edinburgh |
| 1920 Prince Edward | 1969 Duke and Duchess of Kent |
| 1927 Duke and Duchess of York | 1971 Duke of Edinburgh |
| 1934 Duke of Gloucester | 1975 Princess Anne and Captain Mark Phillips |
| 1952 King George VI (cancelled) | 1977 Prince of Wales |
| 1954 Queen Elizabeth II & the Duke of Edinburgh | 1980 Princess Alexandria |
| 1958 Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother | 1981 Queen Elizabeth II and the Duke of Edinburgh |
| 1962 King and Queen of Thailand | 1983 Prince and Princess of Wales |
| 1963 Queen Elizabeth II and the Duke of Edinburgh |  |

**Archival Sources**

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| **Record Description** | **Date Range** | **Accession Number(s)** |
| Master Index [to Town Clerk’s Dockets and Special Files] | 1930 –1976 | 2426 |
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| Town Clerk’s Letters Received Books | 1862 –1976 | 4182 |
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| Town Clerk’s Special File 44 – *Royal Visits* | 1901-1920 | 352 |
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| Town Clerk’s Special File 322 - *Royal Visit 1952 and 1954* | 1950 - 1954 | 352 |
| Town Clerk’s Special File 410 - *Royal Visit by Queen Mother* | 1957 - 1958 | 352 |
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| Town Clerk’s Special File 521 - *Royal Visit by Queen Mother* | 1963 - 1964 | 352 |
| Town Clerk’s Special File 565 - *Royal Visit by Queen Mother* | 1965 - 1966 | 352 |
| Recordings of the Civic Receptionfor *Queen Elizabeth II* | 1954 | 287 |
| Royal Visit 1952 Citizens’ Committee Records | 1951 - 1958 | 446 |
| Newspaper Clippings - Royal Visits | 1948 - 1966 | 296 |
| Records of Citizens’ Committee -Preparation for Royal Visits | 1948 - 1954 | 916 |
| Record of Royal Visit Expenditure [Sheets] | Undated | 2194 |
| Photo Albums - Royal Visits | 1920 - 1963 | 1258 |
| Citizens’ Committee Records - Royal Visit to South Australia | 1948 | 1458 |
| Publications Relating to Royalty | c1953 | 1459 |
| Photographs Relating to Royalty | C1901 | 1461/3 |
| Photograph Album of Royal Visit – Duke and Duchess of Cornwall and York | 1901 | 1861 |
| Royal Visit Records | 1948– 1954 | 5057 |
| Town Clerk’s Department Newspaper Clippings Books | 1901-1963 | 283 |
| City Engineer’s Photo Albums - Royal Visits | 1927 | 3261/2,26 |
| Historical Pictorial Collection | 1850 - 1970 | S59, 1461, 3016, 5531 |
| Town Clerk’s Lantern Slides Collection | 1860 - 1940 | 4351 |
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| Princess Alexandria Visit | 1980 | 1780 |
| Visit of HRH Queen Elizabeth II and the Duke of Edinburgh | 1981 | 1780 |
| Visit by their Royal Highness Prince Charles & Princess Diana | 1983 | 1780 |

**Other sources**

Mayor’s Reports which, from 1901, became Annual Reports of the Council provide details of Royal Visits. Minutes and Reports of Council and its Committees relating to this subject are contained in the annual Digest of Proceedings. A useful source is the book by Philip Pike, ***The Royal Presence in Australia 1867-1986*** (Royalty Publishing, Adelaide, 1986).

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