

## Royal Visits to the RES

Year	Name(s)	Details
1870	Prince Alfred, Duke of Edinburgh	Visited the Show in an unofficial capacity. Newspapers report that he was so impressed by the exhibition that he allowed his pet elephant 'Tom' to be shown there for a period, as an additional wonder for the public.
1927	Prince Albert, Duke of York and the Duchess of York, Elizabeth Bowes-Lyon	Visited the Show in first ever official Royal visit. The couple were in Australia to open the provisional Parliament House in Canberra.
1959	Princess Alexandra of Kent	Visited the Show while in Australia for the Queensland State Centenary.
1965	Prince Henry, Duke of Gloucester	The first Royal to officially open the Show. Prince Henry served as Australia's Governor General 1945 – 1947 but never opened a Show in this capacity due to the military occupation of the Showground during this time.
1970	Queen Elizabeth II Prince Phillip, Duke of Edinburgh Princess Anne, Princess Royal Prince Charles, Prince of Wales	Visited the Show as part of their extensive tour of Australia in 1970 in connection with the bi-centenary of Captain James Cook sailing up the east coast of Australia.
1971	Prince Phillip, Duke of Edinburgh	Visited the Show as part of his visit to celebrate the 50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Royal Australian Air Force.
1981	Prince Charles, Prince of Wales	Visited the Show and competed in the polo. The Prince was in Australia to open the 50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Convention of Apex Clubs in Australia.
1988	Princess Anne, Princess Royal	Opened the Show. The Princess was in Australia to celebrate the nation's bicentenary.
2014	Prince William, Duke of Cambridge and the Duchess of Cambridge, Catherine	Visited the Show as part of a planned royal tour to Australia. The couple opened the Southee and Badgery Pavilion
2022	Princess Anne, Princess Royal	Opened the Show with the participation of the Australian Defence Force, including Australia's

		Federation Guard and the defence band. Princess Anne was escorted by the NSW Mounted Police as she made her way into the stadium in a horse-drawn caleche.
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Note: The Queen visited the Showground in 1954, but finished up her Australian tour (3<sup>rd</sup> February – 1<sup>st</sup> April 1954) before the start of the Show.