# Witness to history: the opening of the Provisional Parliament House in 1927Audio transcript

Therese: Well, people were all going, so many people. They were taking whoever wanted to go. Some on trucks, some on cars. Whatever they had. We were on a truck. His truck I’ve forgotten. I can remember the place and everybody else, but I can't remember his truck we were on. They had platform, you know, long sills on the flat part of the truck at the back. We all sat on that.

Barry: So that’s like a motorised truck?

Therese: Oh yes.

Barry: At school, did they prepare you for attending the opening?

Therese: Oh yes. They talked a lot about it. Of course it was a big thing, seeing Royalty in the flesh, for us. We had read a lot about them in all the rest so... and we didn't… We did feel sorry for the little one being left behind. Who is now Queen Elizabeth. I know we were very impressed.

Barry: Did you hope to … that you could have met the Duke and Duchess, what with the…?

Therese: Oh no. We thought that was way above us. Yes. There were a lot of people meeting them, but they were quite … high public servants, or hierarchies of some kind.

Barry: Right.