## Kangaroo on the menu for Harry and Meghan

AFP | Melbourne, Australia

**▼** hargrilled kangaroo was on the royal menu yesterday as Prince Harry and his pregnant wife Meghan arrived in Australia's second-largest city Melbourne, where they were greeted by thousands of screaming fans.

Clutching flowers and waving flags, the crowds turned out to welcome the pair, who were delayed in traffic after flying in from Sydney on the third day of their tour Down Under.

The pair will only spend a few hours in Melbourne, but had a jam-packed schedule that included a meal featuring native Australian foods and a trip to a beach.

"I love everything they stand for. As a human being you have so much to look up to with them," one young fan who had been waiting since before dawn told national broadcaster ABC as the pair mingled with the crowd.

A teenage girl cried tears of joy and threw her arms around the prince as she clutched a hand-written banner with the words: "Been here since 4am. Loved you since I was eight."

"You're gonna get me in trouble," Harry joked as he embraced



The couple's morethan-two-week official visit will take in multiple stops in Australia, Fiji, Tonga and New Zealand



Prince Harry (R) and Meghan watch thirteen-month-old Ruby Carroll during a visit to the drought-affected farm Mountain View in Dubbo in Dubbo

expecting their first child.

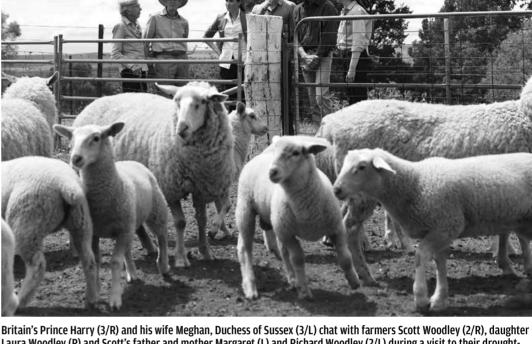
on a dinosaur pasta necklace her walk.

"I made it with pasta and stroked Harry's back. dipped them in gold paint and told news.com.au.

her. Meghan was inundated by a tan trench-coat, believed to flower bouquets and baby gifts be by Paris-based Australian following their announcement designer Martin Grant, a navy on Monday that Meghan was dress by the breakthrough star of local fashion Dion Lee, and The US-born royal also put holding a Gucci Sylvie clutch.

The loved-up husband and made by a five-year-old boy, who wife mostly mingled with the was wearing his favourite pilot crowd separately, but when they

The Duchess was wearing ernor Linda Dessau in an offi- to a restaurant that mentors in-



Laura Woodley (R) and Scott's father and mother Margaret (L) and Richard Woodley (2/L) during a visit to their droughtaffected farm called Mountain View



Meghan waves to students as she and her husband Prince Harry visit Albert Park **Primary School in Melbourne** 

and the Duchess periodically House, where the Duchess of kangaroo and wild boar on the army. After the public meet-and- cal sports fans by handballing Channel Nine. They will visit week official visit will take in threaded the string through," he greet, the couple spent some a football used in the Australian a school before finishing up at multiple stops in Australia, Fiji, time with the Victorian Gov- Rules game. They then headed South Melbourne beach.

uniform outfit, for the rest of were together, they held hands cial reception at Government digenous chefs with chargrilled ter his decade of service in the Sussex stole the hearts of lo- menu, according to broadcaster

The couple will also follow in parts of the Commonwealth.



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A BOY ON DINOSAUR PASTA NECKLACE

the footsteps of Harry's grandmother Queen Elizabeth during her 2011 visit by taking a tram ride in Melbourne.

They are due to return to Sydney later this week for the opening of the global sports championship the Invictus Games, which was set up by Harry for wounded military personnel af-

The couple's more-than-two-Tonga and New Zealand -- all

## Myanmar Buddhist temple now a nirvana for snakes

AFP | Yangon, Myanmar

rossing a bridge to the mid-✓dle of a lake in Myanmar's Yangon region, pilgrims arrive at a temple to pin their hopes on the pythons slinking across the temple's floors and draped across windows.

"People come here because they believe that their prayers will be fulfilled when they ask for something," said Sandar Thiri, a nun residing at the Baungdawgyoke pagoda -- dubbed the "snake temple" by locals.

"The rule is that people can things," she said. "Don't be outside Yangon. greedy."

In the main room of the temple is a tree with figurines of branches, their forked tongues trating themselves.



only ask for one thing, not many A monk touching a snake resting in his room in the Baungdawgyoke pagoda,

Buddha around it. The ser- darting in and out as they gaze Many locals regard the prespents move slowly through the down on the worshippers prosence of the dozens of pythons, give offerings, which has made dawgyoke -- a short drive south-brings me good fortune instead."

Many locals regard the presence of the dozens of pythons

some measuring up to two or Nagas are usually carved out lief that all animals are sentient three metres in length, as a sign of the pagoda's power.

Win Myint, 45, said he has

since he was a child.

some of my wishes come true." west of downtown Yangon.

Nearby, a monk dozes on a chair with two serpents curled meditating monks, the image is at his feet, their thick bodies reminiscent of a story in Budholding 1,000 kyat notes (worth dhist mythology when the Budabout 60 US cents) tucked in dha sat under a tree to meditate. between their coils by hopeful visitors. A woman, brave enough started to rain, a cobra protected to venture close to a python, gen- Buddha by fanning its hood wide tly caresses it.

The mythical "naga" -- a Sanskrit word for snake -- is farmer, believes he will receive a common figure seen in tem- good fortune by bringing the ples throughout Southeast Asia, snakes he finds in his fields to where Buddhist, Hindu and ani- the temple instead of killing mist influences are intertwined. them, adhering to a Buddhist beof stone and placed at the en- beings that can be reincarnated

But seeing a live snake slithbeen coming to Baungdawgyoke ering among Buddha statues is any misfortune by killing a crearare, and for some visitors, that ture," Nay Myo Thu said. "Catch-"Now I am older and I come to serves as a draw to visit Baung- ing and donating the snakes

With snakes curled up next to

According to the legend, as it over his head to act as a shelter.

Nay Myo Thu, a 30-year-old as humans.

"I don't want to bring about