

BRISBANE QUEEN CROWNED  
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Largs, in Ayrshire, remembers a Local Boy (of long ago) who made good. To the Barrfields Football Field rides this year's "Brisbane-Queen" Elect (schoolgirl Elizabeth Margaret Dobie) to be crowned according to ancient ceremony honouring Sir Thomas Makdougall Brisbane, founder of the capital of Queensland. A big crowd watches as Halberdiers prepare for the Queen's coming.

Next, come her ladies-in-waiting.

And here comes the Queen, to reign for a year in the seaside town whence, over a hundred years ago, Largs-born Thomas Brisbane began his adventurous career abroad.

The wife of Largs Provost Brown carries out the coronation ceremony. To Elizabeth falls the honour, by the popular vote of her school.

Holding court, the Queen receives the Provost himself, to be followed by Baillies of the town.

As more distinguished attendants pay court, Largs ends its day of historic associations with the past. And a schoolgirl symbolises the close links between Scotland and the Commonwealth across the seas.