



**"I love hugs", was Diana's reply when young Emma Jones asked the Princess for a cuddle.**

Research Institute, which included the institute's chairman Neville Wran, Dr Chang's widow Ann Chang and Australia's youngest heart transplant recipient Fiona Coote.

Diana joked and giggled with doctors and staff and then she listened intently as the complicated work being done by some of Australia's top scientists was explained to her.

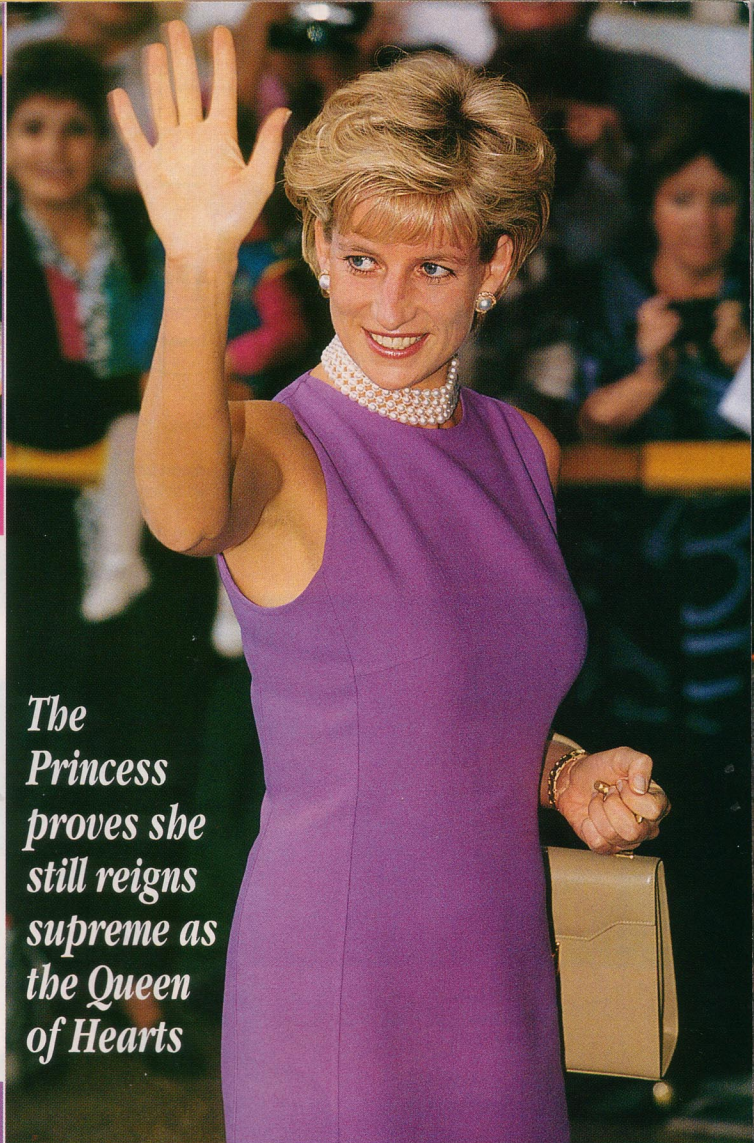
To one scientist she said: "This work must command a lot of patience. The facilities here are excellent."

Chief scientist Dr John Woodard spoke about the Chang Heart Assist Device, an artificial heart designed to keep a person with profound heart failure alive until their own heart can recover or they have a transplant.

Later he added: "I was not at all surprised at (Diana's) knowledge."

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## *The Princess proves she still reigns supreme as the Queen of Hearts*

### **Marie's triumph**

**I**gnoring security on her arrival at Sydney airport last Thursday, Diana insisted Marie Sutton – the woman who persuaded her to come to Australia – travel in her VIP motorcade.

"The Princess said to me, 'Are you coming, Marie?'," says the 'miracle worker' who stunned organisers when she convinced Diana to be guest of honor at the Victor Chang ball.

When Marie – who was devastated after officials told her earlier in the morning she was not in the motorcade – told Diana she'd been excluded, the Princess intervened, determined Marie would travel with her to

the plush Ritz Carlton, where they were staying on the same floor.

"She said, 'I beg your pardon, you are coming with me. Follow me!'," says Marie. "So I followed her. Then she said, 'Get in the lift with me, Marie, you are coming with us.'"

It was the moment Marie had been dreaming of since she telephoned Kensington Palace earlier this year. "The Princess said to me, 'At last! It's lovely to meet you!'," Marie reveals.

As she joined the motorcade, Marie told the embarrassed official who'd barred her entrance: "Well, you can see the Princess wants me around."

The Princess was given the royal treatment on arrival, despite her recent divorce from Prince Charles.

A chauffeur-driven top-of-the-range \$154,000 Lexus LS 400 met Diana on arrival, leading her motorcade of three VIP vehicles.

The hordes of Fleet Street press who had travelled Down Under for Diana's visit were amazed at the reception.

"She was picked up on the tarmac and had a police escort – a police car followed by three motorcycle outriders," said one. "She doesn't even get that in London now!"