

Mayoral Minute

SUBJECT: MAYORAL MINUTE - THE PASSING OF QUEEN ELIZABETH II

FROM: The Mayor

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On Friday 9 September 2022, we woke to the news that Queen Elizabeth II, the UK's longest-serving monarch, had passed away at Balmoral.

She was 96 years of age and had reigned as Queen for 70 years, all of which were filled with truly amazing accomplishments.

She served in World War Two as an auto mechanic, modernised the monarchy by adjusting traditions to meet modern times and supported more than 600 charities in Britain and so much more.

As the first reigning monarch to visit Australia, Queen Elizabeth II set foot for the first time on Australian soil in 1954 at Farm Cove in Sydney Harbour where an unprecedented crowd of more than one million people greeted her.

She performed her duty with fidelity, integrity, empathy and respect. She was an inspirational leader, who influenced and touched generations of women around the world. Australians were lucky enough to see those qualities during the 16 times she visited our nation during her reign, travelling to each state and territory.

Very few of us know a world without Queen Elizabeth II in it. Her presence spanned countries, cultures, language, and continents - her reign transcended decades and generations. And like no monarch before her, she captured our hearts and our affection. We treasured her, and the entire world respected her.

Her Majesty's loss will be felt throughout the Commonwealth, our community and by countless people around the world for years to come.

I hope her family take comfort in knowing how deeply respected and loved the late Queen was, and how much of an impact she made during her reign.

May Queen Elizabeth II Rest in Peace.

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That Council note the information.