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**MM25/22 DEATH OF HER MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH II - Mayor,  
Councillor Jordan Lane****File Number: MYR/07/10/20 - BP22/748**

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Like so many people around the world, I was saddened to hear of the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

In a world of change, fads and social upheaval, Her Majesty was a figure of reassurance, steadiness and infinite calm.

The impact her death has had on the population of the United Kingdom has been visible.

The great reverence of the people who have queued for hours to say thank you and pay their last respects provides some indication of the esteem in which she was held.

Numerous speakers in the British Parliament have reflected on what the Queen meant to them, to the country, the Commonwealth and indeed people around the world.

Former Prime Minister Boris Johnson stated that countless people throughout the world have experienced sudden access to unexpected emotion following her passing.

Jess Phillips a British Labour Party MP in a moving speech stated that whilst she was not born into a family of monarchists, that it felt as if the Queen was a member of everyone's family, and that there is a story of the Queen's grace that every person can relate to.

Ms Phillips stated that no matter your political persuasion, religious belief etc that there is a story of the Queen's grace that leads to your bias. You can see her as a traditionalist, a modernist, someone with deep faith, somebody who represented people without a faith and as she says, a feminist.

The press has also repeated many quotes from the Queen over the years. Perhaps one of the simplest, yet a very important one is: "It is a matter of making the best of ourselves, not just doing the best for ourselves"

Council has made available a condolence book both online and in the Ryde branch of the library and all messages received will be sent to Buckingham Palace.

I believe the people of Australia and the City of Ryde, owe the Queen a great debt and I move that a minute's silence now be observed to allow reflection on the great life of service and inspiration lived by the Queen.

**MM25/22 (continued)****RECOMMENDATION:**

- (a) That a minute's silence be observed to reflect on the life of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.
- (b) That the messages placed in the condolence book be forwarded to Buckingham Palace.

**ATTACHMENTS**

There are no attachments for this report.

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