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**MM19/22 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF INDIAN INDEPENDENCE -  
Mayor, Councillor Jordan Lane****File Number: MYR/07/10/20 - BP22/619**

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India is the largest democracy in the world and will celebrate the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its independence on 15 August 2022.

On 15 August 1947 India carves out its rightful place in the world and since then the democratic journey of its people and today it is the largest democracy known for its diverse, vibrant outlook.

India has shown impressive growth since Independence, including in the areas of agricultural production, science, affordable health care, world class educational institutions, biotechnology and IT. It also has the third largest start up ecosystem in the world.

Australia and India enjoy very close relations and have recently signed the INDAUS-ECTA (India-Australia Economic Cooperation and Trade Agreement) which aims to increase the resilience of supply chains and contribute to the stability of the Indo-Pacific region.

Recent Census figures show the Indian Australian community is the largest diaspora and locally, 7% of the residents of the City of Ryde were born in India.

Each year, the Prime Minister of India raises the Indian flag to mark India's Independence and this year, I would like to suggest that the City of Ryde also conduct a flag raising to mark this event.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

- (a) That the Mayor write to the Consul General of India, Mr Manish Gupta in recognition of India's Independence Day.
- (b) That Council host a flag raising on 15 August 2022 to mark Independence Day.
- (c) That the Consul General be invited to attend the flag raising ceremony.

**ATTACHMENTS**

There are no attachments for this report.

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**Mayor**

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Council, submitted on 26 July 2022.