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Her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee

The City of Nedlands has celebrated the historic milestone of the Diamond Jubilee for Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. A commemorative tree planting ceremony was held at the Peace Memorial Garden, Nedlands.

Mayor Hipkins planted an English Oak (Quercus robur) tree and unveiled a plaque to commemorate the 60 year Diamond Jubilee of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, who ascended to the Commonwealth throne on 6 February 1952.

The event is one of many celebrations that have been held right around the world to mark the unstinting service of The Queen. All distinguished guests joined in to sing the Australian National Anthem and God Save the Queen, followed by a toast to rejoice the occasion.

During the speeches made by Mayor Hipkins he said, "The Queen is the oldest monarch to celebrate a Diamond Jubilee and she is only our second monarch to mark 60 years on the throne".

Mayor Hipkins also talked about a number of interesting facts about the Queen during her reign:

- She is currently patron of over 600 charities and organisations, over 400 of which she has held since 1952
- She has answered around three and a half million items of correspondence
- She has sent over 175,000 telegrams to centenarians in the UK and the Commonwealth
- She has sent almost 540,000 telegrams to couples in the UK and the Commonwealth celebrating their diamond wedding anniversary
- She has sat for 129 portraits during her reign
- She has made a Christmas Broadcast to the Commonwealth every year of her reign except 1969

On Monday 4 June thousands of beacons were lit around the world to commemorate The Queen's 60 year reign over the UK and as head of the Commonwealth.

As we reflect on six decades that have passed we see how much Australia has changed in this time. Across all of this change, we see The Queen has been a symbol of continuity and our nation honours this.

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