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## In memory of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

*Nauru pays tribute to and celebrates the life of the British monarch who reigned for 70 years*



*On the Royal Tour in October 1982, Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip visited Nauru on the Royal Yacht Britannia and were greeted by Nauru's first president the late Hammer DeRoburt, Madam DeRoburt and the children of Nauru*

## Nauru pays tribute to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

Queen Elizabeth II, the UK's longest-serving monarch died at her Scottish estate Balmoral aged 96, after reigning for 70 years.

The Government and people of the Republic of Nauru are deeply saddened by the news of Her Majesty's passing and extended heartfelt condolences to the Royal family and the people of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

The Nauru flag flew at half-mast outside the Government Offices on 9 September. His Excellency President Lionel Aingimea declared Monday 12 September a special public holiday as 'Remembrance Day' in honour of Her Majesty.

According to the BBC, Her Majesty died peacefully on the afternoon of Thursday 8 September at her Scottish estate, where she had spent much of the summer.

Prince Charles was officially proclaimed King on the Saturday following the Queen's death at Saint James's Palace in London.

In a letter to the UK Prime Minister, the Rt Honourable Elizabeth Truss, President Aingimea said Her Majesty the Queen lived her life of dedication to duty and service to her people, the Crown and the family of the Commonwealth countries.

In October 1982, Queen Elizabeth II visited Nauru with Prince Philip on the Royal Yacht Britannia during the presidency of the late Hammer DeRoburt. She remains the only British monarch or royalty to have visited Nauru. The Pacific tour that year included Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands, Kiribati, Tuvalu and Fiji.

An extract from the Nauru Philatelic Bureau publication, Kaleidoscope of Nauru 1983, the late President DeRoburt said in his opening address welcoming the Queen to Nauru, "Your most gracious Majesty, this visit gives all of us here the greatest pleasure and on behalf of the people of Nauru, I welcome Your Majesty and His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh in the warmest manner.

"This is the first visit made to Nauru by Royalty from the United

Kingdom, and Your Majesty does us a great honour in coming here so that we can meet in person."

In 1968 Nauru became the first Pacific Island nation, and the 29th country globally to join the Commonwealth, as a special member; and later as a full member in 1999.

The Queen was born Elizabeth Alexandra Mary Windsor, in Mayfair, London, on 21 April 1926.

Her father became King George VI and, at age 10, she became heir to the throne.

Her children are King Charles III, Princess Anne, Prince Andrew and Prince Edward. There are a total of eight grandchildren and twelve great grandchildren.

At the age of 27, she was crowned at Westminster Abbey on 2 June 1953, in front of a then-record TV audience estimated at more than 20 million people.

Her reign spanned 15 prime ministers starting with Winston Churchill, born in 1874, and including Ms Liz Truss, born 101 years later in 1975 – whose appointment broke tradition by being formally appointed at Balmoral rather than at Buckingham Palace, due to concerns about the Queen's health.

In June 2022 Britain celebrated Queen Elizabeth's 70 years on the throne with the 'Platinum Jubilee', a four-day national holiday to honour the queen's reign.

On the day of her passing, the official notice posted outside Buckingham Palace read: "The Queen died peacefully at Balmoral this afternoon. The King and Queen Consort will remain at Balmoral this evening and will return to London tomorrow."

The royal family's official website announced that the Queen was laid to rest alongside her late husband, Prince Philip Duke of Edinburgh at the King George VI memorial chapel at Windsor Castle •



*The Queen's eight grandchildren held a vigil at her lying in state.*



*Republic of Nauru*

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Friday, 16th September 2022

**His Majesty King Charles III**  
Buckingham Palace,  
London SW1A 1AA)

Your Majesty,

I am deeply saddened to learn of the death of Her Majesty the Queen, and we join with the Commonwealth family in mourning her loss. On behalf of the Government and the people of the Republic of Nauru, I express our heartfelt condolences to Your Majesty, members of the Royal family, and the United Kingdom.

Her Majesty the Queen dedicated her life to serving her country, the Crown, and the Commonwealth family. Her legacy as the longest-serving monarchy for more than 70 years is astounding, and her reign has profoundly impacted people's lives worldwide.

Her Majesty was an essential part of all our lives throughout her reign. To us, she was a much admired and respected monarch, but she was a mother and grandmother to Your Majesty and the Royal family.

Since Her Majesty's historic visit to Nauru in 1982 as part of her Royal Tour of the South Pacific, the UK and Nauru have cultivated close ties that have strengthened over time. The people of Nauru will never forget this as a significant turning point in our history. We have also benefited from opportunities created by her leadership of the Commonwealth, which allowed one of our young Nauruans to obtain a medal of service from Her Majesty the Queen for the Queen's Young Leaders program in 2016. Her Majesty was always the picture of responsibility, poise, and stability.

Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. The Lord said in the gospel of John 11:25 "... I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die."

Please accept the assurances of my highest consideration.

  
His Excellency Hon. Lionel Rouwen Aingimea MP  
**PRESIDENT**

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Friday, 9th September 2022

The Rt.Hon. Elizabeth Truss, M.P  
Prime Minister  
Office of the Prime Minister  
United Kingdom of Great Britain

Madam Prime Minister,

On behalf of the Government and people of the Republic of Nauru, I extend our heartfelt condolences to the Government and people of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland for the passing away of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. I also extend our deepest condolences and sympathies to the members of the Royal Family for their great loss.

Her Majesty the Queen lived her life of dedication to duty and service to her people, the Crown and the family of the Commonwealth countries. Her reign touched the lives of people globally and her legacy as the longest serving monarchy for over 70 years is extraordinary.

Nauru and the United Kingdom have enjoyed strong friendly relations over the years and more so when Her Majesty made the historical visit to Nauru in 1982 during her Royal Tour of the South Pacific. This was a key milestone that has forged in the memories and lives of Nauruan people. We have further benefitted from opportunities under her leadership of the Commonwealth that allowed one of our young Nauruan to receive her medal of service for the Queen's Young Leaders program from Her Majesty the Queen in 2016. Her Majesty was an epitome of duty, grace and stability.

We stand in solidarity with the United Kingdom as we mourn the loss of Her Majesty the Queen. May God grant eternal peace and happiness to Her Majesty in His heavenly abode.

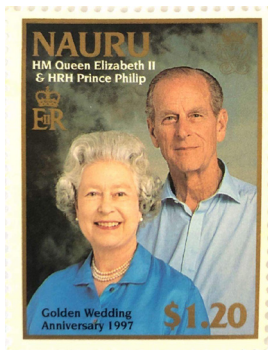
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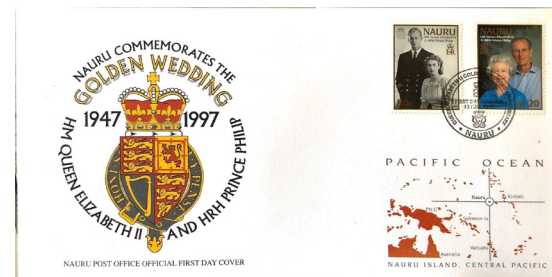
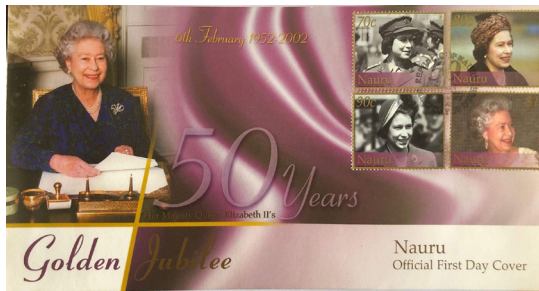
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**PRESIDENT**

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# Commemorative stamps of Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Philip issued by the Nauru Philatelic Bureau





# Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip's Royal Visit to Nauru



*Children of Nauru dressed in traditional wear and school uniforms to welcome the Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip.*



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