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Message from

**Her Excellency the Honourable Margaret Beazley AC QC
Governor of New South Wales**

On the occasion of National Flag Day, I convey my best wishes to the Australian National Flag Association (NSW).

The flying of the first Australian National Flag on 3 September 1901 at the first home of our Commonwealth Parliament, at the Royal Exhibition buildings, Melbourne was a day of national joy.

Our flag is a symbol of the nationhood that has carried our country during good times and tough times, through peace and war, and under which we have strived for democratic freedoms and celebrated the shared values of our citizenship.

In marking special events and achievements, in welcoming our new citizens and in remembering those who have served and continue to serve our nation, our flag serves as a proud symbol of our 119-year history as a nation. Equally, it unfurls at many happy community events that unify us as Australians from many different faiths and cultures.

In 2020, we again embrace, respect and rejoice in our unity within our diversity, while marking this unique day - National Flag Day.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Margaret Beazley".

**Her Excellency the Honourable Margaret Beazley AC QC
Governor of New South Wales**