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Today we celebrate the 119th anniversary of the Australian National Flag which provides us with a unique opportunity to celebrate its significance and recognise the part it plays in the history of our nation.

We also observe Merchant Navy Day and today we recognise the Merchant Navy, the Australian red ensign and the Australian National Flag today.

This day serves as a reminder to current and future generations of the values and beliefs our flag stands for and is strongly shaped and upheld by those who serve in the Royal Australian Navy, the Australian Army and the Royal Australian Airforce.

We remember the service and sacrifice of those who have served under the Australian Flag, during times of conflict, as well as in those times of humanitarian need and on peacekeeping missions.

Yours sincerely,

Matt Anderson

Here is their spirit, in the heart of the land they loved; and here we guard the record which they themselves made. C.E.W. Bean

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