



PRIME MINISTER

MESSAGE FROM THE PRIME MINISTER

AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL FLAG DAY 2020

On 3 September 1901, the newly designed Australian flag was flown over Melbourne's Exhibition Building – its bright colours shining proudly above the city's bluestone buildings.

Since that day, the Australian Flag stood witness to the moments that have shaped our national life.

Our flag flies above our Parliament; is hoisted high at international contests; worn on the uniforms of our Defence personnel; bears witness to the pledges of new citizens; and is waved happily during our moments of national joy.

Our flag is a part of who we are. Its importance lies in what it represents – who we are as a people here and abroad, in times of triumph and in times of tragedy.

It embodies the confidence we have as a Federation, a liberal democracy, and as a free people.

I wear our flag every day on my lapel – it's something I've done for many years. I regard it as a living memory and reminder of who we are as Australians. The values we all share of a commitment to peace and liberty, to equality and resilience, all forged under our flag.

In times of challenge, such as these, the flag is a symbol of hope. A reminder that we are one united people, part of one of the world's oldest continuous democracies, and committed to each other through good times and bad.

I encourage all Australians to take a moment on National Flag Day to pause and reflect on the meaning of the Australian Flag.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Scott Morrison'.

The Hon Scott Morrison MP
Prime Minister of Australia

3 September 2020