



MESSAGE FROM THE PREMIER OF QUEENSLAND

Australian National Flag Day on 3 September is an opportunity for all Australians to reflect on the state of the nation, and to think about where we have come from and where we are going.

This is also a day to acknowledge and honour Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and culture which connects more than 65,000 years of history to the diversity of the modern day.

On this day 123 years ago, the Australian flag flew for the first time soon after Federation, having been chosen from more than 32,000 entries in a public competition.

The judges spent six days assessing the submissions before settling on five winners who had entered almost identical designs and who shared the £200 prize money.

The decision spoke to the nation about the importance of being a democratic and inclusive society, and the flag continues to remind Australians of the importance of collaboration between our diverse heritage, faiths, cultures and customs.

Across Queensland and throughout Australia, we share democratic values based upon freedom, respect, fairness, and equality of opportunity.

Australian National Flag Day emphasises to Queenslanders – and all Australians – the value of being united in a common purpose to create a brighter future.

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