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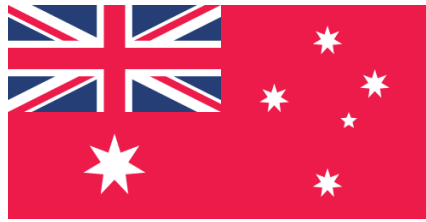
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AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL FLAG DAY MESSAGE, 3 SEPTEMBER 2020

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I am proud to contribute to the community messages that recognize the importance of **Australia's National Flag Day, on 3rd September**. I also thank the **Australian National Flag Association (NSW)** for all they do to, communicate the importance and significance of our national symbol – the Australian National Flag.

Since its introduction in 1901, our national flag has been a symbol of great pride in our country. With this year recognising the 75th Anniversary of the end of WWII, we once again remember the bravery, courage & sacrifice of those who served our country, of those who paid the supreme sacrifice & those who returned to their families. The capacity for endurance of the common man, facing uncommon danger, is a lesson that every generation needs to understand, together with appreciation for the freedom we enjoy today.

In 1901 two flags were born....The blue **Australian National Flag** and the **Australian Red Ensign**, the official flag to be flown at sea by **Australian** registered merchant ships.

The 3rd September also marks **Merchant Navy Day**. It is an opportunity to remember the service and sacrifice of thousands of Australia's merchant mariners during wartime. When the Australian Red Ensign is flown along with the Australian National Flag, the Australian National Flag is flown in the position of honour.

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, democracy and celebrated the shared values of our citizenship.

