



**A MESSAGE FROM THE  
CHIEF OF THE DEFENCE FORCE**

The Australian national flag identifies and unites Australians, representing all that we do. Since it was first flown on 3 September 1901, the Australian flag has grown to become an icon that symbolises our heritage, values, and character as a nation. It demonstrates our pride in our national achievements.

The Australian flag is especially significant to Australian Defence Force personnel who have served under our flag, to protect the freedoms that Australians enjoy today. We proudly wear the flag on our uniform each day and are reminded of the contributions of our past and current generations to our nation, and honour all those who gave their lives to defend it.

On 3 September, Australian National Flag Day, I encourage all Australians to reflect on what our flag represents, and the sacrifices made under this flag for our nation.

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General  
Chief of the Defence Force

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