

PRIME MINISTER

MESSAGE FROM THE PRIME MINISTER

AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL FLAG DAY 2021

For 120 years, Australians have served and sacrificed, endured and triumphed under the Australian National Flag.

On National Flag Day in 2021, we celebrate, commemorate and honour that history, and rededicate ourselves to the values and the nation that our flag symbolises.

In a year of particular hardship, at home and overseas, I have been heartened and proud to see our flag fly over Australian missions of humanitarian aid and assistance. Sending vaccines and critical medical supplies to our friends in the Indo-Pacific has been a work of friendship and global citizenship.

In a year of sporting triumph, too, we have celebrated Australian feats of athleticism and resilience. Our Olympians flew the flag proudly in Tokyo and our Paralympians are competing under it with the same pride and determination right now.

At home and abroad, the Australian National Flag represents our national values. It reminds us of our history, our geographic place in the world, and the united and free continent we share.

It is with pride that I wear our flag each day – it is a quiet reminder to me of the people I serve and the country we all love. It speaks to all of us of a country that is 'one and free'.

No matter where the flag is flown in the world, the Southern Cross reminds us of our bonds to this land, to each other, and the 60,000 years of history that we will always honour.

On Australian National Flag Day, it's an honour to celebrate this great national symbol that unites all Australians.

The Hon Scott Morrison MP Prime Minister of Australia

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