



GOVERNOR OF QUEENSLAND

Message from the Governor

For thousands of years, across cultures and continents, flags have been seen as powerful emblems of identity and belonging. Historically, they served as rallying signals. In more recent times, we have come to view flags as highly significant symbols of unity, pride and community.

On Saturday 3 September, we commemorate the anniversary of the Australian National Flag, first unfurled 121 years ago atop Melbourne's Royal Exhibition Centre – the site of Australia's first Commonwealth Parliament.

As an Australian, I cannot help but be stirred at the sight of the National Flag, whether it be on a military parade, hoisted over school grounds, at an international sporting event or flying at an embassy in a foreign land.

Across our vast continent, it has been flown in times of celebration and sorrow, reminded us of heroics and sacrifice, and has inspired a love of country.

I commend the members and volunteers of the Australian National Flag Association for their valuable work in raising awareness of the history and significance of this important symbol of our nation.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Jeannette Young'.

Her Excellency the Honourable Dr Jeannette Young AC PSM
Governor of Queensland