

Message from the Lord Mayor

On 3 September it will be the 123rd anniversary of the birth of the Australian National Flag. This day provides us with an opportunity to reflect on the pride and admiration we have for our country.

Our National Flag is a powerful emblem of our nation and land. We acknowledge Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and the significance of 65,000 years of history and culture that has shaped and honoured this country.

Whenever it is flown at home or internationally, whether it be at schools and other institutions, or sporting events such as this year's Paris Olympics, the National Flag represents a strong, diverse and inclusive Australia with optimism for a robust future.

At the City of Sydney, we fly the Australian National Flag proudly. Australian National Flag Day is a reminder to us that our flag characterises our democratic values and our freedoms and under it we unite both in victory and sorrow.

When we see the flag, it indicates how fortunate we are to be part of this community and it is a symbol of our responsibilities to each other and the environment.

I thank Flag Day Australia for promoting the role and significance of the Australian National Flag.

Yours sincerely

Clover Moore AO Lord Mayor of Sydney