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Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia

**Australian National Flag Day**  
**3 September 2024**

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On Australian National Flag Day, I am proud to celebrate the beauty and importance of our national flag.

As it flew over the Exhibition Building in 1901, the people of Melbourne delighted in the colours and symbolism of our first flag. Brilliant against the sky, it reflected our place in the world, our unity and our optimism.

In 2024, flying alongside the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander flags, the Australian National Flag is a meaningful symbol of our nation. On the bright days and in the dark nights, our national flag is a source of comfort and pride.

This year we have seen our Olympians and Paralympians proudly drape themselves in our flag in Paris as they have competed. Shared with the many Australians in the stands and watching at home, these have been moments of national joy and celebration.

A source of joy in our times of triumph, and comfort on days of mourning, our national flag is a part of who we are as a nation. Today, I encourage all Australian to look up and celebrate our flag.