



Her Excellency the Honourable Sam Mostyn AC
Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia

Australian National Flag Day
3 September 2025

As your Governor-General, I am proud to join Australians across the country to celebrate Australian National Flag Day.

In my first year in office, the Australian flag has been a significant feature of my travels here in Australia and around the world.

The Australian flag has flown during moments of gratitude and commemoration – from Remembrance Day at the Australian War Memorial in Canberra to the Anzac Day Dawn Service in Gallipoli, and at Commonwealth War Graves sites in Singapore and Sri Lanka. When I presented the posthumous Victoria Cross for Australia to the family of Private Richard Norden in Rockhampton, the Australian flag took pride of place.

Over the past year, I have worn it in my lapel and stood beside it at times of celebration, pride and reflection – as I welcomed Their Majesties King Charles and Queen Camilla to Australia, and in Darwin during the service to mark 50 years since the tragedy of Cyclone Tracy struck that city on Christmas Day in 1974. In Singapore during the recent 2025 World Aquatic Championships, where the Australian team was so successful, the Australian flag was raised many times.

It has been the backdrop to countless ceremonies to invest great Australians as members of the Order of Australia, and to welcome the newest members of our communities as Australian citizens. As the flag flew above us during the National Flag Raising and Citizenship Ceremony in Canberra on Australia Day, its beauty and clarity represented the success and optimism of modern Australia, alongside the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander flags.

At Australia's Parliament House, as I performed my constitutional duty at the opening of the 48th Parliament of the Commonwealth of Australia, our flag flew as a reminder of the strength and stability of our democracy and institutions of government.

In 2025, I am delighted to celebrate with all Australians, as we do each year, the unity and optimism represented by our Australian National Flag.

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read 'Sam Mostyn'.