



PRIME MINISTER

**MESSAGE FROM THE PRIME MINISTER**

**AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL FLAG DAY 2016**

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> of September every year, Australians celebrate our foremost national symbol—the Australian National Flag.

Since it was adopted 115 years ago, the Flag has endured through periods of great political, economic and social change as an expression of identity and pride.

It has been raised by Australians at home and abroad during times of war and of peace, marked our mourning and respect, and united us in our diversity.

By observing National Flag Day, we celebrate a symbol which has come to signify our nation's rich history and all we have achieved.

Today, I encourage all Australians to join in celebration of our National Flag.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Mal Turnbull'.

The Hon Malcolm Turnbull MP  
Prime Minister of Australia

25 August 2016