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Special Commemorative Issue

NEWS 2014 Our Flag Turns 113!

Your invitation to 113th Anniversary of Australia's National Flag

On Tuesday 2 September, the <u>eve</u> of Australian National Flag Day, the annual celebration of our national flag of "Stars and Crosses" will be held at 12.00 noon to 1.30pm at the Martin Place Amphitheatre.

Guest of Honour will be renowned speaker, Gary Oakley, the Australian War Memorial Indigenous Liaison Officer and National President of the Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Veterans & Service Association. Geoff Walls will be representing the Australian Merchant Navy which proudly wears the Australian Red Ensign. Master of Ceremonies will be film maker David Field.

Other guests will include the glorious voices of the Woolooware High School Choir and vocalist, Marlene Vaughan.

Bring your friends, neighbours and Family and wave our beautiful Australian National Flag at Martin Place!





Gary Oakley AWM - Guest of Honour





Marlene Vaughan

The Governor's Flag Day Message 2014

Sadly, this is our last Flag Day Message from Her Excellency Professor The Honourable Dame Marie Bashir AD CVO, retiring Governor of New South Wales. Our congratulations to Dame Marie for 13 years of absolutely dedicated service of the highest order. General David Hurley, AC, DSC will be appointed Governor on 2 October. The Governor's message, together with those of the Governor-General, the Prime Minister and other VIPs will be read at the Martin Place Ceremony and published on the Home of the Australian National Flag website ... www.australianflag.org.au. Photo # NH 106101-KN Postcard commemorating the "Great White Fleet"'s visit to Australia, 1908



1908 Postcard

President's Message

Dear Members and friends

Australian Commonwealth Naval Forces Ship (later HMAS) Parramatta wearing the Australian National Flag as her Ensign. Painting by Montague Dawson. The Australian National Flag was chosen as our first official naval ensign in late 1901.



Our world respected, Australian National Flag has never been more popularly used and displayed since it was first flown on 3 September 1901, 113 years ago. Uniquely, our beautiful flag of "Stars and Crosses" was the result of a public competition which attracted a record 32,823 entries with five entrants sharing the honour of designing Australia's chief national symbol by law, custom and tradition. In 1901 our flag was chosen as the official naval ensign of the Australian Commonwealth Naval Forces and by February 1902 represented our military forces in South Africa at the Boer War. Today we see our flag displayed in all parts of our vast island continent and across the globe wherever Australians venture.

The heritage of democratic traditions represented by our flag is passed from generation to generation and this responsibility is one of the stated of aims our organisation, the Australian National Flag Association (ANFA). To achieve the objectives of ANFA we need YOUR generosity in the form of donations which automatically confer membership and subscription renewal.

Yes ... YOUR assistance is needed to achieve vital objectives such as issuing ANFA's DVD to every school and ensuring that the national school curriculum includes study and appreciation of the Australian National Flag. Please give generously to the ongoing ANFA Donation Appeal using the enclosed letter. Or perhaps you would consider leaving a small bequest in your Will.

With your help we will keep our flag flying high for future generations!

John Vaughan President and Spokesman



For our Fighting Forces WWI badge



Australian & USA flags together Commonwealth Government invitation to the official reception for the visiting US Great White Fleet in 1908



LESLIE JOHN HAWKINS THE ONLY NEW SOUTH WALES DESIGNER OF THE AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL FLAG On 3 September 1901 our national flag of "Stars and Crosses" was flown for the first time. Teenager, Leslie John Hawkins of 58 Henry Street, Leichhardt was one of the five successful designers in the unique, public flag competition that attracted 32,823 entries. In 1996 Governor-General, Sir William Deane, proclaimed 3 September annually, Australian National Flag Day.

The 2014 Annual General Meeting of The Australian National Flag Association will be held in the ANFA office 3rd floor ANZAC House 245 Castlreagh Street, Sydney, Tuesday 30 September at 10.30am. Morning Tea to follow. All Members invited to attend.



NOW AVAILABLE ON DVD "Our Australian National Flag Since 1901" \$25 including the booklet on the birth of our flag and postage



Sir John Monash

This Australian Flag was used by Sir John Monash at his battlefield headquarters during WWI



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