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Special Commemorative Issue

NEWS 2015 Our Flag Turns 114!

Your invitation to 114th Anniversary of Australia's National Flag & Red Ensign

On Thursday 3 September, Australian National Flag Day, the annual celebration of our national flag of "Stars and Crosses" will be held from 12.00 noon to 1.30pm at the Martin Place Amphitheatre.

Guest of Honour will be **Zachary Miles**, Councillor, Hunters Hill Council, Member of the Council of Management of the Australian National Flag Association Inc., Electoral Officer and Jackaroo. Special Guest, **Geoff Walls**, of the Merchant Navy Association of Australia which proudly "wears" the Australian Red Ensign. Master of Ceremonies will be Marlene Vaughan.

Other guests will include the internationally renowned Woollooware High School band and The Scots College Honour Guard and Piper. Bring your friends, neighbours and family and wave our striking Australian National Flag at Martin Place!

MESSAGES

Special messages will be read commemorating the 114th anniversary. Contributors include, the Governor-General, the Governor, the Prime Minister, Leader of the Opposition, Chief of the Defence Force, the Premier and the Lord Mayor of Sydney.



Zachary Miles
Guest of Honour



The Australian Flag rides
the crest of a wave

Lord Mayor, Clover Moore was the first to forward her message which includes this statement, "Australia has become a dynamic, prosperous, and inclusive nation under the banner of our National Flag. It is a powerful symbol of our young nation and all that we have achieved, and is a poignant reminder of the struggles and dangers our nation has faced under the flag, especially during times of war. Since it was first flown on 3 September 1901, the National Flag has inspired Australian men and women to strive for excellence. It is emblematic of our shared identity as Australians, whatever our differences".

The Premier of New South Wales, Mike Baird also issued an early message which says, in part, "This important day provides the opportunity to fly or display the Australian National Flag in celebration of the passion we have for our country. The Australian National Flag is a symbol that unites all of us, and is something that each and every Australian can have great pride in".



1980s Flag Day – Martin Place (Left)



Students honour our flag (Above)

President's Message

Dear Members and friends

Australian National Flag Day, which falls on 3 September annually, is an officially recognised national anniversary celebrating the 'great south land' - Australia. By law, custom and tradition the Australian National Flag is our chief symbol which was first flown on 3 September 1901 after the striking design of Stars and Crosses was chosen in a public competition of more than 32,000 entries. This year the 114th anniversary of our flag will be celebrated Australia wide, especially at schools.

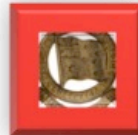
We invite you and your friends to "wave the flag" at our major event at the Martin Place Amphitheatre starting at mid-day, Thursday 3 September. A delegation of sixty representatives from the 26th INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF VEXILLOLOGY will be guests at Martin Place Flag Day. You will have the opportunity of meeting our international visitors and their leader, Michel Lupant who will be welcomed with a special message from the Lord Mayor of Sydney, Clover Moore and ANFA's Guest of Honour, Zachary Miles. The internationally renowned Woollooware High School Band will provide entertainment and the Scots College Honour Guard will be on parade.

As stated by the late Aboriginal leader and MP, Neville Bonner AO, Jagera Elder, our flag "has served as a beacon of freedom for refugees of the weary World". It is recognised as a symbol of freedom, justice and friendliness. It represents a sovereign, independent country where we observe the rule of law, practise parliamentary democracy and believe in equality for all citizens of Australia, indigenous and non-indigenous and of whatever colour, creed and gender.

Celebrate Australia . . . Help promote our country's great customs and traditions. . . Join us and fly your flag on Australian National Flag Day!

**THE STORY OF AUSTRALIA'S FLAGS - OUR
 FLAGS, STANDARDS, GUIDONS, COLOURS,
 BANNERS, BATTLE HONOURS and ENSIGNS**
 The long awaited publication by Major General
 Gordon Maitland will be on display at Flag Day

*Red Ensign
 Merchant
 Navy badge
 circa 1920*



LEST WE FORGET

This year we place emphasis on the use of our flag in wartime and on the extreme sacrifices made by our forces in WW1, a century ago. Dr Brendan Nelson, Director of the Australian War Memorial, who has so kindly been our Flag Day Guest of Honour on no less than three occasions, sums up our sentiments perfectly, "This day serves as a visible reminder to us and future generations of the values and beliefs for which our flag stands. These have been significantly shaped and strongly upheld by those who serve in the Royal Australian Navy, Army and Royal Australian Air Force. The Australian flag represents the values and historical circumstances of our forebears, their vision for our nation and aspirations for us. It is with immense pride that today we pause to reflect under it upon who we are, what we have been given and our nation's future."

We also congratulate Prime Minister, Tony Abbott who established a unique Flag Day celebration last year at Parliament House, Canberra. In his address to the crowd, the PM included the following quote from Sir David Martin: "I'm comforted to know that the Australian flag remains at the masthead, proclaiming our maturity, continuity and stability as a nation. . Our people have been involved in many activities and events of great turmoil, anguish, strife, pressure, anxiety, unhappiness, hopelessness, but also, and most particularly, success, joy and jubilation. . this flag has been a rallying point. It's become associated with Australians and our great deeds, strong victories and some gallant defeats. It's become identified with our proud history and our fine traditions".



Our Armed Services honour Australia's National Flag

School students raise The Standard



Flying The Flag afloat



WW1 Memento



Our Flag at sport

The **2015 Annual General Meeting** of the Australian National Flag Association will be held in the ANFA office 3rd floor ANZAC House 245 Castlreagh Street, Sydney, Wednesday 23 September at 10.30am. Morning Tea will be available. All Members invited to attend.

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(Left & below) Sgt. Tom "Driver" Derrick VC silenced ten enemy posts at Sattleberg, New Guinea in November 1943. In recognition he was awarded the highest military honour - the Victoria Cross for Valour. He raised the Australian flag in victory at the top of a tall tree.

Flag parade Congress of Vexillology at York: Courtesy The Flag Institute





Proudly Flying Our Flag at Grenfell - 9 Years old Rhys Hughes, flag collector with Sister, Mikayla, Mum, Bianca and Dad, Stuart – Well done Rhys!



Our AIF Servicemen Bungendore NSW



The Australian National Flag has crowd appeal



Newcastle Memorial to those who served under the Red Ensign in Australia's Merchant Navy



Australian Army Sergeant guards our Flag WWII



Flag Day – Martin Place