



CHIEF OF THE DEFENCE FORCE



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Dear Allan,

Thank you for your letter dated 10 July sending your congratulations and requesting a message for Australian National Flag Day.

The Australian flag holds special significance for Australian Defence Force personnel, and is an integral part of many of our parades and ceremonies. I would be pleased to accept your offer to provide a message of support.

I have enclosed my message, and I wish you every success for Australian National Flag Day celebrations.

Yours sincerely,

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Chief of the Defence Force

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Enclosure:

1. Chief of the Defence Force Australian National Flag Day message



A MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF OF THE DEFENCE FORCE

The Australian national flag identifies and unites Australians, representing all that we do. Since it was first flown on 3 September 1901, the Australian flag has grown to become an icon that symbolises our heritage, values and character as a nation, and is used to demonstrate our pride in national achievements.

The Australian flag is especially significant to Australian Defence Force personnel who have fought and died under our flag to protect the freedoms that Australians enjoy today. We proudly wear the flag on our uniform each day as a constant reminder of our duty to serve the nation and honour those who gave their lives to defend it.

On 3 September, Australian National Flag Day, I encourage all Australians to reflect on what our flag represents, and the sacrifices made under this flag for our nation.

Angus J Campbell, AO, DSC

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