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Message from

**His Excellency General The Honourable David Hurley AC DSC (Ret'd)
Governor of New South Wales**

I convey my best wishes to the Australian National Flag Association (NSW) on the occasion of the celebration of Australian National Flag Day and Merchant Navy Day on 3rd September 2018.

This date marks the 117th Anniversary since the first flag was flown on 3rd September 1901. Under the Australian Flag, we have celebrated our achievements, our Australian identity and our pride.

Our Australian Flag has witnessed our journey as a nation, through good times and through tough times. Throughout our vast nation and overseas, it has held special significance for all those who have served and continue to serve or represent their country.

Our flag unites people of over 200 cultural backgrounds who have come to call this nation home.

On National Flag Day, I encourage all Australians to come together to continue to build inclusiveness within our community, united under our Australian Flag.

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized 'D' followed by a horizontal line and a diagonal stroke.

**His Excellency General The Honourable David Hurley AC DSC (Ret'd)
Governor of New South Wales**