

THE HON TONY ABBOTT MP Member for Warringah

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National Flag Day is an opportunity to celebrate the flag that has been with us on every step of our national journey.

It's a flag of stars and crosses. The crosses represent our history and our heritage. The stars under which indigenous people have roamed for thousands of years, represent our dreams – past, present and future. It's a flag that represents our indigenous heritage and our British foundation.

As Australians, we are accustomed to say that we were born under this flag, have fought under this flag, have cheered for this flag and many of us wish to be buried under this flag.

This year, our veterans will compete against former service personnel from around the world in Sydney with pride under the Australian flag at the Invictus Games.

This year, and every year on this day, we salute the flag that has been a symbol of our nation and a focus for our pride.

The Hon Tony Abbott MP

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