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Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia

National Flag Day 2019

The Australian Flag is an enduring national symbol.

Its elements are representative of our ties to Britain, the unity of our states and territories, and our geographic location.

We sing our national anthem under the Australian Flag. Our Defence forces parade it both home and abroad. Many patriotic Australians fly the flag at international sporting events. Our service organisations, schools, community groups and many private citizens also proudly display it.

It was on this day 118 years ago that the Australian Flag was first flown.

Today — Australian National Flag Day — is a time for us to reflect on our democratic heritage and our shared values of freedom, respect, diversity and inclusion.

I commend the Australian National Flag Association for its work in encouraging people to identify with our foremost national symbol.

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized 'D' followed by a horizontal line and a large, sweeping flourish that extends downwards and to the right.