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Message from

**Her Excellency the Honourable Margaret Beazley AO QC
Governor of New South Wales**

I convey my best wishes to the Australian National Flag Association (NSW) as we celebrate Australian National Flag Day and Merchant Navy Day on 3rd September 2019.

On this day, Australians celebrate the 118th anniversary of our national flag, which resulted from a unique public competition, and the flying of the Australian National Flag in 1901 at the original home of our first Commonwealth Parliament, at the Royal Exhibition buildings, Melbourne.

Under the Australian Flag, Australians have celebrated special events and achievements, welcomed new citizens and marked our national identity. Under this Flag, we have paid our respects to those who have served – and continue to serve – for whom our flag will always have special significance.

On National Flag Day, I encourage all Australians to embrace unity and inclusiveness within our vibrant diverse community, while marking this unique national day for all Australians.

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