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SPECIAL



PROCLAMATION

I, WILLIAM PATRICK DEANE, Governor General of the Commonwealth of Australia, acting with the advice of the Federal Executive Council, declare that, to commemorate the day in 1901 on which the Australian national flag was first flown, 3 September in each year shall be observed as "Australian National Flag Day" throughout Australia and in the external Territories of Australia.

Signed and sealed with the
Great Seal of Australia
on 28 AUG 1996 1996.



WILLIAM DEANE
Governor-General

By His Excellency's Command,

Minister for Administrative Services

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AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL FLAG DAY

FRIDAY 3 SEPTEMBER 2004



FLAG RAISING CEREMONY

**THE AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL FLAG
ASSOCIATION OF QUEENSLAND (INC)**

**KING GEORGE SQUARE
BRISBANE**

at
10.30am

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To commemorate the 103rd anniversary of the
first unfurling of the Australian National Flag
3 September 1901, Melbourne

PROGRAMME

- 10.00 am Introductory Music from the Senior Band of Graceville State School
- 10.30 am Welcome by The Right Honourable the Lord Mayor of Brisbane Councillor Campbell Newman
- 10.35 am Address by Mr. Allan Pidgeon, President
The Australian National Flag Association of Queensland (Inc)
Award for Promotion of the Australian National Flag
- 10.45 am Message from His Excellency The Governor-General
(read by Hon Paul de Jersey AC, Chief Justice of Queensland)
- Ceremonial Flag Procession by the Queensland University
Regiment - band plays national anthem when flag aloft.
- 10.55 am Acknowledgment of Organisations and Representatives in
Attendance
- 11.00 am Message from the Prime Minister (represented by Senator
the Hon. Eric Abetz, Special Minister of State)
Message from the Leader of the Opposition
- 11.10 am Band Performance
- 11.15 am Message from the Premier of Queensland
Message from the Leader of the State Opposition
- 11.20 am Closing Remarks by Mr. Allan Pidgeon
- 11.25 am Affirmation of Loyalty and Commitment to Australia
and its people
- National Anthem - Departure of Official Party

ADVANCE AUSTRALIA FAIR

Australians all let us rejoice
For we are young and free;
We've golden soil and wealth for toil
Our home is girt by sea
Our land abounds in nature's gifts
Of beauty rich and rare
In history's page let every stage
Advance Australia Fair
In joyful strains then let us sing
Advance Australia Fair

The First "FLAG DAY" - 3 September 1901

*"At the Exhibition Building yesterday afternoon the Countess of Hopetoun
(wife of the Governor-General) formally opened the Commonwealth Flag
and Seal Exhibition and announced the names of the successful competitors...*

*As Lady Hopetoun entered, a huge Blue Ensign with the prize design of the
Southern Cross and a six - pointed star thereon was run up to the top of
the flagstaff on the dome and, breaking, streamed out on the heavy south-
westerly breeze, a brave and inspiring picture"*

(From the Melbourne 'Age' 4 September 1901. Note that the six -pointed star
referred to above (representing the founding states) became a seven -pointed star
in 1908; the seventh point representing the territories.)