

# ALLAN PIDGEON, AM PRESIDENT AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL FLAG ASSOCIATION OF QLD (INC)

Allan Pidgeon has been President of the Australian National Flag Association of Queensland (Inc.) since he succeeded Dr Rupert Goodman AM, who founded the Association.

The Association is a voluntary community organisation formed to increase appreciation of the history and significance of our chief national symbol – the Australian flag.

Members of the Association successfully promoted the celebration of our flag's anniversary on September 3, which was officially proclaimed as 'Australian National Flag Day' to "*commemorate the day in 1901 on which the Australian National Flag was first flown*".

Mr Pidgeon joined the Association when it was formed 25 years ago, and as President has addressed schools, community groups and service clubs; as well as speaking about the flag at many citizenship ceremonies. He is passionate about telling Australians the proud and unique story of our flag –the first to be chosen in an open public competition and the only flag to fly over an entire continent.

In some countries the world's first "flag design competition" would be part of national folklore, and the five competition winners would be household names! Among his other charitable involvements, Allan Pidgeon sits on the Board of the Mater Hospital Foundation and is a Trustee of the Lord Mayor's Charitable Trust. He is a Director of the Queensland Ballet, and has had a long association with Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal.

In January 2017 Allan was appointed a Member of the Order of Australia ('AM') to recognise his "*significant service to the community through a range of roles, particularly to the promotion of the Australian national flag*".

Website for the Association [www.australianflag.net.au](http://www.australianflag.net.au)

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