

Tuesday, 30 August 2011

AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL FLAG DAY

The Australian National Flag is celebrating its 110th birthday and to mark the occasion a special flag raising celebration will be held at Eastwood Plaza on Friday 2 September at 10.50am.

The Mayor, Cllr Artin Etmekdjian, said: “The Australian Flag is our foremost national symbol and has become an expression of Australian identity and pride.

“Australian National Flag Day is an opportunity for the whole community to celebrate our nation and respect for our heritage.”

Councillors and local Members of Parliament will be joined by local schools, community representatives and residents in this special event.

A new flag, measuring 5.5m x 2.7m (18' x 9'), donated by ex-Councillor Terry Ryan to the City of Ryde will be presented to the Mayor and raised by representatives of Eastwood Police.

The Australian Flag has three elements on a blue background: the Union Jack, the Commonwealth Star and the Southern Cross.

History: The Australian Flag was born with the creation of Federation at the dawn of the 20th Century. An international contest resulted in 32,822 entries - seven judges representing Army, Navy, Mercantile Marine, Pilot Services and Parliament unanimously choosing five identical winning designs.

Photo Opportunity: Friday 2 September 2011, 10.50pm. Flag pole, Eastwood Plaza.

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