AUSTRALIAN CITIZENSHIP AFFIRMATION ON AUSTRALIA DAY

As an Australian citizen,
*I affirm my loyalty to Australia and its people,
whose democratic beliefs I share,
whose rights and liberties I respect,
and whose laws I uphold and obey.

*Non-Australian citizens can join the affirmation at this line.

Australia Day, 26 January, is a day to reflect on what it means to be Australian, to celebrate contemporary Australia and to acknowledge our history.

On Australia Day, we celebrate all the things we love about Australia: land, sense of a fair go, lifestyle, democracy, the freedoms we enjoy but particularly our people. Based on the Australian Citizenship Pledge made by new citizens, the Australian citizenship affirmation gives us an opportunity to come together with our community on Australia Day to celebrate the common bonds that unite us all.

Making the affirmation is voluntary and everyone is welcome to join in.

For more information about the Australian Citizenship Affirmation visit **australianaffirmation.org.au**

The National Anthem

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.

Beneath our radiant Southern Cross
We'll toil with hearts and hands;
To make this Commonwealth of ours
Renowned of all the lands;
For those who've come across the seas
We've boundless plains to share;
With courage let us all combine
To Advance Australia Fair.
In joyful strains then let us sing,
Advance Australia Fair.

Composed by Peter Dodds McCormick





