



PRIME MINISTER

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRIME MINISTER

**AUSTRALIA DAY FOUNDATION UK
AUSTRALIA DAY GALA DINNER 2021**

Greetings to everyone participating in this virtual Australia Day Gala. You're out of the blocks early this year — we won't be joining the party until 26 January; no doubt you'll set the bar high for our own celebrations that will follow.

Like so many events of the past 12 months, our celebrations are different this year, but no less heartfelt.

This Australia Day is a day to reflect, respect and celebrate. It is also a day to give thanks for who we are as Australians and what we have achieved.

Australia is a free, democratic and multicultural people.

We draw from our Indigenous heritage and a Westminster tradition that together contribute so much to the open, outward looking and enterprising people that we are.

When you last gathered at Australia House, you showcased some of the finest Australian talents in the United Kingdom and the remarkable achievements of so many Australians on the world stage.

We understand this year's event will be different and tinged with apprehension. As you virtually gather, know that Australians are thinking of our friends and family in all parts of the United Kingdom, who are stoically and courageously responding to the global pandemic.

We admire your resilience and determination to endure – British attributes known throughout the world. We reach out to you with our love and support.

On this Australia Day we wish our UK friends good fortune as you face this difficult winter. We give thanks for your contribution to the life of our nation. Like you, we look forward to better days for all the peoples of the world.

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The Hon Scott Morrison MP
Prime Minister of Australia

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