

AUSTRALIA DAY MESSAGE

By the Prime Minister, Rt. Hon. R.G. Menzies

We celebrate today the foundation of our country. It is a time to remember the courage of those first settlers, to take a just pride in their hard-won achievements and the achievements of those who came after them. But it is also a time to think about our nationhood and of the contribution which we, who are the inheritors, can add to what has been done.

We are growing in numbers and we are growing in wealth of production. Our progress has been great and there is no limit to our horizons.

Whether we are of the farm or of the city, employed or employing, newcomer or born here, we can, in a spirit of national co-operation, help to build a still greater nation where, under the rule of law, equal opportunity will continue to exist for everyone.

R.G. MENZIES

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