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PRIME MINISTER

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The Governor-General in Council has approved a proclamation that 'Advance Australia Fair' is now Australia's national anthem.

The royal anthem, 'God Save the Queen', is to be used only in the presence of the Queen or a member of the Royal Family in Australia on an official visit.

The Vice-Regal salute now consists of the first four bars and the last four bars of 'Advance Australia Fair'.

The Governor-General's proclamation was issued in a special gazette earlier today.

The Governor-General has also proclaimed Australia's traditional sporting colours, green and gold, to be the national colours for use on all occasions on which such colours are customarily used.

The specific colours proclaimed are pantone matching system numbers 116C and 348C as used for printing paper.

These colours are similar to the colours on the medicare cards now held by all Australian families.

The use of green and gold for Australia's international sporting teams goes back many years and have been our Olympic teams' colours since the 1920s.

I am sure that all Australians will be proud that our colours - associated with our many great sporting achievements since last century - are now recognised officially as the nation's colours.

We can all identify with these and with our distinctive national anthem, proud of our past history and working together on constructing a great future.



PROCLAMATION

Commonwealth of
Australia
N. M. STEPHEN
Governor-General

By His Excellency the
Governor-General of
the Commonwealth of
Australia

I, SIR NINIAN MARTIN STEPHEN, Governor-General of
the Commonwealth of Australia, acting with the advice of the
Federal Executive Council, hereby declare ...

- (a) that the anthem "God Save The Queen" shall hence-
forth be known as the Royal Anthem and be used in
the presence of Her Majesty The Queen or a member
of the Royal Family;
- (b) that the National Anthem shall consist of the tune
known as "Advance Australia Fair" with the following
words:
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.
- (c) that the Vice-Regal Salute to be used in the presence
of His Excellency The Governor-General shall consist
of the first four bars and the last four bars of the tune
known as "Advance Australia Fair";
- (d) that the National Anthem shall be used on all official
and ceremonial occasions, other than occasions on
which either the Royal Anthem or the Vice-Regal Sal-
ute is used; and
- (e) that green and gold (Pantone Matching System
numbers 116C and 348C as used for printing on paper)
shall be the national colours of Australia for use on all
occasions on which such colours are customarily used.

(L.S.) GIVEN under my Hand and the Great Seal of
Australia on 19 April 1984.

By His Excellency's Command,
M. J. YOUNG

Special Minister of State

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!