



The passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

- 1.0** The Australian Air League (**AAL**) notes the advice that Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II has died, peacefully, at the age of 96. The Queen had reigned since 1952 and her eldest son, Charles, is now the King.
- 2.0** The AAL mourns the passing of Elizabeth the Second, by the Grace of God Queen of Australia and Her other Realms and Territories, Head of the Commonwealth.
- 2.1 As a mark of mourning and respect and in accordance with protocol, the Australian National Flag should be flown at half-mast **immediately and until further notice**.
- 2.2 The AAL is advised that is customary to fly the flag at half-mast from the time of announcement of the death of The Sovereign until the day after the funeral, except on the day the accession of the new Sovereign is proclaimed.
- 2.3 When flying the Australian National Flag with other flags, **all flags in the set** should be flown at half-mast.
- 2.3.1 An acceptable half-mast position would be when the top of the flag is a third of the distance down from the top of the flagpole.
- 2.4 Information on flag protocol is available at <http://www.pmc.gov.au/flag>.
- 3.0** Section 10 paragraph 32.1 of the AAL Manual deals with **Royal Mourning** as follows:
- 32.1 Royal Mourning
- 32.1.1 Officers and Warrant Officers will wear a band of **black** ribbon, 38mm wide, on the left sleeve, located halfway between the shoulder and elbow.
- 32.1.2 Two lengths of **purple** ribbon, 24mm wide and one meter long, will be fixed to the top of all Flag Pikes.
- NOTE: Para 32.1 is effective **immediately and until further notice**
- Para 32.1.1 applies to both shirts, jumpers and tunics
- 4.0** Further advice will be issued when details of the proclamation and funeral are confirmed

**Issued for and on behalf of the
Council of the Australian Air League Inc.**

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