



# Junee Ex-Services Memorial Club

## Flag & Flagpole Etiquettes

**The Below Etiquette is strictly observed by Junee Ex-Services Memorial Club (JEMC)**  
**JEMC Official Flag Martial is: Cody O'Rafferty**

### **Flag Etiquette**

A flag should always be:

- treated with the respect and dignity it deserves,
- raised no earlier than first light and lowered no later than dusk (unless illuminated),
- raised briskly and lowered with dignity,
- flown aloft and free, as close to the top of the flag mast as possible and with the rope tightly secured; and
- illuminated if flown at night.

A flag should never be:

- fall, touch or lie upon the ground,
- be used to unveil monuments or plaques, cover tables/seats or used as a curtain,
- be flown when damaged, faded or in a dilapidated condition,
- be flown upside down, even as a signal of distress,
- be flown from the same flag pole as another flag

The correct precedence or order for flying flags is:

1. Australian National Flag. (position of honour only).
2. National flags of other nations
3. State and territory flags
4. Aboriginal Flag and Torres Strait Islander Flag, or other flags prescribed by the Flags Act 1953
5. Ensigns and pennants (including local government, private organisations, sporting clubs and community groups).

### **Flags at Half-Mast**

Flags are flown at half-mast as a sign of mourning. Flags in any locality can be flown at half- mast on the death of a local citizen or on the day, or part of the day of their funeral, or any day of mourning.

- When flying the Australian National Flag with other flags, all flags should be flown at half- mast together,
- **The Australian National Flag should be raised first and lowered last,**
- The flag should be raised to the top of the flagpole briefly, and then lowered slowly and ceremoniously,
- Flags flown at half-mast should be positioned a third of the distance down the flagpole (fig 1.),
- **Under no circumstances are flags to be flown at half-mast after dark, even if illuminated.**

**Note: When there is 3 flag poles all the of the same height, the position of honour is to the far left of the observer (reserved for the Australian Flag only)**

Regards,  
 Simon Broad  
 GENERAL MANAGER

