

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRIME MINISTER

## MID-AUTUMN MOON FESTIVAL 2021

I am delighted to send my warmest wishes to everyone celebrating the Mid-Autumn Moon Festival — here in Australia and around the world.

The Moon Festival is a celebration that crosses cultures, countries and traditions. It is a time for togetherness and thanksgiving, shared with family and friends.

Here in Australia – the most successful multicultural nation on Earth — the Moon Festival is part of the rich tapestry of our nation. It embodies the generous sharing of history and heritage that is the foundation of our unity and harmony.

This year, the sights and sounds of the festival for many will again be subdued. The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic continues to restrict the celebrations we enjoy.

Our National Plan is our pathway out of this pandemic — underpinned by our vaccination program. I urge all Australians to get vaccinated — to take up the opportunity offered by our doses of hope.

With this hope in reach, I have every confidence you will gather again with family and friends to watch the night sky and prepare for the dawn of a new day. This is a future we can all aspire to with confidence and joy.

At a time when we have much to look forward to, it is my hope that the moon of this year's festival shines brightly to uplift and inspire you.

The Hon Scott Morrison MP Prime Minister of Australia

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