

WATTLE DAY

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VERSE 1

In the early 1900s the Wattle movement was begun
When acacia pycnantha glowing golden like the sun
Was included on an Aussie stamp and our brand new coat of arms
As a flowering symbol, green and gold, for our cities and our farms

VERSE 2

But not till 1988 was the golden wattle named
As our national floral emblem and officially proclaimed
And then after that in '92 the first day of September
Was established as our Wattle Day - a day we must remember.

CHORUS

It's the spirit of our country, It's our land of flood and fire
Where every dawn a dream is born as we keep reaching higher
It's the spirit of our country, it's our land of work and play,
So let's celebrate Australian life each year on Wattle Day.

VERSE 3

Our Uluru, our Opera House, our muddy Yarra too
Our Gold Coast and our Nullabor and our boxing kangaroo
Our Aussie Rules, our "G'day mate" from town to outback station
Our ethnic mix, our barbeques, our great and golden nation.

CHORUS (then Instrumental)

VERSE 4

Now as we watch the seasons change, the heat replace the cold
Our athletes represent our land so proud in green and gold
Our history stretches back in time, both black and white our past
Our present and our future in our golden land so vast.

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