



## ADOPTION OF NEW FSA FLAG

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Coinciding with the 13th International Congress of Vexillology, the Flag Society of Australia adopted a new flag, which was designed by Mr Tony Burton, FSA.

The process of changing the flag commenced in August 1988, as detailed in *Crux Australis* Vol. 6/3 1988. The design was adapted from among those presented on the opposite page. The flag essentially is divided into quarters with devices in the first and fourth quarters. The flag has a deep blue field, proportions 5:8. The stars and leading kangaroo shape are white, the third kangaroo shape is gold (PMS 109) on its own field of light blue.

The new flag was ratified by the FSA Executive on Tuesday 26 September 1989, and was formally unfurled at the Congress closing ceremony on 29 September, and is the sole official FSA flag.

The Society's previous flag was on this occasion given over to the safekeeping of Mrs Elaine Peters, FSA.

The new emblem draws upon symbols of the past as well as incorporating new elements. The kangaroo design and the Southern Cross denote Australia. The kangaroo emblem is stylized to suggest a flag - a device fitting for a Society concerned with vexillology in all its aspects. The association with FIAV is reflected in the deep blue and gold.

These colours also appear in the mantling of the crest of the coat of arms of Australia. The Society's founding colours of light blue, gold and white are also expressly stated, while the inclusion of blue and white recalls a strong tradition in Australian flag design before 1901.

