This Unity flag was dramatically conceived at a rehearsal of Crawford & Surman's giant spectacular for Australia's 200th birthday while the "AUSTRALIANS" was being rehearsed. Birth took place with a hundred Unity flags in the 400,000 strong "Long walk" in Melbourne on Sunday 3/11/2000 & used to make the finale's huge reconciliation tree.

It has also been used in the inaugural AUSTRALIAN Independence Day marches. On one such march, a worker digging a hole in Bourke St. looking up startled at first seeing it said "I wish my father had died under that flag!"

**Barry Jones AO**: "Many flags have been proposed, most of them unappealing or inappropriate. Bob Crawford's design with its striking colour & flying kangaroo motif is one of the very few that deserves serious consideration."

**Peter Russell-Clarke** : "The symbolism is absolutely appealing & appropriate for our Nation's signature. In fact the concept is what **Australia** has needed since we came of age at Gallipoli."

**Professor of Australian History. Weston Bate AO:** "A joyous creation. I admire the good sense you put into it... It is a liberation & embracing, a stillness of remembrance & an energy of hope."

Natasha Stott Despoja : "Well thought out and crafted flag."

Caroline Briggs, Elder of the Boonerwrung tribe : "The Aboriginals will always tell stories of this flag."

Chris Franklin : "I wouldn't follow the Union Jack down a slippery hill, but I'd follow the Flag of Unity anywhere."

Hon. Gough Whitlam A.C., Q.C. : "I applaud your efforts to secure a distinctive Australian flag."

## **The Australians**

**Bob King Crawford / Doug Surman—from their great musical 'The Eureka Stockade'** 

The mighty mountains reach the skies, The rivers fill the sea. This is my country, where I want to be, A cross of stars fill up the sky, And in our flag they shine, And I'm here to tell you world, That this land is mine. So forward forever one nation, one land Forward to our history and the world must understand,

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Australia is our nation, Our flag of light unfurled, For our major is our destiny, And we will lead the world. Eucalyptus scents the air, Endeavour fills our soul, Greatness is our destiny and greatness is our goal, In every field our people shine, challenges 'neath the sun, And I'm here to tell you world, that we have just begun.

Hymn of the Unity Flag

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**Repeat Chorus** 



**Sports** To Strive Direction



Other countries see this flag as it yells loudly "AUSTRALIA!" Friends of the Flag (03) 9521 8879

Australian Independence day: 9 October 1942 The unity flag is already affectionately known as the "BIG RED", or "Stretch", or more formally "The Flag of Light" based on its having 7 light sources. The first to have a flag label is **Leslie Martin's** new CD with the Flags Anthem "The Australians" (above) and the people's song "People Power"

# FLAG FOR NATIONAL EQUALITY



The People's Flag

Flag of Unity

Fly the non-British flag for a "United Australia" and support the referendum.

- <sup>(2)</sup> It means you are the roo, upwards & forwards Blending is strength. Bonding is harmony. • Flying for all peoples Australian. An emblem of energy and belonging.
- **Of** memories, leadership, & recognizing our debts to **our** great warriors & heroes.
- <sup>(2)</sup> In simple design, the essence of **Australia's** identity in courtesy, humour & honour.
- © **Easily** recognized internationally for **who** we are, of a **oneness**, vibrating positive energy, & no way divisive. • **Powerful**, colourful & magical, like no other.
- ② A banner of honesty, of intent, balance & land of a fair go.
- Inspirational in content. A teaching, motivation, assimilation, & recall tool.
- <sup>(1)</sup> **A window**, & mirror, of what and who **we** are, have been, and could be.
- ② A recognition of beliefs, rights, freedoms & our way of life.
- ⑦ Multiculturalism, reconciliation, sports and arts.
- <sup>(1)</sup> **Representing you**, the **Aussie arrow roo**. **Unique**. **Leading** like an **arrow**.
- <sup>(2)</sup> **Tying** together all sections of the **Community**, in a spectrum of symbols easily recognized as us. • It cannot ever be confused with the New Zealand Flag.
- <sup>(2)</sup> **Being Aussie** is a gift, its price loyalty and respect for our lifestyle.
- This flag flying forever upwards in search of peace & so proud to be Australian.

Flags that removed the Union Jack: America (1877), India (1947), Canada (1964).

A COMMUNITY FLAG FOR ALL AUSTRALIANS with elements so old, yet modern, its design is ageless. Most countries use their flag to promote their nation. We use ours to promote someone else's?

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Balance of a flag's symbols is important

The BIG Red = A leap ahead. 10



# **FULL SYMBOLISM**

8 main elements Look up at your flag, and see your country





### <u>YOU</u> = as the - ARROW ROO

- Leap Energy Head Fairness in Justice
- Tail Balance Talons Defence Power Direction.



- Reconciliation Sports gold Wattle
- Prosperity Slouch hat badge "G'day!"
- Hope! "Out of the night, the sun also rises."



### AURA

- White outline Enlightenment Aussie Spirit Arts Ethics.
- Nose Piercing pomposity Chin Determination
- Ears Hearing people's rights. Neck Support.



- Communication Education Knowledge
- Freedom of speech History. Paw Welcome! To build
- Chest Arrow Heart of a nation. Compassion.



### UNIFICATION

• Colours Represent the History of Australian flags - British - Colonial - Sports - Unity - Indigenous - Eureka, etc. Red, white & blue for heritage.

### BACKGROUNDS

- BLACK in remembrance of other times.
- GREEN bushlands, jungles, gardens, produce, sport & climes.
- Sky, true **BLUE** & seven seas, "There is no greater place, than these".



### Stars clockwise (with the light points correct) FEDERAL STAR

- 7 points States Territories. Tolerance.
- Democracy Equality? Servants of the people.

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL STAR**

- 6 natural wonders of OZ - Barrier Reef?, Uluru?, etc.?
- Health Future Infrastructure.



- 5 top voted achievers in all fields 5 human wonders
- Harbour Bridge? MCG? Opera House? etc.



- In black "Lest we forget!" Green Homeland remembrance.
- Service Mateship Warriors Discipline.
- 9 Gallipoli, Kokoda, Tobruk, Afghanistan, etc.

#### **INDIGENOUS STAR**

- **8** points, each indicating many thousands of years of art, habitation & conservation.
- Have a right to be recognised under the constitution

### SOUTHERN CROSS

- Arrow of stars Law/Order Community
- Freedom (non violent) religions Togetherness.
- This "Unity" emblem is the most meaningful flag on earth.
- Flag conceived 26<sup>th</sup> Jan 1988, born 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec 2000.





The Green and Gold sports flag of Australia

Even at ease one of the most easily recognisable flags or Earth