

# Canberra

## History

The Australian Capital Territory was founded as a Federal Territory on 1 January 1911, and attained self-government on 4 March 1989. On 25 March 1993 it adopted its own flag.



## Coat of Arms



Naturally Canberra's armorial bearings are related to its status as the seat of the Australian Parliament but two of the heraldic devices are also botanical in nature, The Rose of York, included at the base of the arms, commemorates the role of the Duke of York in the establishment of the seat of government at Canberra. The Eucalyptus tree, pictured on the mound behind the portcullis, is typically Australian and represents the growth and progress of Canberra and its development as a garden city.

## Motto

"Pro Rege, Lege et Grege" "for the King, the Law and the People"

## Emblems

### Royal Bluebell

(*Wahlenbergia gloriosa*)

The Royal Bluebell was announced as the floral emblem of the Australian Capital Territory on 26 May 1982.



### Gang Gang Cockatoo

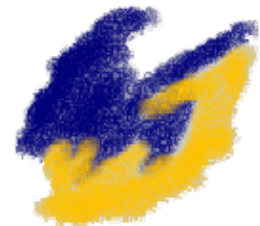
(*Callocephalon fimbriatum*)

Ms Carnell moved for the adoption of the Gang Gang Cockatoo as the Territory Emblem on 27 February 1997.



### Colours

Canberra's official colours are Blue and Yellow/mango. PMS293 and PMS123. The blue and Mango/yellow colours were adopted for all ACT Government publications in May 1997.



Map



Guide Badge