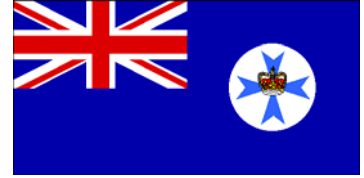


# Queensland

## State Flag

Flag Adopted: circa 1953

The flag of Queensland is a British Blue Ensign defaced with the state badge. The badge depicts a light blue Maltese cross with a St Edwards Crown in the centre of the cross, all on a white disc.



## Coat of Arms

The Coat-of-Arms was given a more modern rendering when the supporters, the red deer and the brolga, were assigned in 1977, the Queen's Jubilee year. The brolga is one of Queensland's most distinctive native birds. The red deer was introduced from the royal herds near London.



## State Badge

The badge of the State of Queensland evolved as a result of a need for a seal or badge to be included in the design of the State flag. Adopted as part of the flag on 29 November 1876, the badge is officially described as "On a Roundel Argent a Maltese Cross Azure surmounted with a Royal Crown".

## Motto

"Audax At Fidelis" "Bold, aye, and faithful too"

## Emblems

### Koala (*Phascolarctos cinereus*)

The koala was officially proclaimed the faunal emblem of Queensland in 1971 after a newspaper poll showed strong public support for this endearing marsupial as the State's "animal ambassador".



### Brolga

The Brolga, featured on the Queensland Coat of Arms since 1977, was officially proclaimed the bird emblem of Queensland in January, 1986.



### Clown Fish

Announced as The State Aquatic Emblem on 23 November 2004. This species grows to 12cm in length. It is brown with two black-edged white bars. The first bar crosses the head. The second bar crosses the body at the middle of the dorsal fin. The tail is white.



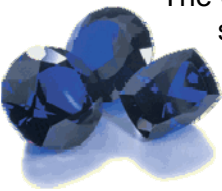
### Cooktown Orchid

(*Denrobium bigibbum*)

The Cooktown Orchid was proclaimed Queensland's floral emblem in 1959 during celebrations to mark the State's centenary.

## Sapphire

The State gem for Queensland is the sapphire. This was formalised in August 1985. The sapphire gemstone, a variety of the mineral corundum, was discovered in central Queensland in the early 1870's.



### State Colour

Maroon was officially proclaimed as Queensland's State colour by the Governor in Council on 13 November 2003.



Map

Brisbane

Capital



Guide Badge



Friendship