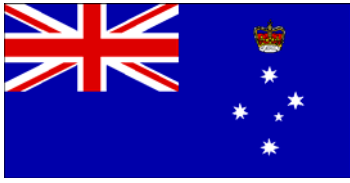


# Victoria

## State Flag



In 1901 Victoria's flag was changed again so that the style of the Royal crown above the Southern Cross would conform with that of the design chosen by the reigning monarch. Thus the Imperial Crown was replaced by the Tudor Crown.

It is not known exactly when, but over the following years the design was further modified so that one point of each of the stars pointed towards the top of the flag rather than the bottom. In addition, the size of the Southern Cross increased outside of the nominal "badge" area set aside for the colonies to indicate a distinctive emblem.

## Coat of Arms

Victoria was the second State of Australia to achieve Arms, following the creation of the Commonwealth in 1901. A request from the Victorian Government for the laying down of Ensigns of Public Authority for the new State was forwarded through the Colonial Office by a letter of late 1909 to the principal advisor of the Crown in such matters, Garter Principal King of Arms. On the 28 March, 1973, Queen Elizabeth II signed a further Royal Warrant which added the desired component out of which the State flower was shown growing.



## Motto

"Peace and Prosperity"

## Emblems

Common (Pink) Heath

(*Epacris IMPRESSA*, Labill) Proclaimed 11 November 1958.

The Common Heath normally Flowers through the winter and spring although some flowers have been recorded as early as March.



## Helmeted Honeyeater



(*Meliphaga cassidix*)

Proclaimed on 10 March, 1971.

The Helmeted Honeyeater (Gould), is the only species of bird which is confined to Victoria. Indeed its distribution is now probably limited to the margins of a few small streams on the outskirts of Melbourne itself.

## Leadbeater's Possum

(*Gymnobelideus leadbeateri*)

Proclaimed 2 March, 1911.

As far as is known the Leadbeater's Possum lives only in Victoria over an area of some 400 square miles extending from Marysville to Tanjil Bren.



The Weedy Seadragon (*Phyllopteryx taeniolatus*) was proclaimed as Victorian Marine Emblem by the Governor on October 31, 2002.

Weedy Seadragons grow to about 30 to 45 cm long and they are reddish- orange with yellow spots and purplish-blue bars. They have a long, thin, pipe-like snout, small head, strong neck, rounded body and a tail that is over half the length of the Seadragon. The Weedy Seadragon's eyes are located just behind and in line with the snout.



Map

Melbourne

Capital



Guide Badge



Friendship