

A large Australian Commonwealth Star is centred in the hoist, its seven points representing the six states and the various territories of Australia, a numerical symbolism that is repeated by the seven red-and-blue stripes of the fly. Surrounding the Commonwealth Star is a ring of sixteen gold stars, representing both the six states and all ten of the territories. The Australian-style Southern Cross graces the stripes of the fly to complete the design. When the flag drapes in windless conditions, many of the gold stars of the hoist will remain visible, and in any wind the flag's unique red-and-blue stripes will make it instantly recognisable.