

THE ARMORIAL BEARINGS OF THE CITY OF WAGGA WAGGA



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dated 15th November, 1965

BLAZON

- ARMS: Vert on a fess between in chief eight stalks of wheat each four in the form of the letter W and in base a Merino ram's head caboshed all Or a bar wavy Azure.
- CREST: Out of a mural crown in front of a caduceus or winged Sable eight leaves of the River Red Gum Tree (*Eucalyptus Camaldulensis*) conjoined and in the form of two letters W proper. Mantled Vert doubled Or.
- SUPPORTERS: On either side a crow wings addorsed proper gorged with a collar dancetty Or and perched on a forked twig the whole upon a compartment of grass divided by water Barry wavy Argent and Azure.
- MOTTO: Forward in Faith

INTERPRETATION

- SHIELD: The gold band on green is from the arms of Captain Charles Sturt, discoverer of the area. The blue waves represents the Murrumbidgee River. The wheat stalks, arranged like the letters WW, and Merino ram's head are for the principal industries.
- CREST: The mural crown represents a civic community. The eight leaves of the River Red Gum tree, arranged like the letters WW, stand in front of the caduceus of Mercury, God of Commerce.
- SUPPORTERS: The crows, taken from the former seal, recall the meaning of the City's name ("Place of Many Crows"). They wear, distinguishing collars in the form of a W and stand on a base of grass divided by water, representing the building of the City on either side of the river.

(The Sturt Arms were granted by the Kings of Arms at the College to Anthony Sturt, Alderman of London in 1691.)

The Arms were designed by Mr. H. Ellis Tomlinson, M.A., F.H.S., of Lancashire, England.

The Arms were negotiated with H.M. College of Arms, through Messrs. Shaw and Sons Limited, of London.

The Motto: "Forward in Faith" was selected by the Council as a result of a public competition. This was the winning entry and was submitted by Mrs. Belle Carlin, of Belmore, N.S.W.

The Letters Patent and City Flag were dedicated by the local Clergy and formally

handed over by the Chief Justice of N.S.W., Sir Leslie Heron, K.B.E., C.M.G., on 2nd June, 1966.

SISTER CITY AFFILIATIONS

People to People Programme
For the promotion of International Friendship for Peace.

WAGGA WAGGA (NSW) - LEAVENWORTH (Kansas, USA)

The affiliation of Wagga Wagga, with the City of Leavenworth, Kansas, U.S.A., as Sister-Cities, was established in the year 1962.

A Conference was held at the White House, Washington, D.C. in 1956 when President Eisenhower emphasised the need for a programme to bring the people of the world closer together in the interests of peace.

From this Conference came to People to People Programme and the Sister Cities Affiliation movement.

WAGGA WAGGA (NSW) - NORDLINGEN (Bavaria, Federal Republic of West Germany)

A Sister-City Affiliation was established in 1967 with this German City, whose history dates back for more than a thousand years and which, for 750 years has been a free town.

WAGGA WAGGA (NSW) - KUNMING - (Peoples' Republic of China)

A Sister-City Relationship was mutually established in the Year 1988 between Wagga Wagga and the City of Kunming in Yunnan Province, China. A Delegation of Municipal Officials visited Wagga Wagga in August, 1988; whilst a similar Delegation representing Wagga Wagga visited Kunming in May 1989.

In all three cases, resolutions were duly passed and exchanged by the respective Councils of each City.