



The Willoughby City Flag was adopted by Council in 1990. During celebrations marking the granting of city status on 12 May 1990, the flag was officially "broken-out" by Mayor Noel Reidy in the presence of the Lieutenant Governor of New South Wales, Justice Murray Gleeson (standing in for The Governor, Sir David Martin who was terminally ill).

The flag was designed by local resident and vexillologist, John Vaughan in 1989. It features the wild flowers of Willoughby, versions of which have been used to represent the Willoughby district since 1867. The green band encircling the flowers signifies the unity of purpose of the people of Willoughby. The two green, horizontal stripes divide the flag into five bars representing the number of Wards in the City at the time. The red Civic or Mural Crown is a heraldic symbol representing the city status of Willoughby which was previously a municipality.

To encourage interest in the history and heritage of Willoughby and the important role of Local Government, Council has issued the flag to all schools in the City. All residents are entitled to fly or display the flag of Willoughby.

The Civic Crown was officially added to the Willoughby crest at a meeting of Council in February 1990 though lively debate on the subject continued until October of that year. The crown consists of masonry or stones representing the imaginary wall surrounding and protecting the City.



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