

Could this be Australia's new flag?



Photo: Germana Frino

'Our Svanen' sails in

ILLAWARRA residents were given the opportunity to see one of the most popular new Australian flag designs as it flew atop the mast of visiting tall ship "Our Svanen".

The tall ship, looking slightly out of place, was in Belmore Basin, Wollongong, for the past two weeks while it was being refitted.

The new flag proposal (a golden sun and Southern Cross on a blue background) flies from the mast of the 75 year-old Danish barquentine tall ship, catching the eye of many passers by.

"Our Svanen" captain, Mr Jay d' Ambrumenil, said that he gave the flag his approval for several reasons.

"I like the design of the flag — the yellow sun and the Southern Cross on a blue background look wonderful together, very nice,"

Mr d' Ambrumenil said.

"I also like the fact that it was designed by my friend.

"I'd like to see this design win because of its beauty and simplicity," he said.

Unknown to Prime Minister John Howard, the new Australian flag proposal has been passing his Kirribilli home several times a day for the past nine months.

Designer of the flag, Mr James Parberry, is a member of the historic tall ship "Bounty" crew and is also the ship's artist.

He believes it is time to bring the flag ashore and invite the Australian people for their opinion.

"I have been motivated by a love for Australia and the desire to look up to a symbol which will not only identify our country in a positive light but will also serve to help unite and inspire all Australians," Mr Parberry said.

"And while there is sure to be some contention on this issue over the next couple of years, it is clear that as we come closer to the 21st century, more Australians are looking for a national symbol which not only reaches our hearts, but also identifies us to the world," he said.

According to Mr Parberry the design contains a rich complexity of symbols and he believes there is something meaningful to be found for all Australians.

Mr Parberry believes that while existing Australian symbols have had a strong influence in the design, the flag can be seen to be Australian with or without a knowledge of our history.

"The blue field represents the free spirit of our people, clear skies above, and the sea surrounding us," Mr Parberry said.

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