

HAPPY FIRST BIRTHDAY! we turn one & you get all the prize.

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socially-challenged software engineer, he and his mates chronicle the absurdities of the '90s workplace. The cartoon strip is a cynical spoof on office politics and workplace scenarios that we've all come across: incompetent bosses and co-workers, for instance, endless meetings and ridiculous management fads.

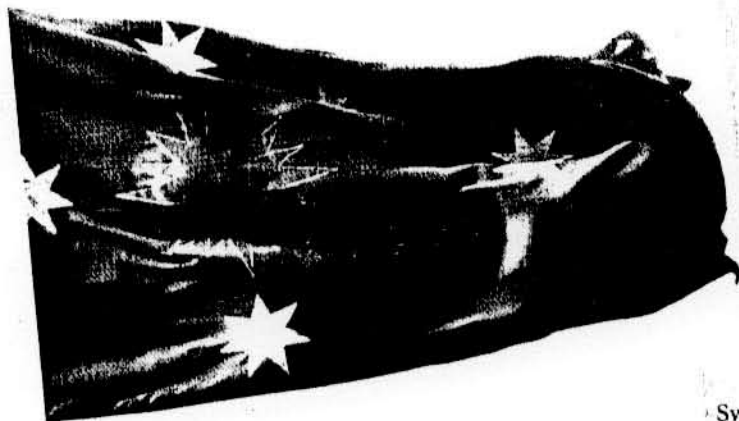
According to Dilbert creator, 39-year-old cartoonist Scott Adams, the number one workplace gripe is "management by idiots" and "clueless co-workers".

Having spent many years in an office cubicle observing the foibles of the contemporary workplace, Adams turned his own frustration into an international career with the creation of his comic strip.

Adams says American office workers who write to

increasingly popular, currently appearing in 1,200

certainly bring a smile to your working day!



## Flagging the way

Young designer and crew-member of the Bounty, James Parbery, is one of many to produce a design for a new Australian flag in recent years. But few could say their design is placed in full view of Prime Minister John Howard's Kirribilli House residence every day, flying from the mast of the Bounty as it takes tourists around the harbour.

Now, Parbery has gained another prominent location to fly his design - the roof of The Australian Hotel in Cumberland St, The Rocks. Proprietor Geoff Scharer has flown numerous designs for new Australian flags from the roof of his pub, including those of prominent proponent, Harold Scruby, but he can't decide which he likes.

"I think it's a good idea to change the flag," says Scharer.

Using paper-cut-outs - "I don't have all those mod-con design tools" - Parbery has modified his design over the past two years, settling for the moment on a rising Southern Cross with a large, golden sun on a blue field.

"Being of British heritage, I personally have a close affinity with the current flag," says Parbery. "But I really think the current flag doesn't speak for all Australians and gives a false message to the world. It gives the impression we're still a colony or possession of Britain and I think our flag should say 'this is Australia', and speak for all Australians."

### Tell us your workplace gripe and win!

City Weekly readers have the chance to win one of 10 exclusive sets of Dilbert books - yet to be released in Australia. These include *Dogbert's Clues for the Clueless*, *Always Respond Meeting With Time Wasting*, *Morale* and *Still Pumped From Using the Mouse*. They are highly recommended for a lot of laughs around the office. To win, tell us your funniest or most frustrating workplace gripe. Fax 9952 4600 by lunchtime on Thursday. Please include your phone

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