



□ Christopher “Chunky” Richter and Chrissy Little at their wedding at St Peter’s Church Cumborah

Wedding gift sparks flag debate

A push to replace the Australian flag and remove the Union Jack has extended to north west NSW.

A proposed replacement flag was raised at the Cumborah wedding of Chrissy Little and Christopher “Chunky” Richter on April 5.

The flag, which is navy blue and has the Southern Cross surrounding the sun, was a wedding present from the designer of the flag, artist James Parbery.

“It’s a beautiful flag,” Mrs Richter, a singer songwriter from Belfast, Ireland said.

“I think it’s a lovely wedding gift, beautifully hand made, and it would make an inspiring symbol for Australia. “It’s a symbol of unity, because it is inclusive of all Australians, and as a wedding gift it’s also a symbol of the union of me and Chunky,” she said.

“I like the Southern Cross,” Mr Richter said. “And the Sun is something everyone loves about Australia, even us miners, who spend a lot of time down a hole. I’d be proud to have it as our flag,” he said.

Mr Parbery’s flag has been around for more than a

decade and was flown on ships and in coastal areas of Australia since 1996. A daring supporter even managed to raise it on the Sydney Harbour Bridge on January 24 2000.

Keen supporters Mr and Mrs Richter are planning to raise the flag again. They are hoping to celebrate their union with a folk music gathering at Cumborah next year and said the flag will fly proudly.

A website promoting the flag will be launched on April 25 at www.allaustralianflag.com.au