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ITEM: 7 **Official Floral Emblem Flag of the Hawkesbury**

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REPORT:

Hawkesbury Waratah Festival Committee has approached this organisation regarding support of a new flag created by vexillologist (designer of flags) George Poulos.

Mr Poulos is a member of the Flag Society of Australia and has taken one and a half years to finalise the Waratah Flag design and is keen to see it used in the Hawkesbury in conjunction with the Waratah Festival which will be held in September. The flags have been manufactured at Southern Cross Flags at McGraths Hill.

Considerable thought has gone into all elements of the Waratah Flag design. The curved leaves at the base of the flower are symbolic of the Sydney Harbour Bridge, the eleven petals on the waratah represent the eleven ships of the First Fleet and the outline of the petals at the side of the flower are representative of the design of the Opera House.

The flag designer and the Hawkesbury Waratah Festival Committee would like the flag to be given some formal recognition locally and have, therefore, requested that the flag be endorsed as the 'Official Floral Emblem Flag of the Hawkesbury' in recognition of the area's strong association with the waratah which occurs naturally in the bush and is also propagated within the City.

It is likely that the flag would not be used exclusively by any one group or organisation as the designer would eventually like to increase recognition of the flag throughout the State.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Waratah Flag be endorsed as the 'Official Floral Emblem Flag of the Hawkesbury'.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

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