

The Flags of New Caledonia

Background

It is appropriate to recognise the flags of countries that are part of our Lions Constitutional Area during the Flag Ceremonies at District and Multiple District Conventions as well as other events such as our ANZI Pacific Forums.

Our Constitutional Area includes:

- MD201 – Australia and Papua New Guinea
- MD202 – New Zealand and the Islands of the Pacific
- MD307 – Indonesia
- Special Region – New Caledonia

It is very important to ensure that the flags are correct and current.

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The Australian Government Department of Foreign affairs and Trade (DFAT) states:

“New Caledonians are French and European citizens with the right to live anywhere in France. They are entitled to vote in territorial and French national elections.

The President of the French Republic is New Caledonia's Head of State and is represented in New Caledonia by a High Commissioner.”¹

The official flag of New Caledonia is the French tri-colour, pictured below.



Figure 1 - The French Tricolour – The correct flag for New Caledonia

Note: The DFAT website also shows the Kanak Flag pictured to the right of the French flag. This has been permissible to fly since 2010 but only when flown beside the French flag. This article explains the protocol.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Flags_of_New_Caledonia

As Districts and Clubs will no doubt have a French flag in their flag set, this should be flown.

¹ <https://www.dfat.gov.au/geo/new-caledonia/new-caledonia-country-brief>