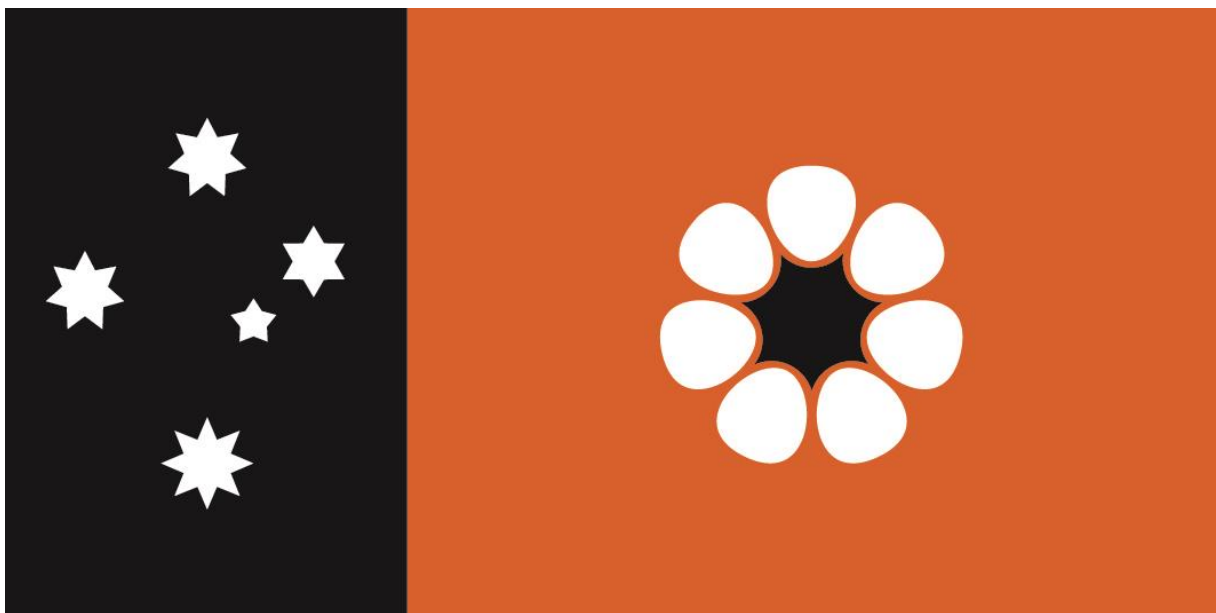


Northern Territory Flag

The Northern Territory Flag was flown for the first time at the ceremony in Darwin on 1 July 1978 which marked the grant of Self-Government to the Northern Territory of Australia.

The flag-raising ceremony was held on the Esplanade, overlooking Darwin Harbour.

The Northern Territory Flag incorporates the three official Territory colours – black, white and ochre, the Southern Cross and the official Northern Territory floral emblem, the Sturt's Desert Rose. The Rose on the ochre panel has seven petals with a seven-pointed star in the centre, symbolising the six states of Australia and the Northern Territory. The floral emblem resides in white on an ochre panel. Five white stars representing the form of the constellation of the Southern Cross are situated on the black panel.



The Northern Territory Flag was designed by Dr Robert Ingpen, a prominent Victorian illustrator and designer. In designing the Northern Territory Flag, Dr Ingpen used as a basis a number of suggested designs submitted by members of the public at the invitation of the Northern Territory Government.