



The RACOG Coat of Arms

The RACOG Coat of Arms was granted on 11 April 1983.

The central feature of the crest is the shield which has four eight-pointed stars (mullets) representing the Natal Star of Bethlehem and the Southern Cross - the two shades of blue represent night and day (i.e. labour and the work of the obstetrician can occur regardless of the hour). The shield is bordered by the flames of the Australian sun.

The helmet above the shield represents the responsibility of the profession and is capped by a coronet indicating Royal patronage, with the Asian Phoenix rising from the flames, representing the birth of the new College. The Phoenix carries the ancient symbol of healing, the green Rod of Aesculapius.

The two supporters - the platypus on the dexter (right) side of the crest and the ubiquitous kangaroo (female) on the sinister (left) side represent Australia. The platypus is unusual, being one of only two monotremes in the world (the other, also in Australia, is the echidna), and the female kangaroo with joey could not be more apt.

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