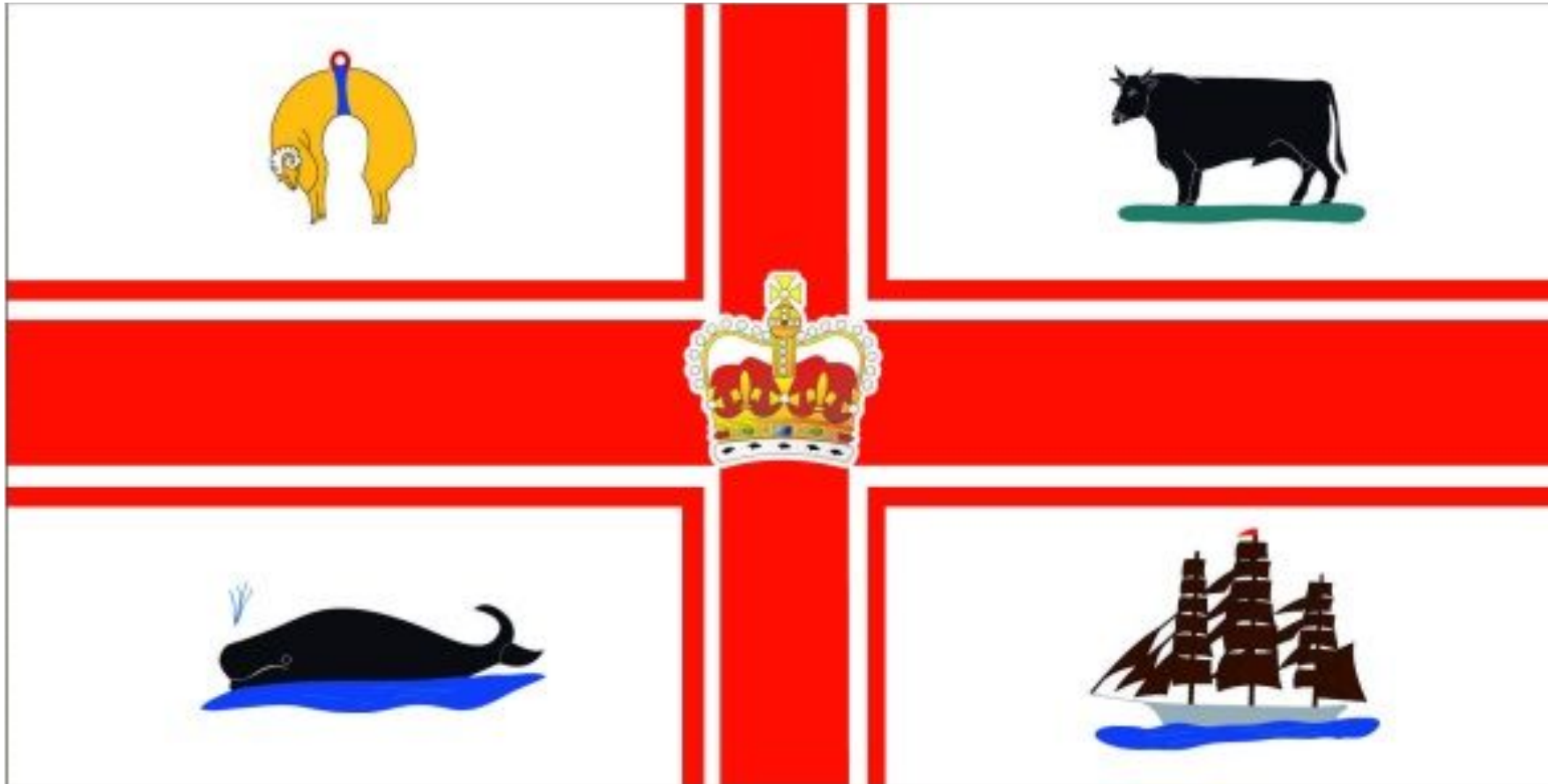# Melbourne

Melbourne is the capital and most populous city of the Australian state. Melbourne is located in the south-eastern part of mainland Australia, in the state of Victoria.

Melbourne's flag has white background divided into 4 parts by a red cross which is a symbol of Britain's patron and which was taken from the English flag. In the middle of this cross there is a crown. The other symbols on the flag are : a fleece **(Руно́ — снятый шерстяной покров овец и баранов.)** hanging on a red ring; a black bull standing on the hill; a three-mast ship with sails and a whale in the sea. These 4 symbols stand for wool, farming, marine commerce and whale hunting.

Federation Square

Federation Square is the central square of Melbourne. It's modern architecture is interesting. Here are cinemas, galleries, restaurants and other places of interest. A lot of cultural events take place here every year. This square is as big as a whole city's district.

Royal Botanic Gardens

They are situated in the central part of Melbourne on the Southern side of the Yarra River. There grow the species of plants gathered from all the continent and also the ones that were brought from other countries.

Princess Theatre

Princess Theatre of Opera built in the 19th century. This building had been reconstructed many times. This theatre even has its own "ghost" for which there is always a vacant place in the stalls. The legend says this is the ghost of F. Baker, a singer who died right on the stage performing a part from "Faust"(opera).