

Free State Provincial Government - Logo Explained



The Orange River Lily is central to the coat of arms. This hardy, beautiful plant is found in abundance on the swampy banks of the Orange River. It is able to survive long dry winters, and reappear each summer, stately as ever.

Green is one of the central colours. This symbolises the verdant, rolling grass and grazing that attracted, and was so important to early farmers. It is also the traditional colour of growth, and rebirth and more recently, renaissance, which is necessary for an entity that endeavours to progress.

The shield is capped by the all important koppies, which makes the province scenically interesting and distinctive.

The coronet is embellished with alternating wheat ears and maize cobs. Wheat may be difficult to grow, yet it thrives in the eastern region. Maize is staple to the economy, and our province is in the all important maize quadrangle.

The gold mined in our province is represented by the coronet of gold.

Diamonds appear in the band of the coronet. This beautiful, valuable and useful stone may still be found on the banks of the Orange River.

The coat of arms is supported by two cheetahs. These magnificent cats are regarded as central to the Free State psyche.

The foundation comprises the geological strata that are indeed the province's foundation.

The motto is apt, "Success through Unity".