The flagpole is buried more than three metres underground and including this below-ground length, is a total of more than 39 metres in height. Each year on July 1, Canada's national day, the Canadian flag with its distinctive red maple leaf can be seen flying from the flagpole.

There are two plaques at the base of the flagpole with the following inscriptions:

(Front) Symbolic of the ties which unite the peoples of Australia and Canada, this flagpole was presented to the Government of the Commonwealth of Australia by the Government of Canada and the Canadian timber industry. 1957

(Back) This flagpole was presented by the Government of Canada and the Canadian timber industry to the Government of the Commonwealth of Australia as a constant reminder of the ties which unite the peoples of Australia and Canada.

It was officially handed over on the 20th November, 1957, to the Honourable Allen Fairhall, Minister of State for the Interior and for Works, representing the Government of the Commonwealth of Australia, by His Excellency, Mr T. W. L. MacDermot, High Commissioner for Canada, on behalf of the Government of Canada.

The pole, a single spar of Douglas Fir logged from a forest in British Columbia, is 128 feet in height although the first 10 feet are below ground level.

