Speaker of the Legislative Assembly
Parliament of Queensland

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SPEAKER’S CHRISTMAS TREE APPEAL LAUNCHED

Speaker John Mickel launched the Speaker’s Christmas Tree Appeal at Parliament House this afternoon.

The Speaker’s Christmas Tree Appeal will benefit the children’s charities ACT For Kids and Project: Love & Care.

“I urge Queenslanders to dig deep during the Christmas period and support those in the community who are genuinely needy. All proceeds from this appeal will be distributed to two very worthy charities which both support children in care,” Mr Mickel said.

Project: Love & Care are an Inala based charity who make 'care kits' which are distributed to children in foster care all over Queensland. The care kits provide the children with practical items that they can hold onto and call their own.

ACT for Kids (formerly the Abused Child Trust) provides ongoing services aimed at supporting children who have suffered from neglect or physical, sexual or emotional abuse.

Donations to the Speaker’s Christmas Tree Appeal can be made under the Christmas tree at Parliament House in Brisbane or at state electorate offices located across Queensland.

Further details on the Speaker’s Christmas Tree Appeal are available at www.parliament.qld.gov.au/charity

The Speaker’s Christmas Tree Appeal launch featured singing from the choir of St Paul’s School. The 60-member primary school choir from Woodridge performed Christmas carols with an Australian twist.

“St Paul’s is a fantastic school and I want to thank their Principal Anne McKenny and all of the students in the choir for coming to Parliament House to sing Christmas carols for us during the appeal launch this afternoon,” Mr Mickel said.

Mr Mickel also thanked Channel 7 for its support of the Speaker’s Christmas Tree Appeal.

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