



Speaker of the Legislative Assembly Parliament of Queensland

Media Statement

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Gingerbread house helps spread Christmas spirit at Mater Children's

A Christmas gingerbread house donated by Queensland's Parliament House has added to the Christmas spirit at the Mater Children's Hospital.

The gingerbread house was prepared by Parliament House chef Leo McArthur as part of a pre-Christmas display.

The Speaker of Parliament, John Mickel, was so struck by Leo's creation that he suggested it would be good if children were also able to see "such a genuinely impressive gingerbread house – as good as any you might hope to see."

It was decided to approach the Mater Children's hospital, who readily agreed to accept the gingerbread house and put it on show.

Mr Mickel presented the gingerbread house at the hospital, where after "being admitted" it was loaded onto a trolley to commence a tour of the children's wards for all to see at close quarters.

Mater Foundation Executive Director, Nigel Harris, said the Mater was thrilled to receive the gingerbread house donation from Parliament House to help bring some Christmas cheer to sick children.

Photo caption:
Speaker of the Queensland Parliament John Mickel delivers the Christmas gingerbread house to children at the Mater Children's Hospital. Children pictured: (front) Jack Dillon; Kaytlin McDonald (back) Patrick Langfield; Joshua Dillon.

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