



Speaker of the Legislative Assembly Parliament of Queensland

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SPEAKER LAUNCHES 'ORDER IN THE HOUSE'

In the countdown to the Queensland Parliament's 150th anniversary, a new book about the parliament was released today.

Speaker John Mickel launched '*Order in the House – The Story of the Queensland Parliament*' in the Parliament's historic Legislative Council Chamber this morning.

Mr Mickel said that '*Order in the House*' contained information that was relevant to all Queenslanders.

"*Order in the House* tells the story of what happens in the Queensland Parliament, who does what, the history of how Queensland's system of democracy has evolved and the significant parliamentary achievements over the last 150 years.

"It provides factual explanations of how our Parliament works and importantly it is written for all Queenslanders in plain language.

"*Order in the House* is an impressive looking book that really shows off the beauty of Queensland's Parliament House," Mr Mickel said.

The book will be available for sale from the Parliament's gift shop for \$12 and will also be available at the Queensland Parliament's P150 Open Day on Saturday 22 May.

Mr Mickel encouraged Queenslanders to attend the upcoming Open Day which is being held on the date of the 150th anniversary of the first sitting of the Queensland Parliament – which was 22 May 1860.

"The P150 Open Day will be a great occasion and a unique opportunity for people to see behind the scenes of their parliament.

"Tours of the building will occur throughout the day and include a number of areas that are generally off-limits to members of the public.

"The whole day is a free event with no bookings required. People should just turn up here between 10am and 3pm on Saturday," Mr Mickel said.

As well as the 'behind the scenes' tours, the P150 Open Day will feature a free sausage sizzle and live entertainment for all of the family on the Speaker's Green.

For more information on all P150 events, see www.parliament.qld.gov.au/p150

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