



# Speaker of the Legislative Assembly Parliament of Queensland

## Media Statement

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### Linocut print artwork marks Parliament House milestones

Speaker of the Queensland Parliament John Mickel was today presented with a new artwork which he says “impressively captures the essence of Parliament House as the State’s foremost heritage building”.

The linocut print was created by Warwick artist David Woodford to help celebrate the Queensland Parliament’s 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary year this year.

Mr Mickel told Parliament the artwork presentation marked two significant anniversaries for the Parliament.

“Today is the 142<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of the Parliament’s first sitting in this Parliament House.

“It was on the fourth of August 1868 that the Parliament moved into its newly-constructed premises on the corner of George and Alice Streets, overlooking the Botanic Gardens and what was then known as Queen’s Park.

“The Parliament had met for the previous eight years in the former convict barracks building in Queen Street, which was located where the Allan and Stark department store used to be, roughly opposite where the Myer Centre is today but closer towards Albert Street.”

Mr Woodford, who specialises in linocut works of sandstone buildings, spent hundreds of hours producing the original linocut of Parliament House.

He presented Mr Mickel with print No. 142, signifying the Parliament’s 142<sup>nd</sup> year in its current location as well as the 150 year anniversary since it first met in 1860.

The Speaker thanked Mr Woodford for his generous presentation, describing it “a magnificent work befitting of a magnificent building”.

The prints will sell for \$280 each. Mr Woodford will donate \$20 from each purchase to be shared by the two charities that have benefitted from the Parliament’s P150 commemorative activities - the Royal Flying Doctor Service (Queensland Section) and Foodbank Queensland.

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From left to right: Linocut artist David Woodford and Speaker John Mickel, MP.