



MESSAGE FROM THE PREMIER OF QUEENSLAND

This year is a milestone year for Queensland—our 150th anniversary.

It is an opportunity for all of us to reflect on our incredible past, from our establishment as a colony separate from New South Wales through to the present day.

Our Q150 celebrations, being held throughout the year, will accentuate a profound truth: our safe, vibrant, multicultural society is a medallion of tremendous sacrifice.

Throughout our history, many courageous men and women have given their all—their time, spent far from home; their abilities, gained through intense discipline amidst real dangers; and on occasion, their lives—to defend our democratic freedoms.

Beyond this, they have valiantly fought for the wellbeing of innocent civilians throughout the world, rebuilding war-torn communities and war-ravaged lives.

It is my privilege as the Premier of Queensland to express the immense gratitude and pride we all feel for the Australian Defence Forces personnel and their families.

Queensland's prosperity and enviable way of life, even during this time of global economic hardship, is a monument to your dedicated service.

May I extend my appreciation on behalf of those Queenslanders who will benefit from this fundraiser: the families of deceased service personnel, supported by Legacy.

So please - kick up your heels, bid generously in the charity auction, and join me in celebrating Queensland's 150 year anniversary!



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