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NOMINATE A QUEENSLAND ICON IN CELEBRATION OF QUEENSLAND'S 150TH

Queensland is about to celebrate its sesquicentenary, our 150th year, and Member for Noosa, Glen Elmes is encouraging all residents, organisations and community groups in the Noosa electorate to participate in the celebrations.

“On June 6 1859 Queensland became an officially independent state after Queen Victoria signed the Letters Patent separating it from New South Wales”.

“The anniversary year in 2009 is an opportunity to reflect on what it truly means to be a Queenslander; to celebrate our history, our many talents and achievements and also to reflect on our future and on what makes Queensland the great State it is today.

“I am a born and bred Queenslander and I couldn't be more proud of the growth of my home State, of what Queensland has become and of the people who have made it great”, Glen Elmes said.

“Q150 is what we're calling it and the theme for this great event is *Our People, Our Places, Our Stories*. From State shapers to sports legends, influencing artists, natural attractions, locations, defining moments, inventions and innovations – there's a category to capture - through icons - the essence of what it means to be a Queenslander.

“Q150 is a great opportunity to take a good look at the Queensland identity and what better way to do that than through icons dear to the hearts of Queenslanders, the people, places, stories or other uniquely Queensland aspects – the special things that make us distinctive”.

Glen Elmes said that all 89 Queensland State Members are taking part in this project by encouraging everyone in their individual electorates to grab the opportunity to nominate a Queensland icon.

“I encourage Noosa electorate residents to submit ten local nominations from across all ten categories which are:

| Category | Description |
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| <i>Our people...</i> | |
| 1.State-shapers | People/organisations who/that have influenced/contributed significantly to Queensland. |
| 2.Influencing artists | Artists (musicians, authors, actors, painters, designers) or art works. |
| 3.Sports legends | People who have made a contribution to sport in Queensland. |

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| <i>Our places...</i> | |
| 4.Locations | Iconic locations in Queensland i.e. Eumundi Markets |
| 5.Natural attractions | Iconic locations that are naturally formed i.e. Noosa National Park, Great Sandy National Park, Fraser Island. |
| 6.Structures and engineering feats | Buildings, constructions, signs, museums i.e. Gabba, Bundaberg Rum Distillery, tilt train. |
| <i>Our stories...</i> | |
| 7.Defining moments | Memorable moments from our past, things we've overcome, moments that have brought Queenslanders together i.e. Brisbane floods, Expo. |
| 8.Inventions and innovations | Inventions or innovative concepts that Queensland has pioneered i.e. Royal Flying Doctor Service, cervical cancer vaccination. |
| 9.Events and festivals | Iconic Queensland events or those that originated in Queensland i.e. Coolum Kite Festival, Noosa Triathlon |
| 10.“Typically Queensland” | Anything that is reminiscent of Queensland e.g. food, animals, behaviours, fashion, traditions i.e. Moreton Bay bug, jacaranda trees, thongs, Queensland houses |

“Nominations will close at **5pm Friday, 30 January 2009** with online voting beginning on 1 March 2009 and closing on 31 May 2009.

“If you know an icon you believe worthy of nomination, please go to my website www.glenelmes.com for guidelines and a nomination form or forward your suggestion to me in writing at PO Box 1849 Noosaville BC 4566.

“People either living or deceased can be nominated as an icon but their contribution should relate positively to Queensland,” Glen Elmes said.

A nominated Committee, chaired by the Parliamentary Secretary to the Premier will shortlist the icons with the Committee’s decision being final.

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