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### **Historic NSW maps reproduced in book celebrating Governor Macquarie's legacy**

Minister for Planning and Lands, Tony Kelly said that a number of unpublished historical maps of NSW towns, dating back up to 200 years, have been reproduced in a glossy publication to celebrate Governor Lachlan Macquarie's role in planning the State's first 10 towns.

NSW Governor Marie Bashir launched the book, *Macquarie's Towns*, at Government House today at an event hosted by NSW Heritage Council Chair Gabrielle Kibble and Land and Property Management Authority (LPMA) chief executive Warwick Watkins, a partner in the publication.

Mr Kelly said the most impressive feature of the book was the inclusion of high quality maps illustrating the development and planning of early NSW from 1810 to 1830.

"Many of these maps, images and historical records have never before been reproduced, so this is the first time they will the public will had an opportunity to see them," Mr Kelly said.

"While many of the road patterns and streetscapes Governor Macquarie designed 200 years ago remain in use today."

Mr Kelly said Governor Macquarie's energetic approach to planning in the early Colony of NSW was reflected in the sheer volume of place names which he had influenced.

"Governor Macquarie named more than 100 places - in NSW and Tasmania - everything from streets and ports to rivers and mountains, along with all the streets and public buildings that carry his name, he has left an indelible legacy on NSW," Mr Kelly said.

The retired academic Professor Ian Jack was commissioned by the NSW Heritage Council in a joint venture which also involved the LPMA to write the book.

*Macquarie's Towns* contains 78 maps of the Cumberland Plain and the towns in which Governor Macquarie played a role. Two previously unpublished maps of the Cumberland Plain - drawn by J.Burr and G.Ballisat in 1814 and G.C.Stewart in 1822 - are among the book's highlights.

"This unique collection of the maps and colonial images is testimony to the co-operation of government agencies including the LPMA, State Records NSW and the State Library of NSW," said Mr Kelly.

Ms Kibble said the book was a celebration of the enduring vision of Lachlan Macquarie, 200 years since he became Governor of NSW in 1810 – a post he held for 12 years.

"Sydney and Parramatta were already developing as towns when Governor Macquarie's arrived and he had significant input into shaping the continued growth and planning of both centres.

"Governor Macquarie also oversaw the creation of eight more towns. Five of those were along the banks of the upper Hawkesbury River and lower Nepean River – Windsor, Richmond, Wilberforce, Pitt Town and Castlereagh.



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“These towns in the Hawkesbury were built on high ground to provide security from flooding, and in an innovative move, Governor Macquarie created residential lots in the town that were reserved for landowners with flood-prone farms.

“He established and planned the townships of Liverpool on the Georges River, Campbelltown, and Bathurst, which was the first inland town in NSW.”

Governor Macquarie also named and renamed many streets in the convict settlement of Newcastle.

Ms Kibble said over the last two years, the NSW Heritage Council had been focusing on heritage associated with Governor Macquarie, as part of its Thematic Listing Program.

“Six key places with links to Governor Macquarie have been given the State’s highest level of heritage protection since the start of the Thematic Listing Program in February 2009,” Ms Kibble said.

“These are Macquarie Place, Richmond Park, St John’s Anglican Cathedral in Parramatta, the former Macquarie schoolhouse and chapel at Wilberforce, Wilberforce Cemetery, and the convict depot and military station archaeological site at Glenroy.

“These places add to a body of over 50 sites that have an association with Governor Macquarie and are already on the State Heritage Register. Further sites are currently being considered for heritage listing.

The book will be available for purchase through the Land and Property Information online bookshop.

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