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## **PORTRAIT OF MACQUARIE RESTORED FOR BICENTENARY**

An iconic portrait of Governor Lachlan Macquarie at Windsor Courthouse has been restored in time for this year's bicentenary celebrations of his appointment to the NSW colony.

"People come to Windsor Courthouse just to see this painting which was said during Macquarie's lifetime to be a true likeness," said the Court Registrar, Kevin Lamond.

NSW Department of Justice and Attorney General, which administers the state's courts, has granted permission for images of the portrait to be used in promotions for the Macquarie 2010 Bicentenary.

The painting was commissioned by residents of the Hawkesbury for seven guineas on the departure of Governor Macquarie from the NSW colony in 1822 as a sign of appreciation for his achievements.

The National Portrait Gallery in Edinburgh identified the work as most likely having been executed by Scottish artist, Colvin Smith, who also painted Scottish novelist and poet Sir Walter Scott.

This most recent restoration work involved the removal of six additional layers of paint on the frame, revealing its ornate features.

The glass panel within the frame has also been removed to protect the oil painting from gathering mould.

This portrait of Governor Macquarie has hung in the courtroom of Windsor Courthouse, the oldest purpose-built courthouse in Australia, since the 1820s.

The Courthouse was designed by Francis Greenway, the convict appointed as civil architect and assistant engineer in 1816 by Governor Macquarie, who later granted him conditional emancipation.

It was built by William Cox in 1822.

The portrait will be the centerpiece of a Hawkesbury Regional Gallery exhibition entitled 'Exploring the identity, achievement and legacy of Governor Lachlan Macquarie' later this year.

Governor Macquarie was the first governor to give official recognition to Australia Day in 1818 decreeing a public holiday for government workers.

More information about the Macquarie 2010 Bicentenary can be found at [www.macquarie2010.nsw.gov.au](http://www.macquarie2010.nsw.gov.au)