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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **Old Government House up in lights as part of Luminary Festival**

Old Government House will be dazzling tomorrow night with a fabulous sound and light show and fireworks display set to light up the important historic building.

It's all part of the five-day Luminary Festival, an event of ParraMac 2010, which launches tonight with a parade through Parramatta.

"Parramatta is a unique part of the Lachlan and Elizabeth Macquarie story in Greater Sydney, and their direct link to historical buildings like Old Government House that make it a truly special place," David Hoffman, manager Old Government House, said.

"The parade this evening begins at Parramatta Town Hall from 7pm, and will light up landmark and historical buildings through Parramatta as it passes through the city.

"Finally, the parade will reach the building that put Parramatta on the map, Old Government House.

"Here, the sound and light show and an amazing fireworks display will take place and highlight the rich history of the region."

The Luminary Festival, brought to you by Parramatta City Council, will use words and visions as part of the sound and light display throughout Parramatta.

It is being described as a real life story board of the region, with the light show designed to bring to life the vision Lachlan Macquarie had for Parramatta when it was founded.

Being held in Western Sydney for the first time, the event is created by the same people who lit up Sydney with the spectacular Vivid Festival's Macquarie Visions last month. This unique lightshow focused on landmark buildings in the City of Sydney.

In addition to Old Government House, the light and sound event will include displays on the Westpac Bank building, Lachlan Macquarie Chambers, Brislington House and the Clock Tower of the Commonwealth Law Courts.

The event launches tonight and will continue through to Sunday 4 July.

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