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MEDIA RELEASE

ATTENTION NEWS EDITORS AND CHIEFS OF STAFF

Minister for Heritage, Bill Wood, will unveil a plaque celebrating the 30 year anniversary of the Civic Merry-Go-Round on Friday 12 March 2004.

The Civic Merry-Go-Round was originally located on St Kilda Esplanade in Melbourne, where it commenced operation in 1915.

In 1973, the Merry-Go-Round was purchased at public auction for the people of Canberra for \$40,000.

The Merry-Go-Round has 52 horses standing four abreast, each mounted on a twisted brass pole with a 37cm gallop. There are two, more sedate, elephants with twisted brass railing.

After extensive restoration it began operating in Civic in March 1974.

A check inside the far hind leg of some of the horses (17 of 52) will reveal the name of the apprentice who painted that particular horse during its last restoration.

DATE: Friday 12 March 2004
TIME: 1:00pm
LOCATION: Merry-Go-Round, Civic

Statement Ends
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