



11. House of Representatives Table for the New Parliament House 1988

In 1988, Australia's Bicentenary, the Canadian Government presented the Table of the House to the new Parliament House, bearing the inscription:

This table is a gift of the Canadian House of Commons to the Australian House of Representatives, 1988.

Initially designed by Mitchell, Giurgola and Thorpe Architects, the Table was refined and fabricated by Bernie Koker of Constantia Furniture in Port Augusta, South Australia. The Table is made of South Australian Grey Box timber and leather in a soft eucalyptus shade of green to reflect the other colours of the Chamber.

It was presented to the new Parliament House by the Honourable Steve Paproski, Deputy Speaker of the Canadian House of Commons.

12. Inuit *Inukshuk* 1988

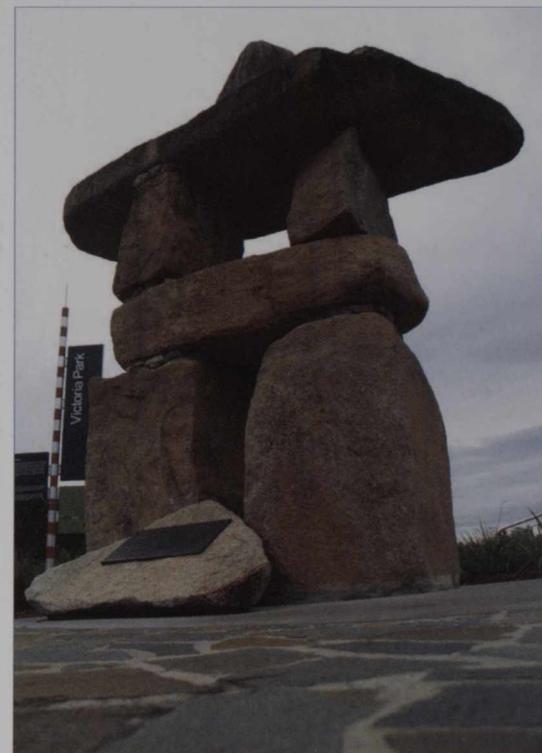
During Brisbane's World Expo 88, the people of the Northwest Territories in Canada offered their congratulations on the occasion of Australia's Bicentenary by presenting a 5m stone cairn, called an *Inukshuk*, to the Queensland Government.

After Expo 88 the *Inukshuk* was located outside the entrance of the State Library of Queensland, where it remained for more than 15 years. With extensions to the State Library it was moved to its present location on the pedestrian bridge at Victoria Park in suburban Brisbane. The *Inukshuk* was re-dedicated by High Commissioner Michael Leir on April 6, 2006.

At the 2004 unveiling ceremony the Premier of Nunavut, Paul Okalik, sent the following message of support: "It is my hope that the Brisbane *Inukshuk* will serve as a reminder of the contribution of aboriginal culture to global diversity and as a monument to the friendship between Canada and Australia."

Inuksuit (plural of *Inukshuk*, an Inuit word meaning "in the image of man") are stone figures built by the Inuit to resemble humans and can be found throughout Arctic Canada.

Originally built as directional markers on the treeless horizons to guide those who followed, and to assist in caribou hunting, the *Inukshuk* has been adopted today as a symbol to remind us of our dependence on each other and the value of strong relationships.



The *Inukshuk* was made by Alvin and Jimmy Kannak, who come from Rankin Inlet, Nunavut, the Canadian territory that was previously part of the Northwest Territories.

A commemorative plaque depicts a map of North America, highlighting Canada and the Northwest Territories (including the land that is now Nunavut) to the north: