

Museum & Gallery Services Queensland Announces 2013 Mentorship Program Recipients

Museum and Gallery Services Queensland (M&GSQ) is proud to announce the recipients of its 2013 Mentorship, Exchange and Fellowship Program.

Open to museum and gallery staff and volunteers working in regional Queensland, M&GSQ's 2013 Mentorship, Exchange and Fellowship Program offers a unique opportunity to grow the expertise, industry knowledge and professional networks of people working in our sector and to enhance their career pathways.

The Executive Director of Museum & Gallery Services Queensland, Rebekah Butler, said today

'It is with great pleasure that M&GSQ announces the fourteen recipients of our 2013 Mentorship, Exchange and Fellowship Program. We were delighted with the response to this year's Program. The number of high calibre, worthy applications we received demonstrates the demand for this type of professional development program for our sector. It was a highly competitive round, resulting in a challenging task for the assessment panel – we commend all those who applied.'

'The Program provides a wonderful professional development opportunity for people working in our sector to access expertise in cultural institutions within Australia and overseas, to learn from leading industry professionals and build lasting networks.'

'The successful applicants identified a range of learning objectives which will not only benefit them, their workplace and in turn, their communities, but will also be shared with the sector at a local and state level through online forums and other professional development opportunities following their placements.'

Supported by Arts Queensland for a third consecutive year, through the Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF), M&GSQ's Mentorship Program offered four types of professional

development opportunities for volunteer, emerging, mid-career and established professionals working in Queensland regional galleries and museums:

- *Gallery and Museum Mentorship*
- *Staff Exchange Program | Co-Mentoring Program*
- *International Fellowship*
- *Volunteer Internship*

Recipients of M&GSQ's 2013 Mentorship, Exchange and Fellowship Program and their host organisations are listed below:

GALLERY AND MUSEUM MENTORSHIP RECIPIENTS:

Jennifer Black, Archivist and Curator of Historical Collection, The Glennie Archive and Historical Collection, Toowoomba

Host: Mercy Heritage Centre, Brisbane, QLD

Lynda Griffin, Assistant Gallery Curator, Caloundra Regional Gallery

Host: Grafton Regional Gallery, NSW

Tom Harwood, Curator, Qantas Founders Museum, Longreach

Host: Powerhouse Museum and Qantas Heritage Collection, Sydney, NSW

Jana Kahabka, Cultural Heritage Coordinator, Croydon Shire Council

Host: The Workshops Rail Museum, Ipswich, QLD

Anne Keam, Cultural Development Officer, Dogwood Crossing, Miles

Host: Logan Art Gallery, QLD

Melanie Piddocke, Manager, James Cook Museum, National Trust of Queensland, Cooktown

Host: National Museum of Australia, ACT

Alison Shaw, Arts and Cultural Officer, Blackall-Tambo Regional Council

Host: Newcastle Museum and Maitland Regional Art Gallery, NSW

Kellee Uhr, Museum and Gallery Assistant, Moreton Bay Regional Council – Arts Galleries Network

Host: The National Trust of Australia (Victoria), Melbourne, VIC



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INTERNATIONAL FELLOWSHIP RECIPIENTS:

Lesley Jenkins, Historian, Gold Coast City Council – Office of City Architect and Heritage

Host: Chicago History Museum, USA

Suesann Vos, Sponsorship and Marketing Manager, Abbey Museum of Art and Archaeology, Caboolture

Host: Inspired by Coffee, Netherlands

VOLUNTEER INTERNSHIP RECIPIENTS:

Robyn Kirby, Volunteer, Central Queensland Military Museum, Rockhampton

Host: Army Museum of North Queensland, Townsville, QLD

Mary Low, Volunteer, Cairns and District Chinese Association Inc.

Host: State Library of Queensland, Brisbane, QLD

Helen Price, Volunteer, Noosa Museum – Gubbi Gubbi Keeping Place

Host: Museum of Tropical Queensland, Townsville, QLD

Dianne Smith, Volunteer, Cardwell & District Historical Society | JC Hubinger Museum

Host: Redland Museum, QLD

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