

Nine Museums and Galleries commended by Mayor Forman

At the Bundaberg Council Chambers on Friday 30 November Councillor Mal Forman, Mayor of Bundaberg and Councillor Don Waugh, Mayor of the North Burnett joined Museum and Gallery Services Queensland (M&GSQ) in congratulating nine museums and galleries from the Bundaberg, Fraser Coast and North Burnett regions who had completed a challenging year-long program assessing their practice against the *National Standards For Australian Museums And Galleries*. The organisations are:

- Australian Sugar Cane Railway
- Bundaberg & District Historical Society Museum
- Hinkler Hall of Aviation
- The Old Pharmacy
- Eidsvold and District Historical Complex
- Monto Historical and Cultural Complex
- Mt Perry Bicentennial Museum
- Hervey Bay Regional Gallery
- Portside Centre

M&GSQ's Standards Program, now in its eighth consecutive year of partnership with Museums & Galleries NSW, is a supportive program for the museum and gallery sector, designed to help participating museums plan for a healthy future by recognising their achievements, raising their profile and identifying strategic priorities for improvement and development.

Of note to the Bundaberg community, three of the organisations receiving certificates are located in the Bundaberg Botanic Gardens. M&GSQ's Standards Reviewers praised the Australian Sugar Cane Railway, the Bundaberg and District Historical and Museum Society and the Hinkler Hall of Aviation for the diverse heritage experiences they provide for visitors enjoying the iconic gardens and encouraged each organisation to develop its unique offering for locals and tourists.

An invaluable part of the Program, the Standards Reviewers, are museum industry experts who volunteered their time to travel with M&GSQ to each organisation and to provide professional advice and assistance to participants on-site.

M&GSQ would like to thank the following Standards Reviewers who brought their pro bono expertise to the needs and aspirations of the organisations throughout 2012:

- Elizabeth Bates – museum and art gallery consultant
- Ross Bower- President Redland Museum
- Ken Brooks – Manager, Brennan & Geraghty's Store Museum
- Steve Chaddock – Heritage & museum consultant
- Christine Ianna – Conservator and museum industry trainer
- Ian Jempson – CEO, Queensland Maritime Museum

- Lisa Jones – Curator, Queensland Police Museum
- Leanne Kelly – Project Manager, Museum of Brisbane
- Dr Jan King – Director, The Queensland Energy Museum
- Dr Geraldine Mate, Senior Curator Workshops Rail Museum
- David Mewes, Curator Workshops Rail Museum
- Ross Searle – Art & Museum Consultant

M&GSQ's Executive Director Rebekah Butler, said:

"M&GSQ is proud of our Standards Review Program and the achievements of the 63 organisations who have completed the Program across Queensland since 2005. The Program provides an ongoing resource for the network of participants, supported by M&GSQ staff and the industry Reviewers."

Media releases and museum profiles for each of the participating organisations in the Bundaberg region follow.

For media enquiries and to obtain print quality images of the museums and the presentation, please contact:

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Image 1 – Final celebration for participants and stakeholders in Museum and Gallery Services Queensland 2012 Standards Review Program.

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