

Chinchilla Historical Museum Recognised in National Standards Program

Councillor Andrew Smith, Deputy Mayor, Western Downs Regional Council and Councillor Tyson Golder, Mayor, Maranoa Regional Council joined Museums & Galleries Queensland (M&G QLD) at a presentation event on Thursday 1 December 2016 to **congratulate Chinchilla Historical Museum** on completing a challenging year-long program assessing their practice against *The National Standards for Australian Museums and Galleries*.

Chinchilla Historical Museum offers stories of personalities, places and objects that tell the local history of the region and give fascinating glimpses of its past.

M&G QLD's Executive Director, Rebekah Butler, said today,

"Chinchilla Historical Museum is to be commended for its participation in M&G QLD's Standards Review Program and for their plans to develop a Marketing and Promotion Strategy."

According to Lisa Jones, Curator, Queensland Police Museum and Dr Jan King, Museum Consultant, M&G QLD's Standards Program Reviewers, industry experts who played a vital role in providing pro-bono professional advice and assistance throughout the Program:

"Chinchilla Historical Museum has many recent achievements, including the establishment of a miniature railway which is a draw card for the Museum, along with the development of a display of local Indigenous objects.

The Museum is to be applauded for their perseverance and enthusiasm in caring for this local collection. Although always in need of extra assistance, the volunteers provide a valuable service and are justifiably proud of the historical complex."

M&G QLD's Standards Review Program supports museums and galleries to build skills and capacity, plan for a sustainable future, identify strategic priorities for improvement, develop an action plan and ensure the safeguarding and accessibility of community collections and stories.

For more information on the Standards Review Program, please visit

<http://www.magsq.com.au/cms/page.asp?ID=5520>

Chinchilla Historical Museum's profile is attached with more information and quotes from the organisation on their outcomes in the Program.

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Image Caption: Chinchilla Historical Museum representatives receiving a Certificate of Participation from Cr Andrew Smith, Deputy Mayor, Western Downs Regional Council.

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Image Caption: Chinchilla Historical Museum representatives with stakeholders.

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