

## Profile

# Croydon Heritage Centre M&GSQ Standards Program 2007



Croydon's Historic Precinct Buildings – Police Sergeant's residence c.1898, Police Station c.1896, Courthouse with original furniture c.1887 & Town Hall c.1890s



Gold Stamper manufactured in Croydon by Stuart & McKenzie for the local goldfields c.1900



Chinese gravemarkers located at the main cemetery are a reminder of Croydon's Chinese heritage

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## 'Did You Know' – intriguing facts about the Museum & its collection

- ◆ Croydon Heritage Centre has on display two locally made wooden coffins dating from c.1920. Undertaking was busy during the height of the gold rush days of the late 1880s with hearses regularly passing each other going into and out of the cemetery.
- ◆ Croydon Heritage Centre has a large collection of genealogical information on Croydon families, dating back from 1886. The genealogical database has over 17 000 names, with many more to be added. The Centre also has some school records which pertain to the first ten years of Croydon State School and the first 6 years of the Golden Gate Provisional School.
- ◆ Croydon had one of the largest rural based Chinese settlements in Queensland during the gold rush of the late 1800s. The Croydon temple site has the second largest pig oven in the southern hemisphere. The temple area is now an archaeological site and has interesting and informative interpretation to help visitors gain an understanding of what was once a vibrant community.

## Our Profile

The prosperous gold mining centre of Croydon was established in 1885 when gold was discovered in the area. Croydon's Heritage Precinct consists of the Police Sergeant's Residence (c.1898), Police Station and Gaol (c.1896), Court House (c.1887) and Croydon Town Hall (c.1890s). The buildings feature artefacts and photographic displays interpreting Croydon's rich heritage, and are open to visitors free of charge.

## What the Standards Program has meant for our Museum

- ◆ The Standards Program has helped us to improve our policies and assisted in future planning for our displays, including the correct storage and documentation of our collection.
- ◆ We have developed stronger networks through the Standards Program. Meeting the other participants at the Standards workshop and building networks has been very valuable for sharing and developing ideas.