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M&GSQ is the peak professional body for the public museum and gallery sector in Queensland, representing a network of more than 400 organisations across the State.

Outstanding Collection of Rural Heritage

Deputy Mayor of Longreach, Councillor Rae Bowden joined Museum & Gallery Services Queensland (M&GSQ) at the Dr Bruce Yeates Memorial Cottage, Australian Stockman's Hall of Fame and Outback Heritage Centre on Thursday 5 December 2013, in congratulating **Australian Stockman's Hall of Fame, on a great year of achievement.** The Australian Stockman's Hall of Fame is the custodian of a significant collection that celebrates Australia's rural heritage.

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

"Australian Stockman's Hall of Fame is to be commended for its achievements during its year-long participation in M&GSQ's Standards Review Program. We especially acknowledge that their willingness to undertake the program was key to the Standards Program coming to Central West Queensland in 2013."

According to M&GSQ's Standards Program Reviewers, Ian Jempson and Ken Brooks, industry experts who played a vital role in providing pro bono professional advice and assistance throughout the Program:

"We congratulate ASHOF for commissioning Dr Judith McKay to undertake a Significance Assessment of the whole collection - an extremely valuable resource for guiding future collection management and commend the Museum Curator for embracing eHive as an online collection management system with the potential to make the collection accessible nationally and internationally."

David Masel, Museum Curator, explained their participation in M&GSQ's Standards Review Program had resulted in a better understanding of updating displays and caring for sensitive objects. He said,

“Advice from the Standards program on relocating sensitive items in the collection, changing the labelling and the rearrangement of the Museum storeroom has been very useful.”

M&GSQ’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.

M&GSQ Standards Review Program is pleased to acknowledge the support of Longreach Regional Council and the Regional Arts Development Fund to bring this program to Longreach. The Regional Arts Development Fund is a Queensland Government and Longreach Regional Council partnership to support local arts and culture.

The museum’s profile is attached.

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Image 1 – L to R Cr Rae Bowden, Deputy Mayor Longreach Regional Council; David Masel, Museum Curator Australian Sockman’s Hall of Fame

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