

## **Lockyer Valley Art Gallery Commended**

Museums & Galleries Queensland (M&G QLD) presented **Lockyer Valley Art Gallery** with a Certificate of Recognition for completing an intensive year-long program that assessed their practices against *The National Standards for Australian Museums and Galleries* at a special event held on 3 December 2018. Councillor Jason Cook, Deputy Mayor, Lockyer Valley Regional Council and Greg Chemello, Administrator, Ipswich City Council joined M&G QLD to celebrate their achievements.

Lockyer Valley Art Gallery is located in Gatton at the Lockyer Valley Cultural Centre on the popular Lake Apex recreation area. Opened in 2009, the Gallery showcases the work of local and emerging artists, as well as presenting exhibitions by other Queensland and national artists.

M&G QLD's Standards Program Reviewers are industry experts who play a vital role in providing pro-bono professional advice and assistance throughout the Program. According to the Reviewers matched to work with Lockyer Valley Art Gallery, Justin Bishop and Elizabeth Bates, Gallery Consultants,

"Lockyer Valley Art Gallery is to be congratulated for providing a full annual exhibition program, which changes regularly. Staff are very welcoming and the exhibitions are professionally presented. Openings are well attended and local artists are keen to exhibit. This shows the importance of the Gallery to the local arts and wider community."

Cr Michael Hagan, Lockyer Valley Regional Council said,

"The Standards Review Program has provided us with direction to investigate how to collaborate and engage with other professional bodies and the community."

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

"Lockyer Valley Art Gallery is to be commended for what they have achieved through their participation in M&G QLD's Standards Review Program, and congratulated for their high standard of professionalism in the way the Gallery and exhibitions are presented."

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 safe-guarding 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>

M&G QLD is pleased to acknowledge the support of Lockyer Valley Regional Council and the Regional Arts Development Fund, which allowed M&G QLD to deliver this program to organisations in the region. The Regional Arts Development Fund is a partnership between the Queensland Government and the Lockyer Valley Regional Council to support local arts and culture in regional Queensland.

Lockyer Valley Art Gallery's profile is attached with more information and quotes from the organisation on their outcomes from the Program.

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