

Lapunyah Art Gallery 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 Lapunyah Art Gallery** on completing a challenging year-long program assessing their practice against *The National Standards for Australian Museums and Galleries*.

Lapunyah Art Gallery is located in the Cultural Precinct in Chinchilla's CBD. The Gallery has a changing program of local and touring exhibitions across two gallery spaces. **Did you know** the Gallery has been entirely managed by dedicated volunteers since its inception in 1999? The team of volunteers continually work to increase the profile of local artists and provide thought-provoking contemporary exhibitions for the community.

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

"Lapunyah Art Gallery is to be commended for its participation in M&G QLD's Standards Review Program and is to be congratulated for its exceptionally high standard of achievement."

According to Justin Bishop, Director, KickArts Contemporary Arts and Joolie Gibbs, Coordinator, Gympie Regional Gallery, 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:

"Lapunyah Art Gallery is warm and welcoming, governance is methodical and thorough, and strategies for continued community engagement are being undertaken.

The Gallery is to be congratulated for the implementation of an in-house curatorial training program with its own designed curriculum along with the encouragement and support they provide to their local artists. The volunteer staff are to be commended for their passion, commitment and excellent work to-date."

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>

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

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Image Caption: Gail Taylor, Helen Dennis and Lorraine Bell, Lapunyah Art Gallery receiving a Certificate of Participation from Cr Andrew Smith, Deputy Mayor, Western Downs Regional Council.

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