

EIDSVOLD HISTORICAL COMPLEX WANTS NEW MEMBERS AND VOLUNTEERS

North Burnett Mayor, Councillor Don Waugh, joined the Mayor of Bundaberg, Councillor Mal Forman, and Museum & Gallery Services Queensland (M&GSQ) at the Bundaberg Regional Council on Friday 30 November, in congratulating **Eidsvold Historical Complex, on a great year of achievement.**

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

'The volunteer run Eidsvold Historical Complex is to be commended for its achievements during its year-long participation in M&GSQ's Standards Program and for their plans for attracting new members and volunteers.'

M&GSQ's Standards Program Reviewers, Ross Bower and Ian Jempson, industry experts who played a vital role in providing pro bono professional advice and assistance throughout the Program congratulated Eidsvold Historical Complex:

'For a small team of volunteers, Eidsvold Historical Complex achieves an impressive amount in making their Museum available to visitors, guiding tour groups, catering social functions, and participating in activities within the town and at the R M Williams Centre.'

During the program, Evelyn Bancroft and Jan Mossman, historical society Secretary and President, identified that among their extensive array of objects needing to be preserved were many with stories with potential to captivate the imagination including a 1936 possum skin cloak, a 1942 flood boat, boxing gloves from the Paris 1924 Olympics, photographs and memorabilia of the local men and women who served Australia in the Boer War through to the Vietnam War, and a Norwegian apron from the 1880s.

There are lots of opportunities for volunteers to become involved with the Complex, including cataloguing the collection, researching its stories, not to mention housekeeping, opening up for visitors, catering special events, developing displays and special activities. Contact Evelyn Bancroft for more information on 07 4165 0895.

M&GSQ's Standards Program supports collecting 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 these collections for their communities.

The museum's profile is attached.

For media enquiries and to obtain print quality images of the museum and the presentation, please contact:

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Image 1 – North Burnett Mayor Don Waugh, with Mal Forman Mayor of Bundaberg, present a Certificate of Recognition to Eidsvold and District Historical Complex represented by Secretary Evelyn Bancroft.

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