

OLD PHARMACY HOLDS IMPORTANT COLLECTION

Mayor of Bundaberg, Councillor Mal Forman joined Museum and Gallery Services Queensland (M&GSQ) at the Bundaberg Regional Council on Friday 30 November, in congratulating **The Old Pharmacy**, Childers, on **a great year of achievement**. The Old Pharmacy is one of two early, intact chemist museums remaining in Australia.

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

"The Old Pharmacy is to be commended for its achievements during its year-long participation in M&GSQ's Standards Program and for its role as the caretakers of one of Australia's largest collections of early pharmaceutical equipment."

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

"Gayle Cotterill, staff and volunteers have accomplished so much and show genuine commitment to a continuing program of improvements for The Old Pharmacy. Managing such a diverse collection can be difficult with limited resources but a good start has been made and Gayle and her team can be praised for their dedication to this huge task."

Gayle Cotterill, Team Leader of the Old Pharmacy and the Childers Visitor Information Centre, explained their participation in M&GSQ's Standards Program had resulted in plans for conducting a collection audit. She said,

"We really benefitted from the calibre of Reviewers who undertook The Old Pharmacy review and having them confirm what we believed, that our collection is very rare and every effort should be made to retain it for generations to come."

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.

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Image 1 – Mayor of Bundaberg Mal Forman with North Burnett Mayor Don Waugh present a Certificate of Recognition to The Old Pharmacy represented by Marie Simmons.

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