

Kronosaurus Korner heralded as Australia's premier marine fossil museum

Richmond Shire Councillors John Wharton, Mayor, and June Kuhl, Deputy Mayor joined Museum & Gallery Services Queensland (M&GSQ) along with Councillor Frank Beveridge, Mayor Charters Towers Regional Council, and Councillor Colleen Doyle, Townsville City Council in Townsville on Thursday 4 December 2014, in congratulating **Kronosaurus Korner**, on a great year of achievement. Kronosaurus Korner is a fascinating and well-presented museum with one of the largest collections of marine fossils in the Southern Hemisphere.

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

"Kronosaurus Korner is to be commended for its year-long participation in M&GSQ's Standards Review Program and is to be congratulated for its exceptionally high standard of achievement."

According to M&GSQ's Standards Program Reviewers, Dr Geraldine Mate and Dr Andrew Rozefelds, industry experts who played a vital role in providing pro-bono professional advice and assistance throughout the Program:

"Kronosaurus Korner has become a significant tourist draw card and key player in the Dinosaur Trail in Queensland and should justifiably be promoted as Australia's best marine fossil museum. The displays are clearly focused on the fossil history of the region and telling that story. The quality of select specimens is a significant attraction."

Dr Tim Holland, Kronosaurus Korner's Interpretation Manager and Curator, explained their participation in M&GSQ's Standards Program had resulted in the redevelopment of education resources. He said,

"Our new education kit will include strands from the science learning area of the Australian Curriculum. Learning outcomes for foundation to year 10 students will be related to themes within our museum."

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 Richmond Shire Council and the Regional Arts Development Fund to bring this program to Richmond. The Regional Arts Development Fund is a Queensland Government and Richmond Shire Council partnership to support local arts and culture.

The museum's profile is attached.

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L to R CR John Wharton, Mayor Richmond Shire Council and CR June Kuhl, Deputy Mayor present a Certificate of Recognition to Kronosaurus Korner represented by Jodie Fox, Manager and Dr Tim Holland, Interpretation Manager and Curator.

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