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M&GSQ is the peak professional body for the public museum and gallery sector in Queensland, representing a network of more than 400 organisations across the State.

Maritime Museum of Townsville keeping doors open and history alive

Councillor Colleen Doyle, Townsville City Council, joined Museum & Gallery Services Queensland (M&GSQ), Councillor Frank Beveridge, Mayor Charters Towers Regional Council, Councillor John Wharton, Mayor Richmond Shire Council, and Trica O'Callaghan, A/CEO, Townsville Enterprise, in Townsville on Thursday 4 December 2014, in congratulating the **Maritime Museum of Townsville**, on a great year of achievement. The Maritime Museum of Townsville is a wonderful regional museum telling many stories of the maritime history of Townsville and surrounds. It is situated in a picturesque setting on the banks of Ross Creek.

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

"The Maritime Museum of Townsville is to be commended for its achievements during its year-long participation in M&GSQ's Standards Review Program."

According to M&GSQ's Standards Program Reviewers, Ian Jempson, CEO Queensland Maritime Museum, and Ken Brooks, Manager, Brennan and Geraghty's Store Museum, industry experts who played a vital role in providing pro-bono professional advice and assistance throughout the Program:

"The small but dedicated team of volunteers at the Maritime Museum of Townsville can be proud of their Museum and its presentation. They are working hard to keep the Museum open to public access 7 days per week."

There are lots of opportunities for volunteers to become involved with the Museum, including cataloguing the collection, researching its stories, not to mention housekeeping, opening for visitors, developing displays, special activities and also working on ex-HMAS *Townsville* to ready her for display. Contact the Museum for more information on 07 4721 5251.

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.

The museum's profile is attached.

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Councillor Colleen Doyle, Townsville City Council presents a Certificate of Recognition to the Maritime Museum of Townsville represented by Tony Manning, President.

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