

## **Townsville Heritage Centre volunteers commended**

Councillor Colleen Doyle, Townsville City Council, joined Museum & Gallery Services Queensland (M&GSQ), Councillor Frank Beveridge, Mayor Charters Towers Regional Council, and Councillor John Wharton, Mayor Richmond Shire Council, in Townsville on Thursday 4 December 2014, in congratulating the **Townsville Heritage Centre**, on a great year of achievement. Townsville Heritage Centre is a small volunteer group managing three historic buildings: Currajong, the Worker's Cottage and the Farmhouse, on behalf of the National Trust of Australia (Queensland) Townsville Branch.

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

"The Townsville Heritage Centre is to be commended for its achievements during its year-long participation in M&GSQ's Standards Review Program and their plans for attracting new members and volunteers."

According to M&GSQ's Standards Program Reviewers, Ian Jempson, and Sarah-Jane Rennie, industry experts who played a vital role in providing pro-bono professional advice and assistance throughout the Program:

"The Standards Program is challenging for any organisation and we congratulate the dedicated team at the Townsville Heritage Centre for embracing the goals of the Program. We especially appreciate the extra effort required by an organisation with a small management committee and small core group of volunteers and we commend them for their keen participation."

Allan Bell, volunteer, explained the Centre's participation in the Standards Review Program has resulted in a plan for attracting volunteers and new resources to assist in managing the collection more professionally.

If you would like to get involved with the Townsville Heritage Centre or become a member of the National Trust of Australia (Queensland) contact Dorothy Gibson-Wilde, Secretary for more

information on 07 4771 5873.

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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### **IMAGE CAPTION**

L to R CR Colleen Doyle, Townsville City Council presents a Certificate of Recognition to the Townsville Heritage Centre represented by Allan Bell and Dorothy Gibson-Wilde.

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