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## **Council Heritage Complex Commended**

Deputy Mayor of Longreach, Councillor Rae Bowden, joined Museum & Gallery Services Queensland (M&GSQ) at the Dr Bruce Yeates Memorial Cottage, Australian Stockman's Hall of Fame and Outback Heritage Centre on Thursday 5 December 2013, in congratulating **Ram Park**, on **a great year of achievement**. The Ram Park museum complex is owned by the Blackall-Tambo Regional Council.

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

"Ram Park is to be commended for its achievements during its year-long participation in M&GSQ's Standards Review Program. M&GSQ would also like to congratulate Council on having the foresight to take the museum complex on and for the work that has been done around the repair, restoration and stabilising of buildings; and the refurbishment of the Railway Station into the Visitor Information Centre."

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:

"It is inspiring to see staff who are committed and passionate about the history and heritage of their region. The Museum Co-ordinator, Sue Frost's, interest and drive to implement best practice in museum policy is outstanding."

Sue explained their participation in M&GSQ's Standards Review Program had resulted in,

"Staff having a greater understanding of the significance of some of our collection and how to display items to their best advantage."

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

**The museum's profile is attached.**

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