

## Three North Burnett Museums congratulated at Bundaberg Celebration

Councillor Mal Forman, Mayor Bundaberg Regional Council, and Councillor Don Waugh, Mayor North Burnett Regional Council joined Museum and Gallery Services Queensland (M&GSQ) at the Bundaberg Regional Council Chambers on Friday 30 November in congratulating three museums from the North Burnett region who have completed a challenging year-long program assessing their practice against the *National Standards For Australian Museums And Galleries*. The organisations are:

- Eidsvold and District Historical Complex
- Monto Historical and Cultural Complex
- Mt Perry Bicentennial Museum

M&GSQ's Standards Review Program, now in its eighth consecutive year of partnership with Museums & Galleries NSW, is a supportive program for the museum and gallery sector, designed to help participating museums plan for a healthy future by recognising their achievements, raising their profile and identifying strategic priorities for improvement and development.

An invaluable part of the Program, are the Standards Reviewers, museum industry experts who volunteered their time to travel with M&GSQ to North Burnett and to provide professional advice and assistance to participants on-site. M&GSQ acknowledges the pro bono service to the museum sector from:

- Ross Bower- President, Redland Museum
- Ken Brooks – Manager, Brennan & Geraghty's Store Museum
- Ian Jempson – CEO, Queensland Maritime Museum
- Dr Jan King – Director, The Queensland Energy Museum
- Dr Geraldine Mate- Senior Curator, Workshops Rail Museum, Queensland Museum

M&GSQ would also like to acknowledge the outstanding contribution of North Burnett Regional Council staff member, Connie Dyke, who supported each of the museums throughout the program and attended the Standards Program's skill development workshops on preventive conservation with Conservator, Christine Ianna, and on digitisation with Leif Ekstrom, State Library of Queensland.

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

"M&GSQ is proud of our Standards Review Program and the achievements of the 63 organisations who have completed the Program across Queensland since 2005. The Program provides an ongoing resource for the network of participants, supported by M&GSQ staff and the industry Reviewers."

**Media releases and museum profiles for each of the participating organisations in the North Burnett region follow.**

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**IMAGE CAPTION**

Image 1 – Final celebration for participants and stakeholders in 2012 Museum and Gallery Services Queensland Standards Review Program in the North Burnett.

(Front L to R Deannah Vieth, Evelyn Bancroft, Lydia Egunnike, Carolyn Larsen

Back L to R Ann Baillie, Cr John Bowen, Cr Paul Lobegeier, Cr Paul Francis, Connie Dyke)

**Acknowledgement – Photo Paul Beutel**

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