

## **RAAF Amberley Aviation Heritage Centre Recognised in Standards Program**

Museums & Galleries Queensland (M&G QLD) presented **RAAF Amberley Aviation Heritage Centre** with a Certificate of Recognition for completing an intensive year-long program that assessed their practice against *The National Standards for Australian Museums and Galleries* at a special event held on 3 December 2018. Greg Chemello, Administrator, Ipswich City Council, Councillor Jason Cook, Deputy Mayor, Lockyer Valley Regional Council and Air Commodore John Meier, Director General History and Heritage Branch – Air Force joined M&G QLD to celebrate their achievements.

Home of the F-111, RAAF Amberley Aviation Heritage Centre is situated on the outskirts of Ipswich on the active Royal Australian Air Force Base Amberley that has been part of the local community since 1940. Visitors can get up close to various aircraft at the Centre and chat to people with first hand operational experience. Beyond the aircraft are the stories of RAAF's operations, from maintaining and flying aircraft, to airfield support and humanitarian aid.

M&G QLD's Standards Program Reviewers are industry experts who played a vital role in providing pro-bono professional advice and assistance throughout the Program. According to the Reviewers matched to work with Heritage Centre, Sarah-Jane Rennie, Head of Collections Care, Sydney Living Museums, and Maggi Solly, Museum Consultant,

"RAAF Amberley Aviation Heritage Centre staff and volunteers are to be congratulated for their dedication to tackling issues around the huge task of collection management, including strengthening the focus of the collection and determining how best to manage a specialised collection database."

Wing Commander Clive Wells, Officer in Charge, RAAF Amberley Aviation Heritage Centre said participating in the Program had resulted in numerous outcomes for the Centre, particularly,

"Advice from the Reviewers has helped us to identify the requirements to better capture and analyse our visitor data to help shape and support future development and direction of our exhibitions."

M&G QLD's Executive Director, Rebekah Butler, said,

"RAAF Amberley Aviation Heritage Centre is to be congratulated on what they have achieved during their participation in M&G QLD's Standards Review Program. Their plans

to enhance visitor experiences and to develop varying approaches to interpretation that aim to attract a wider range of visitors is to be commended.”

M&G QLD’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 safe-guarding and accessibility of community collections and stories. For more information on the Standards Review Program, please visit

<http://www.magsq.com.au/cms/page.asp?ID=5520>

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RAAF Amberley Aviation Heritage Centre’s profile is attached with more information and quotes from the organisation on their outcomes from the Program.

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**Image Caption:** Darryl Purdom, Volunteer, RAAF Amberley Aviation Heritage Centre; Wing Commander Clive Wells, Officer in Charge, RAAF Amberley Aviation Heritage Centre; and Flight Lieutenant Elizabeth Mackie, Staff Officer Logistics, History & Heritage Branch – Air Force receiving a Certificate of Recognition from Greg Chemello, Administrator, Ipswich City Council.

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**Image Caption:** RAAF Amberley Aviation Heritage Centre staff and Air Commodore John Meier, Director General History & Heritage Branch – Air Force.

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