

Six cultural organisations recognised for their achievements in State Standards Program

Museums & Galleries Queensland (M&G QLD) presented six cultural organisations from the Ipswich and Lockyer Valley regions 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 in Ipswich on 3 December 2018. Greg Chemello, Administrator, Ipswich City Council and Councillor Jason Cook, Deputy Mayor, Lockyer Valley Regional Council joined M&G QLD to celebrate these achievements.

The organisations being congratulated were:

- Cooneana Heritage Centre
- Ipswich Hospital Museum
- Ipswich Soldiers' Memorial Hall Museum
- Jessie's Cottage Local History Museum
- Lockyer Valley Art Gallery
- RAAF Amberley Aviation Heritage Centre

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

"Museums & Galleries Queensland congratulates each of the organisations that took part in our 2018 Standards Review Program. Participating in the Program requires great commitment. Each has worked incredibly hard throughout the year and attained a high level of achievement, and is to be commended for their efforts."

According to M&G QLD's Standards Program Reviewers, industry experts who were matched to each organisation and played a vital role in providing pro-bono professional advice and assistance throughout the Program,

"**Cooneana Heritage Centre** volunteers that engaged with the Standards Review Program are to be commended on their enthusiasm, commitment and their determination to move forward in several key areas."

"The volunteer team at **Ipswich Hospital Museum** have used their participation in the Program to great effect. They have clearly identified areas for improvement but also confirmed where they are already applying the standards well. These include the

development of changing displays, thorough governance and strategies for continued community engagement. They are to be commended for their passion, commitment and excellent work to-date.”

“The team at **Ipswich Soldiers’ Memorial Hall Museum** are to be congratulated for their willingness to embrace the Standards Review Program. They used the program to benchmark their policies, procedures and performance, and have enthusiastically engaged with the Reviewers in discussions around initiatives to further improve the museum.”

“The volunteer team at **Jessie’s Cottage Local History Museum** are to be congratulated for their passion, dedication and the investment of the huge number of volunteer hours to preserve Murphys Creek local history and Jessie’s Cottage.”

“**Lockyer Valley Regional Gallery** is to be congratulated for providing a full annual exhibition program, which changes regularly. Staff are very welcoming and the exhibitions are professionally presented. Openings are well attended and local artists are keen to exhibit. This shows the importance of the Gallery to the local arts and wider community.”

“**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.”

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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