

## **Mount Isa and Cloncurry Cultural Organisations Recognised in State Standards Program**

Museums & Galleries Queensland (M&G QLD) congratulates Cloncurry Unearthed Visitor Information Centre and Museum, John Flynn Place Museum and Art Gallery, Mount Isa Underground Hospital and Museum, and Outback at Isa for completing an intensive year-long program throughout 2019 reviewing their practice against *The National Standards for Australian Museums and Galleries*.

The Standards Review Program supports museums and galleries to build skills and capacity; plan for a sustainable future; identify strategic priorities for improvement; and ensure the safe-guarding and accessibility of community collections and stories. Reviewers, who are industry experts, were matched to each organisation and played a vital role in providing pro-bono professional advice and assistance throughout the Program.

Standards Program Reviewers for Outback at Isa, Christine Ianna and Justin Bishop, said, "**Outback at Isa** is to be congratulated for providing a full annual gallery exhibition program, which is professionally presented and openings are well attended. They have taken the opportunity to enthusiastically engage in discussions around initiatives to further improve the centre."

Maggi Solly and Jim McCann, Reviewers for Mount Isa Underground Hospital and Museum, said, "**Mount Isa Underground Hospital and Museum** is to be commended on the range and depth of its community engagement. Continuing to work with other organisations and businesses in the community, especially those linked to tourism, assists in raising both the profile of the museum and raising a sense of community pride about the important stories it tells."

Reviewers for Cloncurry Unearthed Visitor Information Centre and Museum, Jim McCann and Christine Ianna, praised the museum, saying, "**Cloncurry Unearthed Visitor Information Centre and Museum** is to be congratulated for operating this facility to a high standard and for their dedication to tackling issues around the huge task of collection management."

Justin Bishop and Maggi Solly, Reviewers for John Flynn Place Museum and Art Gallery, said, "The staff at **John Flynn Place Museum and Art Gallery** are to be commended for their willingness to embrace the Standards Review Program. They used the Program to benchmark their policies and prioritise the work to be done within the museum collection."

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**Image Caption:** Reviewers Justin Bishop and Christine Ianna at Outback at Isa.

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**Image Caption:** Reviewers Maggi Solly and Jim McCann with Erica Shaw, Mount Isa Underground Hospital and Museum.

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**Image Caption:** Reviewers Jim McCann and Christine Ianna with Gail Wipaki, Cloncurry Unearthed Visitor Information Centre and Museum (centre).

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**Image Caption:** Reviewers Maggi Solly and Justin Bishop with Robyn Jacobson, John Flynn Place Museum and Art Gallery (centre).

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