

Taroom Museum Recognised in National Standards Program

Museums & Galleries Queensland (M&G QLD) was joined by Councillor Tyson Golder, Mayor, Maranoa Regional Council and Councillor Andrew Smith, Deputy Mayor, Western Downs Regional Council at a presentation event on Thursday 1 December 2016 to **congratulate Taroom Museum** on completing a challenging year-long program assessing their practice against *The National Standards for Australian Museums and Galleries*.

Taroom Museum is located in Kelman St, up the hill from the post office. It's situated on the original site of the Taroom State School. **Did you know** the Museum's main building is St Mary's Church, which has been cut in half and relocated twice since being built in 1893? The Museum showcases a variety of buildings and objects from the Taroom district.

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

"Taroom Museum is to be commended for its achievements during its participation in M&G QLD's Standards Review Program and for their plans to develop and implement a new Collection Management Plan."

According to Christine Ianna, Conservator and Lisa Jones, Curator, Queensland Police Museum, M&G QLD's Standards Program Reviewers, industry experts who played a vital role in providing pro-bono professional advice and assistance throughout the Program:

"Taroom Museum is to be congratulated for its progress made on many activities. The volunteer team have been working hard to implement many of the items discussed throughout the Program, such as display techniques.

The strength of the Museum is the enthusiasm and collegial relationship of the volunteers. They are to be commended for their commitment to and passion for the Museum and the history of the district."

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 safeguarding 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>

Taroom Museum's profile is attached with more information and quotes from the organisation on their outcomes in the Program.

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Image Caption: Glenys Shearer and Greg Shearer, Taroom Museum receiving a Certificate of Participation from Deannah Vieth, Museums & Galleries Queensland.

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Image Caption: Deannah Vieth and Leisha Lawrence, Museums & Galleries Queensland with Greg Shearer and Glenys Shearer, Taroom Museum.

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