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RESEARCHERS TO FLOCK TO THE CENTRE

Mayor Tom Gilmore joined Museum and Gallery Services Queensland (M&GSQ) in congratulating MAREEBA HISTORIC SOCIETY, a group passionately informed about history.

At the Atherton Council Chambers on Friday 2 December, the Mayor heard of the society's achievements and their plan to re-brand the library & archive collections as a *Research Centre* arising from their year-long participation in M&GSQ's Standards Program.

According to M&GSQ's Standards Program Reviewers, Lisa Jones and Christine Ianna, industry experts who played a vital role in providing pro bono professional advice and assistance throughout the Program:

"Members of the Mareeba Historic Society are to be congratulated for their willingness to look at themselves differently, and also for their preparedness to step back from their work to see the bigger picture and a clearer path to ensure the society's future sustainability."

Helen Kindt in particular was commended for "being so open to the Standards process and for the organisation's preparedness to take on board advice and suggestions made by the Reviewers."

Museum and Gallery Services Queensland would particularly like to thank Helen Kindt and the Mareeba Historic Society since it was their successful application to the Regional Arts Development Fund that enabled the Standards Program to come to the Tablelands to work with the five participating organisations.

Helen Kindt reflected on what they had gained by participating in the Standards Program:

"We now realise the program helped to bring new ideas and change our way of thinking in our society. We are very pleased we took up the challenge."

The organisation's profile is attached.

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Image 1 – Mayor Tom Gilmore presents Certificate of Recognition to Helen Kindt and David Foster of Mareeba Historic Society

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