

9th Battalions War Memorial Museum congratulated for their achievements in Standards Review Program

Museums & Galleries Queensland (M&G QLD) proudly celebrated the achievements of the **9th Battalions War Memorial Museum** on Friday 15 November 2024, during a special presentation event held at the historic Miegunyah House Museum, Brisbane. This recognised the **9th Battalions War Memorial Museum's** remarkable achievement in completing the intensive year-long Standards Review Program where they assessed their practice against the [*National Standards for Australian Museums and Galleries, Version 2.0*](#) (2023).

Located in Enoggera, the 9th Battalions War Memorial Museum showcases the rich history of the 9th Battalions from its formation in 1867 to the present day. The Museum features an impressive array of artefacts and memorabilia including collections from the Boer War, the 9th Battalion A.I.F. (WWI), 2/9th Battalion A.I.F., 9th Battalion (The Moreton Regiment) WWII, through to the present serving unit 9RQR.

The Museum is situated in the old Remount Facility of the Gallipoli Barracks, recognised as a local heritage site, and is open to the public on Wednesdays from 8am – 1pm, although visitors are encouraged to call ahead due to its location within a secure military base.

Did you know? The Museum and its associated buildings are part of the last surviving Army Remount facility in Australia, dating back to 1913. These heritage buildings include stables for horses and fodder stores, a veterinary officer's quarters and pharmacy, blacksmiths store and living quarters for the soldiers who worked in the facility.

Did you know? The parade ground area within the Army remount facility displays several impressive historical artillery pieces, such as those used in 1942 at Milne Bay in Papua New Guinea to defend the airstrips, Howitzer guns used in World War I in 1914 and in the 1950s in the Korean War. One of the oldest artillery pieces in the collection, known as a Clifton Gun, dates to 1797 and was one of 12 sent by Queen Victoria in 1865 to defend the colony.

Did you know? The 9th Battalions was the first regiment ashore at Gallipoli on 25 April 1915 and that they were led by Lt Duncan Chapman from Maryborough. Significant memorabilia from this landmark event include a flag in the 'black over blue' colours of 9th Battalion carried by Lt Duncan Chapman and a pocket diary that belonged to the second man ashore, Pte James Dundee Bostock.

Chris Donaldson, Curator of the 9th Battalions War Memorial Museum said, "The Program has given us the impetus to create a clear vision which has resulted in the creation and implementation of improved policies and processes."

Ros Peters, the Museum's Librarian, added, "We have been able to improve our collection digitisation project to provide a stable, transparent, and accessible database to share with the wider community. In addition, we have made physical improvements to our exhibition spaces."

M&G QLD's Executive Director, Rebekah Butler, commended the volunteers' efforts saying, "We applaud what the 9th Battalions War Memorial Museum team has achieved through their participation in M&G QLD's Standards Review Program and acknowledge their important work to ensure the stories and artefacts of the 9th Battalions are preserved and shared."

Industry experts **Joe Hextall and Christine Ianna, M&G QLD's Standards Program Reviewers**, emphasised the dedication of the Museum's small team. "The Museum team is small but dedicated and takes great pride and joy in their work. The team are keen to share the stories of the 9th Battalions and improve visitor experience. They are implementing changes with displays and tours for visitors and are happy to consider other programs, such as outreach and targeted education kits for school groups."

M&G QLD's Standards Program Reviewers generously provide their services pro bono and support participating organisations by sharing their expertise and professional guidance throughout the Program.

The 2024 Standards Review Program included participants from Brisbane, Logan and the Scenic Rim regions.

M&G QLD's Standards Review Program supports Queensland's public museums and galleries to build skills and capacity; plan for a sustainable future; identify strategic priorities for improvement; and ensure the safeguarding and accessibility of community collections and stories.

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Image Caption: M&G QLD's Executive Director, Rebekah Butler (left), presenting the 9th Battalions War Memorial Museum Librarian, Ros Peters (right) with a certificate of recognition for completing the M&G QLD's 2024 Standards Review Program.
Photograph: Madeleine Green, courtesy of M&G QLD.



Image Caption: The participants of the 2024 Standards Review Program together at QWHA Miegunyah House Museum.

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Image Caption: Historical buildings which house the 9th Battalion Memorial Museum.
Photograph courtesy of 9th Battalion Memorial Museum.



Image Caption: Yalara school students visiting the 9th Battalions Memorial Museum
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Image Caption: 'Butler's' Medal – this was commissioned to commemorate the service of the 9th Battalion at ANZAC.

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