

Canungra & District Historical Association congratulated for their achievements in Standards Review Program

Museums & Galleries Queensland (M&G QLD) proudly celebrated the achievements of the **Canungra & District Historical Association** on Friday 15 November 2024, during a special presentation event held at the historic Miegunyah House Museum, Brisbane. This recognised the **Canungra & District Historical Association'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).

M&G QLD was honoured to have **Scenic Rim Regional Council Mayor, Tom Sharp**, attend the event and present certificates to Canungra & District Historical Association members, Cathy Mitchell and Janet Kan, for their accomplishments in the 2024 Standards Review Program.

The Canungra & District Historical Association researches and promotes the rich history of Canungra and its surrounding regions. With a dedicated team of volunteers, they are passionate about sharing their enthusiasm for local history through research assistance, contributions to local publications, and engagement in community events. Their mission is to inspire future generations to conserve and safeguard their cultural heritage.

Currently, the Association's collection encompasses historical maps, land sale plans, artifacts from the local primary school, ambulance memorabilia, and oral histories. While they have not yet established formal opening hours, their volunteers encourage the public to reach out for inquiries and collaborations. The Canungra & District Historical Association is actively seeking members who share a passion for the region and appreciate a good cup of tea, cake and a good laugh!

Did you know that the Canungra & District Historical Association actively collects family stories connected to Canungra and the surrounding regions? They invite community members to share their stories and contribute to the collective memory of Canungra.

Did you know that the Canungra & District Historical Association can answer any question about Canungra and the surrounding regions? When their volunteers don't immediately know the answer, they'll do the research!

The Canungra & District Historical Association's **Associate Secretary** shared, "Our organisation's involvement in the Standards Review Program has identified best practice for our organisation's future development."

M&G QLD's Executive Director, Rebekah Butler, echoed the importance of this Program in enhancing the capabilities and sustainability of local heritage organisations.

She said, "Canungra & District Historical Association is to be congratulated for what they have achieved through their participation in the 2024 Standards Review Program. They are clearly passionate and take pride in capturing and preserving the region's history and stories for current and future generations."

Industry experts, **Deannah Vieth and Lisa Jones, Reviewers for the 2024 Standards Review Program**, said, "The Canungra & District Historical Association should be congratulated for enrolling the Museums & Galleries Queensland's Standards Review Program at this stage in the organisation's life."

The continued, "The members of Canungra & District Historical Association are very passionate about the history of Canungra and the surrounding regions. Even with a small number of volunteers, the Canungra & District Historical Association actively engages with the community through historical vignettes in the local paper and by conducting research on request for the public and the Scenic Rim Regional Council."

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

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: Mayor Tom Sharp, Scenic Rim Regional Council, presenting Cathy Mitchell (left) and Janet Kan (centre) of the Canungra & District Historical Association with their certificate for completing M&G QLD's Standards Review Program.
Photograph: Rebekah Butler, courtesy of M&G QLD.



Image Caption: The Canungra & District Historical Association committee members working on their Action Plan with their allocated expert Reviewer, Deannah Vieth, during their On-Site Review.

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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