

Thoroughbred Racing History Association congratulated for their achievements in Standards Review Program

Museums & Galleries Queensland (M&G QLD) proudly celebrated the achievements of the **Thoroughbred Racing History Association** during a special presentation event held at the historic Miegunyah House Museum, Brisbane. This recognised the **Thoroughbred Racing History 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).

As a not-for-profit organisation, the Queensland Horse Racing Museum (QHRM) is an initiative powered by the Thoroughbred Racing History Association to preserve the rich history of the thoroughbred horse racing industry for both the public and industry participants.

The Museum is operated by passionate volunteers with backgrounds in horse racing, eager to share their knowledge and the extensive archive housed at Doomben Racecourse or displayed at the Racing Museum located within the heritage-listed Old Tote building at Eagle Farm racecourse.

The museum welcomes visitors on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 10 am to 1 pm, and interested guests are encouraged to plan their visits in advance.

Did you know? Bernborough, a champion racer, won 15 races in succession in 1946, including the Doomben 10,000 and the Doomben Cup. His early racing was confined to Toowoomba, because he was reared by a breeder that was said to be linked to the infamous Daylate ring-in at Eagle Farm (a ring-in being when a known slow horse is swapped at the last minute for a fast horse in the hopes that more people would bet against it). The Museum has memorabilia related to the infamous Daylate ring-in at Eagle Farm.

Did you know? In 1928, Bundaberg aviator Bert Hinkler made history by landing his plane on the home straight of Eagle Farm racecourse shortly after his record-breaking solo flight from Britain to Australia.

Did you know? From 1942 -1945, Eagle Farm and Doomben racecourses housed thousands of American servicemen during World War II when the racecourses were converted to staging camps. Racing was limited to Albion Park during this time.

Museum President, Peter Howard said, "Participating in the Standards Review Program has been very valuable in bringing our museum to the next level. We now have the knowledge and resources to identify what is important to collect and to make our research more efficient for outside enquiries."



M&G QLD's Executive Director, Rebekah Butler, praised members of the Thoroughbred Racing History Association saying, "These passionate volunteers have achieved much through their participation in M&G QLD's Standards Review Program. They embraced the Program and are actively applying their learnings to preserve and share the history of Queensland's horse racing industry."

Peter Connell and Erica Taylor, M&G QLD's Standards Program Reviewers, commended the efforts of QHRM volunteers, saying, "We congratulate all the volunteers at the QHRM for their outstanding efforts in developing the Museum's website and for initiating the first-ever Collection Policy. The Collection Policy will provide a solid foundation for the future growth and preservation of the Museum's valuable heritage.

We'd also like to congratulate the QHRM volunteers for their commitment to the Standards Review Program. The organisation has embraced the internal and external review processes, engaged in discussions, acted on recommendations, and are proactively taking steps in the key areas of collections and governance.

The hard work, dedication, and passion of QHRM will be instrumental in bringing these vital projects to life. Your contributions are truly appreciated, and you play an essential role in ensuring the Museum's ongoing success and impact in the community. Well done!"

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 (centre), presenting the President of the Thoroughbred Racing History Association, Peter Howard (left) and Secretary, Julie Anne Standfield with their certificate for completing the M&G QLD's 2024 Standards Review Program. Photograph: Madeleine Green, courtesy of M&G QLD.



Image Caption: The Thoroughbred Racing History Association's 2022 National Trust Heritage Festival Event – *A Creek, of Course*. The organisation holds this event annually in celebration of historic racing events and to showcase their impressive collections.
Photograph: Courtesy of the Thoroughbred Racing History Association.



Image Caption: Tulloch's 1961 Brisbane Cup from the Queensland Horse Racing Museum collections.

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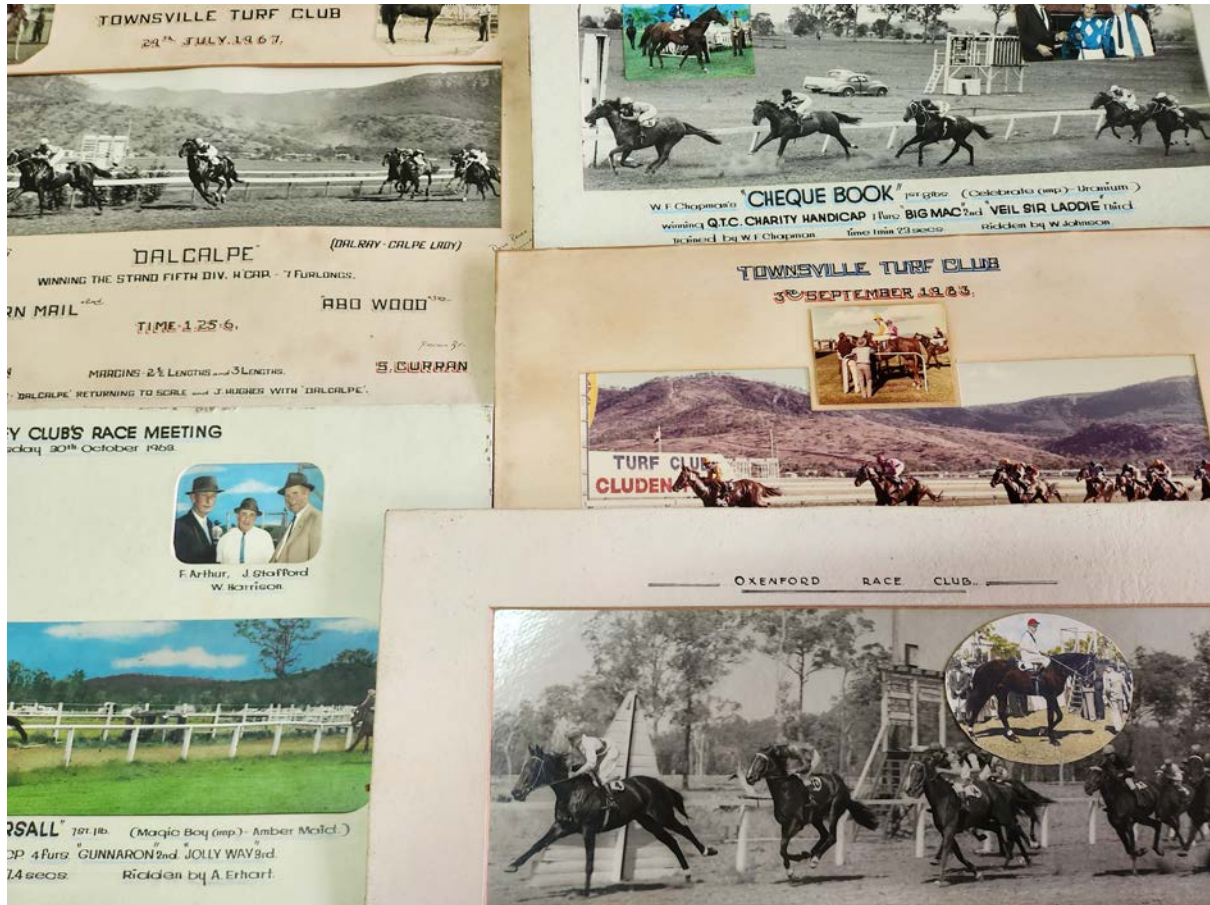


Image Caption: Deframed race photos – part of the deframing project to create more space for the Queensland Horse Racing Museum’s collections.
Photograph: Courtesy of the Thoroughbred Racing History Association.



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

Photograph: Madeleine Green, courtesy of M&G QLD.