

## **Council's Bankfoot House Heritage Precinct Commended**

Museums & Galleries Queensland (M&G QLD) presented **Bankfoot House Heritage Precinct** with a Certificate of Recognition for completing an intensive year-long program assessing their practices against *The National Standards for Australian Museums and Galleries* at a special event held on 22 November 2017. Councillors Rick Baberowski and Greg Rogerson from Sunshine Coast Council, and Councillor Frank Wilkie, Deputy Mayor, Noosa Council joined M&G QLD to celebrate Bankfoot House's achievements.

Heritage-listed Bankfoot House, where three generations made their home, is located in Glass House Mountains, on what used to be the main road between Brisbane and Gympie. You can walk through the front door and experience the House as the family left it. Did you know that around 1868 the cost of a coach trip from Brisbane to Gympie was £3.10 (equivalent today to \$850), even though you could buy a horse for £2? It was a long and arduous journey and Bankfoot House was a welcome stop for travellers.

M&G QLD's Standards Program Reviewers are industry experts who played a vital role in providing pro-bono professional advice and assistance throughout the Program. According to Sarah-Jane Rennie, Head Collections Care, Sydney Living Museums and Emma Best, Education & Public Programs, Newcastle Museum, Standards Program Reviewers:

"Bankfoot House Heritage Precinct is to be congratulated for the work undertaken cataloguing and digitising the collection; the ongoing connection with families associated with the House; the series of studies, reports and plans developed to guide the care and further development of the precinct and the collection; and the tours delivered by the Friends of Bankfoot House.

Ron Gillinder, President, Friends of Bankfoot House said,

"A major outcome of the Standards Review Program was identifying future audience engagement opportunities and shaping the Interpretation Plan for the whole precinct that captures the many stories of the site."

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

“Bankfoot House Heritage Precinct is to be commended for its achievements during its participation in M&G QLD's Standards Review Program and for plans to redevelop and implement an Interpretation Plan.”

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>

M&G QLD is pleased to acknowledge the support of Sunshine Coast Council through its Cultural Heritage Levy, which allowed M&G QLD to deliver this program to organisations in the Sunshine Coast region.

**Bankfoot House Heritage Precinct's profile is attached with more information and quotes from the organisation on outcomes achieved through their participation in the Program. For media enquiries or images, please contact:**

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