

Bli Bli on Maroochy Historical Society Participates in Standards Program

Museums & Galleries Queensland (M&G QLD) presented **Bli Bli on Maroochy Historical Society Inc.** with a Certificate of Recognition for completing a 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 the Sunshine Coast Council, and Councillor Frank Wilkie, Deputy Mayor, Noosa Council joined M&G QLD to celebrate the organisation's achievements.

Bli Bli on Maroochy Historical Society Inc. is located in the old School Residence on Willis Rd, Bli Bli and aims to share local history stories and photographs from the Maroochy and Mooloolah River areas.

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 Christine Ianna, Conservator and Bronwyn Roper, Community Heritage Coordinator, Melbourne Library Service, Standards Program Reviewers:

"Bli Bli on Maroochy Historical Society is to be commended for their preparedness to carefully consider the advice offered through the Standards Review Program and their ability to determine how to prioritise the tasks ahead to achieve their goals. The strength of the Society is their commitment to and passion for the history of the region."

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

"Bli Bli on Maroochy Historical Society is to be commended on progress made since the beginning of the Standards Review Program including the organisation of the office work space and display area in the historic School Residence."

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.

Bli Bli on Maroochy Historical Society'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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1. Image Caption: Ailsa Watson, Betty Garrad and Max Perren, Bli Bli on Maroochy Historical Society receiving a Certificate from Cr Rick Baberowski.

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