

## **Pioneer Cottage Buderim Heralded as a Significant Destination**

Museums & Galleries Queensland (M&G QLD) presented **Pioneer Cottage Buderim** 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 the Sunshine Coast Council, and Councillor Frank Wilkie, Deputy Mayor, Noosa Council joined M&G QLD to celebrate the Museum's achievements.

Pioneer Cottage Buderim is set in a colourful garden, built circa 1882 and stands on its original site. Did you know that this heritage-listed house is constructed of locally grown and pit sawn white beech, which is not readily attacked by termites? Red cedar was used for French doors in each of the four rooms.

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 Dr Geraldine Mate, Principal Curator, History, Industry and Technology, Queensland Museum Network and Bronwyn Roper, Community Heritage Coordinator, Melbourne Library Service, Standards Program Reviewers:

"Pioneer Cottage Buderim is to be congratulated for their attention to detail in the ongoing care of the collection, and their excellent awareness of the role of the museum in the local community and in the wider regional tourism offer. The volunteers provide a valuable service and are justifiably proud of this historical house and collection."

Prue Cawley, Vice President, Pioneer Cottage Buderim said,

"The Standards Review Program has focussed us on the conservation aspects of our Strategic Plan. It will enable us to prioritise the conservation of our collection, look at our story telling and develop a more comprehensive maintenance plan for Pioneer Cottage."

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

"Pioneer Cottage Buderim is to be commended for its achievements during its participation in M&G QLD's Standards Review Program and for plans to develop and implement a new 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.

**Pioneer Cottage Buderim'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:** Ruth Ormerod, Prue Cawley, Lorraine Buhk and David Wood from Pioneer Cottage Buderim receiving a Certificate from Cr Rick Baberowski.

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**2. Image Caption:** Lorraine Buhk, Ruth Ormerod, David Wood and Prue Cawley, Pioneer Cottage Buderim.

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