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## Gallery 107 @ Dalby Recognised in National Standards Program

Councillor Andrew Smith, Deputy Mayor, Western Downs Regional Council and Councillor Tyson Golder, Mayor, Maranoa Regional Council joined Museums & Galleries Queensland (M&G QLD) at a presentation event on Thursday 1 December 2016 to **congratulate Gallery 107 @ Dalby** on completing a challenging year-long program assessing their practice against *The National Standards for Australian Museums and Galleries*.

Gallery 107 @ Dalby is a contemporary art space in rural Queensland showcasing emerging and established artists. **Did you know** the Gallery is situated in the old Council Chambers, which started life as an indoor sports centre? The original timber floor and squash court walls have been transformed into a modern gallery space, and these features can still be seen today.

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

"Gallery 107 @ Dalby is to be commended for its participation in M&G QLD's Standards Review Program and is to be congratulated for its high standard of professionalism in the way the Gallery is presented and exhibitions are curated."

According to Justin Bishop, Director, KickArts Contemporary Arts and Ross Searle, Gallery Consultant, M&G QLD's Standards Program Reviewers, industry experts who played a vital role in providing pro-bono professional advice and assistance throughout the Program:

"The Gallery is a vibrant space that fosters strong connections within the local and regional communities. The volunteer Committee takes great pride in managing the Gallery as an inclusive place to be. The increasing visitation and community involvement demonstrate that Gallery 107 @ Dalby is a great asset to the Western Downs region."

Gallery 107 @ Dalby is congratulated for its commitment to support local artists. This is achieved by working closely with local artists to present exhibitions and events, along with promotion through the Gallery shop."



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## Gallery 107 @ Dalby's profile is attached with more information and quotes from the organisation on their outcomes in the Program.

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**Image Caption:** Cr Andrew Smith, Deputy Mayor, Western Downs Regional Council presenting a Certificate of Participation to Gallery 107 @ Dalby representatives, Roxanne English, Sally Charlton and Cr Carolyn Tillman.

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**Image Caption:** Roxanne English, Cr Kaye Maguire, Cr Peter Saxelby, Sally Charlton and Cr Carolyn Tillman.

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