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STAND OUT ATTRACTION IN MUSEUM TOWN

Mayor Tom Gilmore joined Museum and Gallery Services Queensland (M&GSQ) in congratulating HERBERTON MINING MUSEUM, a stand out attraction on a heritage listed site in the oldest town on the Tablelands.

At the Atherton Council Chambers on Friday 2 December, the Mayor heard of the museum's achievements and their plans for new interpretation arising from their year-long participation in M&GSQ's Standards Program.

According to M&GSQ's Standards Program Reviewers, Steve Chaddock and Ian Jempson, industry experts who played a vital role in providing pro bono professional advice and assistance throughout the Program:

"Herberton Mining Museum is to be congratulated for its enthusiastic involvement in the Standards Program and their willingness to quickly embrace many of the opportunities identified through the program. In a remarkable volunteer effort, the museum tells the story of tin mining in Herberton using varied interpretation methods and making good use of many original artefacts, well supported by graphic panels and historic photographs. Its courtyard interactive area encourages tin panning and hand drilling activities and these are excellent."

John van Grieken, museum volunteer whose hard work in M&GSQ's Standards Program was enthusiastically acknowledged by Veronica Weal, Coordinator of Herberton Mining Museum and Visitor Information Centre, summed up the program's outcome:

"We now realise that our heritage listed site with its mining equipment and cultural landscape is the most valuable asset. The museum's collection of objects and stories complements and interprets the site."

The museum's profile is attached.

For media enquiries and to obtain print quality images of the museum and the presentation, please contact:

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Image 1 – Mayor Tom Gilmore presents Certificate of Recognition to John van Grieken and Veronica Weal of Herberton Mining Museum.

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