

## **Jessie's Cottage Local History Museum Recognised in Standards Program**

Museums & Galleries Queensland (M&G QLD) presented **Jessie's Cottage Local History Museum** with a Certificate of Recognition for completing an intensive year-long program that assessed their practice against *The National Standards for Australian Museums and Galleries* at a special event held on 3 December 2018. Councillor Jason Cook, Deputy Mayor, Lockyer Valley Regional Council and Greg Chemello, Administrator, Ipswich City Council joined M&G QLD to celebrate their achievements.

Follow the original Cobb & Co route to Murphys Creek and discover the hidden treasure that is Jessie's Cottage Local History Museum. In 1899 this charming and unique cottage was built by Scottish immigrant, William Taylor. This early pioneering family raised 5 children. Jessie, the first born daughter, remained in the cottage living alone until 1966. Visit the Museum and 'step back in time' to learn about the Taylor family and marvel at the cottage as an example of early Australian kit home architecture.

M&G QLD's Standards Program Reviewers are industry experts who play a vital role in providing pro-bono professional advice and assistance throughout the Program. According to Reviewers matched to work with the Museum, Lisa Jones, Curator, Queensland Police Museum and Kylie Bourne, President, Miles Historical Village Museum,

"The volunteer team at Jessie's Cottage Local History Museum are to be congratulated for their passion, dedication and the investment of the huge number of volunteer hours to preserve Murphys Creek local history and Jessie's Cottage."

Susan Stilgoe, Volunteer, Jessie's Cottage Local History Museum said,

"The Standards Review Program has acknowledged our 'good practices' and encouraged us to continue with more professional practices and record keeping."

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

"Jessie's Cottage Local History Museum is to be commended for what they have achieved through their participation in M&G QLD's Standards Review Program, and for their goal to develop a plan that outlines their future direction."

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 safe-guarding 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>

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Jessie's Cottage Local History Museum's profile is attached with more information and quotes from the organisation on their outcomes from the Program.

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**Image Caption:** Susan Stilgoe, Madeline Prior and Margaret Wood, Jessie's Cottage Local History Museum receiving a Certificate of Recognition from Cr Jason Cook, Deputy Mayor, Lockyer Valley Regional Council.

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