



## media release

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### **JAMES COOK MUSEUM KEEPING DOORS OPEN AND HISTORY ALIVE**

Mayor Peter Scott joined Museum and Gallery Services Queensland (M&GSQ) in congratulating JAMES COOK MUSEUM, a fascinating museum located in a building as significant as the displays it holds.

At the Cook Shire Council Chambers on Thursday 1 December, the Mayor heard of the museum's achievements and their plans for a project on interpretation of objects arising from their year-long participation in M&GSQ's Standards Program.

According to M&GSQ's Standards Program Reviewers, Leanne Kelly and Ken Brooks, industry experts who played a vital role in providing pro bono professional advice and assistance throughout the Program:

"The staff members have a great passion for the museum and should be congratulated for their efforts in maintaining a continual and consistent operation of the museum. Their commitment is highly commendable in the face of the tourism downturn experienced throughout Queensland over the last year as a result of natural disasters and the global economic downturn."

Serge Petelin from James Cook Museum summed up the Program's outcome:

"The Standards Program has had an appreciable impact on our recognition of matters relating to conservation and significance assessment of the collection. This will result in improved management of the museum's artefacts."

**The museum's profile is attached.**

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#### **IMAGE CAPTION**

**Image 1** – Mayor Peter Scott congratulates Serge Petelin from the James Cook Museum on the completion of the 2011 Museum and Gallery Services Queensland Standards Program.

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