

Lockyer Valley Art Gallery congratulated for their achievements in State Standards Review Program

Museums & Galleries Queensland (M&G QLD) was pleased to congratulate the **Lockyer Valley Art Gallery**, Gatton, at a **special presentation event** held on Wednesday 5 April 2023, for completing the intensive year-long Standards Review Program assessing their practice against *The National Standards for Australian Museums and Galleries*.

Located within the Lockyer Valley Cultural Centre at Lake Apex, Gatton, the Lockyer Valley Art Gallery is a public gallery owned and operated by the Lockyer Valley Regional Council.

Purpose built in 2009, the Gallery presents an ever-changing program of new and exciting visual arts exhibitions to engage local audiences and visitors to the area.

Did you know that the Lockyer Valley Art Gallery is the perfect destination to visit and spend a day? The Gallery is a warm and inviting place to meet up with family and friends and share an engaging arts and cultural experience, or to go on your own and contemplate the diversity of artworks on display. While visiting the Gallery, you can also visit the Queensland Transport Museum, Library, Visitor Information Centre, or enjoy a meal at the Colonial Café. Behind the Gallery is the picturesque Lake Apex, where you can photograph native birds and other wildlife, or explore the walking tracks which feature a variety of public art installations crafted in wood and iron. Helidon Sandstone sculptures are also situated in the gardens and carpark entrance to the Cultural Centre for visitors to enjoy.

Did you know that the Lockyer Valley Art Gallery supports local artists as well as presenting touring exhibitions that feature the work of Queensland and national artists? To find out what is on display at any given time, visit the Lockyer Valley Art Gallery's website or social media.

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

"This is the second time that the Lockyer Valley Art Gallery has participated in M&G QLD's Standards Review Program and demonstrates their commitment to continuous improvement. They have actively worked with our Standards Program Reviewers to identify strategic priorities to grow and further support the Gallery's operations and public engagement."

According to Deannah Vieth and Karina Devine (M&G QLD's Standards Program Reviewers), industry experts who play a vital role in providing pro-bono professional advice and assistance throughout the Program,

"Lockyer Valley Art Gallery is to be commended for their genuine commitment to presenting excellent visual art experiences for their community. They have been proactive in building their team's knowledge and skills. They have embraced this opportunity to

develop new programming strategies and enhance their exhibition outcomes. Ultimately, this will enhance the depth and variety of experiences the community can engage with."

Lockyer Valley Regional Council's Community Services Portfolio Councillor Michael Hagan said, "The Standards Review Program has provided staff with advice and support to update the exhibition guidelines. The additional information provides clearer guidelines for exhibitors along with priorities and assessment criteria. This is our second time participating in M&G QLD's Standards Review Program and we are now much more confident in our knowledge and experience."

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; and ensure the safeguarding and accessibility of community collections and stories.

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