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Congratulations Queensland Maritime Museum

Museums & Galleries Queensland (M&G QLD) congratulates **Queensland Maritime Museum**, on completing a challenging year-long program assessing their practice against *The National Standards for Australian Museums and Galleries*. The Queensland Maritime Museum is located on the banks of the Brisbane River at the southern end of South Bank and is open to the public daily.

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

"Queensland Maritime Museum is to be commended for its participation in M&G QLD's Standards Review Program and be congratulated for its exceptionally high standard of achievement."

According to M&G QLD's Standards Program Reviewers, Mary-Louise Williams, former Director, Australian National Maritime Museum and Dr Geraldine Mate, The Workshops Rail Museum, who are industry experts that played a vital role in providing pro-bono professional advice and assistance throughout the Program:

"Queensland Maritime Museum has a fine collection with some truly significant objects, big and small. It is an engaging destination and has much to offer patrons, local and interstate alike. The museum is to be applauded for its enthusiastic involvement in the Standards Review Program and willingness to quickly embrace many of the opportunities identified."

The Queensland Maritime Museum is a not-for-profit organisation, which operates with an enthusiastic team of volunteers and two paid staff. Volunteers and staff have a passion for the museum and its collection and this dedication is demonstrated by the enormous amount of work undertaken to present a professional, well-managed and engaging museum.

Ian Jempson, Queensland Maritime Museum's Chief Executive Officer, explained one of the outcomes from participation in M&G QLD's Standards Review Program, saying,

"The Program challenged us to reflect more on visitor engagement and how we can improve the visitor experience and the way we tell our stories."

There are lots of opportunities for volunteers to become involved with the museum, including cataloguing the collection, researching its stories, not to mention developing displays, housekeeping, opening for visitors, special activities (like Pirate Week) and also working on an amazing array of vessels. Contact the Museum for more information on 07 3844 5361.

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 safeguarding and accessibility of community collections and stories.

The museum's profile is attached.

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IMAGE CAPTION – Jessica Watson's *Pink Lady* on display at the Queensland Maritime Museum.

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IMAGE CAPTION – HMAS *Diamantina* in the South Brisbane Dry Dock. Visit the Queensland Maritime Museum and explore the only survivor of her kind in the world.

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