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Exciting Future for Logan City Historical Museum Society Inc.

Museum and Gallery Services Queensland (M&GSQ) congratulates Logan City Historical Museum Society Inc., one of six community museums who have completed a year long groundbreaking program for Queensland's museum sector: a Standards Program in South East Queensland. The Standards Program is designed to help participating museums plan for a sustainable future by recognising their achievements, raising their profile, and identifying strategic priorities for improvement and development.

2006 is the second year of a three year pilot for Museum & Gallery Services Queensland, funded by Arts Queensland. The other museums to complete the pilot in 2006 are:

- Kingaroy Heritage Museum
- Redland Museum
- Abbey Museum of Art & Archaeology
- Landsborough Museum – A Caloundra City Heritage Centre
- Queensland Ambulance Museums - Wynnum

On Friday 15 December at the offices of Museum & Gallery Services Queensland, Fortitude Valley, Logan City Historical Museum Society Inc. received a certificate of recognition from Jenny Menzies, Executive Director, Arts Development, Arts Queensland in acknowledgment of their achievement and hard work. Participants also presented their plans for the future and provided feedback on their experience of this pilot program.

Reviewers, Dr Dan Robinson and Ken Brooks, commended Logan City Historical Museum Society Inc. for their effort shown through positive progress over the twelve month period the museum has been involved in the Standards Program. The Standards Program reviewers are long standing, museum professionals who volunteer their expertise for desk reviews and site visits to assist the museums with practical and strategic advice.

Logan City Historical Museum Society Inc. has recently secured a significant grant for collection management software & has attended intensive training. The museum is currently pursuing joint exhibition development opportunities and is taking positive action to increase volunteer numbers.

Graham Filkins, President of the Society, explained why they elected to participate in the Standards Program: *'We recognised the need to take stock of the organisation at this point and plan for the future. We have a desire to give direction to the organisation and aim for a more professional approach to museum management'.*

In 2007 the Museum Standards Program will be offered by M&GSQ in Far North Queensland with the support of the Museum Development Officer (FNO).

Media Profiles for each Museum, including images, are available at www.magsq.com.au

Print quality images from the Presentation Ceremony are also available on request by contacting the number below.

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