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Exciting Future for Redland Museum

Museum and Gallery Services Queensland (M&GSQ) congratulates Redland Museum, 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 program in 2006 are:

- Logan City Historical Museum Society Inc.
- Kingaroy Heritage 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, Redland Museum 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, Lisa Jones and Ken Smith, congratulated Redland Museum on being '*a professional organisation with excellent exhibits and an enthusiastic group of volunteers*'. 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.

Redland Museum has been very successful in 2006 taking out 5 significant awards including the National Trust Silver Award, for the restoration of their rare c1890 Halladay Standard windmill, and regional and sectional awards in the Moreton Bay Tourism Awards. They have plans to extend the Museum and have applied for funds from Queensland's 150th Legacy Infrastructure Program. The Museum has recently adopted a new organisational structure which effectively divides operational and management duties. An active program of renovation is underway, with the help of their 60 active volunteers and support from the local Council. They have been successful in gaining funding for a preservation workshop from the National Library of Australia and will develop a detailed preservation and conservation plan.

Ross Bower, Vice-President, said: '*We participated in the Standards Pilot as a thorough and systematic exercise to gain a full understanding of the strengths and weaknesses of our museum, and for guidance on how we could make improvements. The second reason was to learn how to improve our collection management and preservation policies and procedures*'.

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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