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Only Four Years Young but Winning Accolades

Deputy Mayor of Longreach, Councillor Rae Bowden, joined Museum & Gallery Services Queensland (M&GSQ) at the Dr Bruce Yeates Memorial Cottage, Australian Stockman's Hall of Fame and Outback Heritage Centre on Thursday 5 December 2013, in congratulating **Grassland Art Gallery**, who joined via SKYPE, on **a great year of achievement**. The Gallery is the only Council-supported, purpose-built, climate-controlled Gallery facility within a 300km radius of Tambo.

M&GSQ's Executive Director, Rebekah Butler, said today,

"Grassland Art Gallery is to be commended for its achievements during its year-long participation in M&GSQ's Standards Program. We are delighted that the Gallery has received well deserved recognition in 2013 with a Special Commendation at M&GSQ's prestigious state-wide Gallery & Museum Achievement Awards (GAMAA) and a coveted M&GSQ Mentorship for Alison Shaw, Arts & Cultural Officer."

According to M&GSQ's Standards Program Reviewers, Ross Seale and Justin Bishop, industry experts who played a vital role in providing pro bono professional advice and assistance throughout the Program:

"The Gallery is poised to become a focal point for community enrichment activities. With a large community workshop and meeting space and relaxing courtyard – it is well equipped for a range of events and activities."

Alison Shaw, Arts & Cultural Officer, explained their participation in M&GSQ's Standards Program had resulted in renewed motivation and greater community ownership. She said,

"The program has reinvigorated the volunteer committee associated with the gallery and reinforced the necessity of current plans, policies and procedures to ensure smooth programming and presentation of engaging exhibitions."

M&GSQ'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.

M&GSQ Standards Review Program is pleased to acknowledge the support of Blackall-Tambo Regional Council and the Regional Arts Development Fund to bring this program to Tambo. The Regional Arts Development Fund is a Queensland Government and Blackall-Tambo Regional Council partnership to support local arts and culture.

The museum's profile is attached.

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Image 1 – Alison Shaw accepting the Gallery's GAMAA, a Special Commendation Award at the Museum of Brisbane on 22 November 2013.

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