

## Logan City Historical Museum congratulated for their achievements in State Standards Review Program

Museums & Galleries Queensland (M&G QLD) was pleased to congratulate **Logan City Historical Museum**, Logan, at a **special presentation event** held on Friday 2 February 2024, at The Centre, Beaudesert, for completing the intensive year-long Standards Review Program, assessing their practice against *The National Standards for Australian Museums and Galleries*.

Located in the Kingston Butter Factory Cultural Precinct, the Logan City Historical Museum was established more than 30 years ago with a charter to preserve the history of the development of the Logan and Albert districts from the late 19<sup>th</sup> century to the present day.

The Logan City Historical Museum boasts a collection that tells the story of the local Butter Factory era and Logan's history in timber, farming, mining, involvement in both WWI and WWII, and a number of floods, fires and a tornado over the last century.

**Did you know** the Kingston area was known as "Butter Town" because of its association with the Kingston Butter Factory, which underpinned the local dairying industry for six decades? The Factory's weekly output of butter was between 40 and 50 tonnes by 1930. This historic site was transformed into the Kingston Butter Factory Cultural Precinct after the Butter Factory was closed in 1983.

**Did you know** there was a network of airfields in and around the Logan area operated by the American Airforce in WWII? The Logan City Historical Museum preserves the remnants of the boundary fence posts and barbed wire from Parkhill, Jacaranda and the Woodridge Airfield.

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

"The Logan City Historical Museum is to be commended for their participation in M&G QLD's Standards Review Program. The volunteers have enthusiastically embraced this opportunity and are applying their learnings to improve visitor engagement and accessibility, and to strengthen the Museum's operations."

According to Lisa Jones and Joe Hextall (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,

“The Logan City Historical Museum is to be congratulated for their enthusiasm for the history of Logan and for using the Museum to impart that enthusiasm to the community and visitors. The group is well organised and excels in forward planning; they have a very bright future ahead of them.”

Logan City Historical Museum President, Paul Beardsworth said,

“The Standards Review Program was invaluable in highlighting the shortcomings in the Museum’s structure and governance and allowed for the implementation of improvements in policies and procedures in these areas. The involvement of the M&G QLD team was crucial. It has given the Museum a far better understanding of what processes are required to become more efficient. It has also informed how we can make our Museum’s collection more accessible to the community.”

Paul Beardsworth continued,

“Developing clear job positions and key responsibilities for our volunteers has resulted in better productivity and engagement, and is allowing us to focus on prioritising procedures in areas such as preservation and conservation.”

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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**Image Caption:** Holden in Museum Display.

**Acknowledgement:** Courtesy of Logan City Historical Museum.



**Image Caption:** Logan City Historical Museum volunteers with 1926 Chevrolet car inside of the Museum. The car was donated to the Museum by Mr. Allan Pettigrew.

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**Image Caption:** Logan City Historical Museum Curator, Helen Cameron and Volunteer Coordinator, Judy Wood receiving Logan City Historical Museum's Certificate of Recognition from Chelsi Foskett, Projects Officer | Libraries and Creative Industries Branch of Logan City Council.

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