

Hinkler Hall of Aviation Recognised in State Standards Program

Museums & Galleries Queensland (M&G QLD) congratulates **Hinkler Hall of Aviation** for completing an intensive year-long program throughout 2021, reviewing their practice against *The National Standards for Australian Museums and Galleries*.

Set within the lush Bundaberg Botanic Gardens, the Hinkler Hall of Aviation celebrates the adventures and achievements of Australia's pioneer solo aviator Bert Hinkler. Visitors to the Museum can actively enjoy and become part of the story through its interactive displays, glide and flight simulators, display aircraft, vintage motor vehicle, and many other unique museum exhibits.

Did you know that one of Bert Hinkler's gliders was built using recycled materials, including his Mother's ironing board and his Brother's bicycle wheels? Bert designed and constructed a steam chambered rib wing in 1912 and this was used in both of his gliders. Learn more about this unique wing and the gliders at Hinkler Hall of Aviation.

M&G QLD's Standards Program Reviewers are industry experts who play a vital role in providing pro-bono professional advice and assistance throughout the Program. According to the Reviewers matched to work with the organisation, Christine Ianna and Deannah Vieth, Museum Consultants, "The Hinkler Hall of Aviation team are to be commended for their passion, commitment and excellent work to-date. They used the Standards Review Program to benchmark their policies, procedures and programming, and have enthusiastically engaged with us in discussions around initiatives to further improve the Museum."

Tracey Kelly, Hinkler Hall of Aviation Supervisor, said,

"The Standards Review Program has helped us raise awareness of the importance of our collection and how to better preserve and enhance it for future generations."

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

"Hinkler Hall of Aviation is to be congratulated for what they have achieved through their participation in M&G QLD's 2021 Standards Review Program, and for their plans to further capture stories of Bert Hinkler through oral histories."

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 safe-guarding and accessibility of community collections and stories.

Hinkler Hall of Aviation's profile is attached with more information and quotes from the organisation on their achievements and outcomes from participating in the Program.

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Image Caption: Standards Program Reviewers Christine Ianna and Deannah Vieth in front of Hinkler Hall of Aviation.

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Image Caption: Bert Hinkler's glider.

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