

## **Noosa Heritage Library Commended for High Standard of Practice**

Museums & Galleries Queensland (M&G QLD) presented **Noosa Library Service Heritage Library** with a Certificate of Recognition for completing an intensive year-long program assessing their practices against *The National Standards for Australian Museums and Galleries* at a special event held on 22 November 2017. Councillor Frank Wilkie, Deputy Mayor, Noosa Council and Councillors Rick Baberowski and Greg Rogerson from the Sunshine Coast Council joined M&G QLD to celebrate the organisation's achievements.

Noosa Library Service Heritage Library is accessible to local residents, historical researchers, visitors to the region and anyone interested in undertaking research and discovering more about the many facets of the Noosa region. Did you know that the digital images in the Picture Noosa collection all come from treasured family albums that are lent to the Library for scanning?

M&G QLD's Standards Program Reviewers are industry experts who played a vital role in providing pro-bono professional advice and assistance throughout the Program. According to Lisa Jones, Curator, Queensland Police Museum and Christine Ianna, Museum Consultant, Standards Program Reviewers:

"Noosa Library Service Heritage Library is commended for their continued work of very high standards of practice which will contribute significantly to the long-term preservation of the Heritage Collection. They have such enthusiasm in caring for this local collection."

Jane Harding, Heritage Librarian, Noosa Council said an outcome of the Program has been:

"The Standards Review Program reassured us that we are managing our collection in line with best practice and highlighted practical things we could do to enhance our activities, such as developing a more detailed Collection Management Policy and implementing more robust storage for our digital collections to ensure the long-term sustainability of the heritage collection."

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

"Noosa Library Service Heritage Library is to be commended for its achievements during its participation in M&G QLD's Standards Review Program and for plans to develop and implement a Collection Management Policy specific to the Heritage Library collection."

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; develop an action plan; and ensure the safeguarding and accessibility of community collections and stories. For more information on the Standards Review Program, please visit

<http://www.magsq.com.au/cms/page.asp?ID=5520>

**Noosa Library Service Heritage Library's profile is attached with more information and quotes from the organisation on outcomes achieved through their participation in the Program. For media enquiries or images, please contact:**

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