

Noosa Shire Museum Captures Region's Fascinating History

Museums & Galleries Queensland (M&G QLD) presented **Noosa Shire Museum** 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 Shire Museum is located in the original Shire Council Chambers in the historic town of Pomona, which is nestled at the foot of Mount Cooroora. Did you know Noosa Shire Museum worked with the local Aboriginal community and Council in the late 1990s to create a keeping place for Gubbi Gubbi objects?

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 Maggi Solly, Consultant and Ian Jempson, CEO, Queensland Maritime Museum, Standards Program Reviewers:

"Noosa Shire Museum is to be applauded for benchmarking their policies, procedures and performance through the Standards Review Program. The volunteer staff are to be commended for their passion, commitment and excellent work to-date."

Jeanette Alfredson, President, Noosa Shire Museum said,

"Our participation as volunteer staff in the Standards Review Program provided us with experience and information to apply to our collections, displays, governance and conservation practices."

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

"Noosa Shire Museum is to be commended for its achievements during its participation in M&G QLD's Standards Review Program and for plans to increase community engagement."

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 Shire Museum'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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