

Queensland Transport Museum congratulated for their achievements in State Standards Review Program

Museums & Galleries Queensland (M&G QLD) was pleased to congratulate the **Queensland Transport Museum**, Gatton, at a **special presentation event** held on Wednesday 5 April 2023, for completing the intensive year-long Standards Review Program assessing their practice against *The National Standards for Australian Museums and Galleries*.

Built in 2009, the Queensland Transport Museum is located inside the Lockyer Valley Cultural Centre, Gatton. Visitors to the Museum can explore a diversity of vehicles, memorabilia and other displays that explore the history, founders and functions of the transport industry in Queensland. Featured displays include the *Western Transport Exhibit* and *Nolan's Interstate Transport Exhibit*, as well as a display of over 200 models, including vintage matchbox cars.

The *Western Transport Exhibit*, for example, celebrates the transport industry's pioneering men and women and the important role they played in connecting regional towns in Queensland and nationally in the early 1930s. **Did you know** that the Western Transport fleet was the largest in Australia at its peak? With trucks and trailers exceeding 500 units, the company serviced every mainland state with depots in Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne, Adelaide, Perth, and Darwin.

Situated within Gatton's Lake Apex Precinct, visitors to the Queensland Transport Museum can also enjoy the onsite café, Lockyer Valley Art Gallery, Lockyer Legends and Anzac display, parklands, walking tracks, children's playground, or visit the local library.

Did you know that the 'Lights on the Hill Trucking Memorial' is also located near the Museum, on the grounds of the Lake Apex Precinct? The 'Lights on the Hill Trucking Memorial' wall and annual event honour truck and coach drivers who have passed before their time.

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

"The Queensland Transport Museum is to be commended for their participation in M&G QLD's Standards Review Program. This opportunity has supported them to strategically assess the Museum's exhibitions and public engagement activities and to develop new ways of thinking to strengthen the Museum's future operations."

According to Lisa Jones and Christine Ianna (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 Queensland Transport Museum has great support from Locker Valley Regional Council, this combined with the enthusiasm of its staff for the collections and exhibitions on display, will undoubtedly ensure the Museum's survival into the future. Staff are to be commended for their imaginative ways to attract visitors and to engage them with the exhibitions."

Lockyer Valley Regional Council Mayor, Cr Tanya Milligan said,

“The Standards Review Program helped Council to initiate strategic conversations about the future of the Museum. We are looking at the planning of Museum exhibits and how to better utilise the arts, culture and museum networks to achieve interesting and varied displays.”

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: Western Transport Exhibit – A truck, on a truck, on a truck.

Acknowledgement: Courtesy of Lockyer Valley Regional Council.



Image Caption: Visitors enjoying a guided tour at the Queensland Transport Museum. Guides for group bookings are available upon request.

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