

## **Sunshine Coast Art Collection – A Gem on the Coast**

Museums & Galleries Queensland (M&G QLD) presented **Sunshine Coast Art Collection** 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. Councillors Rick Baberowski and Greg Rogerson from the Sunshine Coast Council, and Councillor Frank Wilkie, Deputy Mayor, Noosa Council joined M&G QLD to celebrate the organisation's achievements.

The Sunshine Coast Art Collection started in the late 1960s and is managed by the Sunshine Coast Council. It has grown to include an exciting collection of contemporary Australian art, featuring works by artists Tony Albert, Michael Cook and Johanna de Maine, while also supporting regional creative industries through the acquisition of works by local artists.

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 Elizabeth Bates, Museum and Gallery Consultant and Justin Bishop, Director, KickArts Contemporary Arts, Standards Program Reviewers:

"Sunshine Coast Art Collection is to be congratulated on their professional approach to all aspects of the development and care of the collection, high level of operation and their focus on providing access to the collection."

Cr Rick Baberowski, Sunshine Coast Council said,

"The Standards Review Program has offered a valuable opportunity to have independent advice towards raising the profile of the Sunshine Coast Art Collection."

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

"Sunshine Coast Art Collection 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 strategy for public access to, and engagement with the collection."

The Collection can be accessed through feature exhibitions at Caloundra Regional Gallery, in Council's public buildings and via Council's online Art Collections database.

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>

**Sunshine Coast Art Collection'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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