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## **REGIONAL GALLERY IMPORTANT PART OF CULTURAL LIFE**

Mayor Tom Gilmore joined Museum and Gallery Services Queensland (M&GSQ) in congratulating TABLELAND REGIONAL GALLERY, who promote regional art and encourage both emerging and professional local artists.

At the Atherton Council Chambers on Friday 2 December, the Mayor heard of the Gallery's achievements since it opened in March 2008 and their plans arising from their year-long participation in M&GSQ's Standards Program to enhance their Volunteer Program.

According to M&GSQ's Standards Program Reviewers, Elizabeth Bates and Ross Searle, industry experts who played a vital role in providing pro bono professional advice and assistance throughout the Program:

"There is an active and thriving arts community of fibre artists, potters, photographers, sculptors, artists and teachers and the Gallery has established good relations with this community. It is also significant that such a large number of volunteers (currently 52) are willing to give time to the Gallery and this appears to be one of its real strengths."

Deborah Godfrey, Director, Tableland Regional Gallery, explained further:

"It is the only regional gallery in an area slightly larger than Tasmania with a population of 42,000. The gallery's exhibition openings and events have become an important part of cultural life in Atherton and on the Tablelands. Having the support of a well-trained, active and supportive group of volunteers is of critical importance to our continuing success."

**The gallery's profile is attached.**

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**Image 1** – Mayor Tom Gilmore presents Certificate of Recognition to Deborah Godfrey of Tableland Regional Gallery

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