

Yandina & District Historical Society Recognised for Hard Work

Museums & Galleries Queensland (M&G QLD) presented **Yandina & District Historical Society** 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 Museum's achievements.

Yandina & District Historical Society operates Yandina Historic House, which includes a local artists' gallery, visitor information centre, gift and craft shop, heritage discovery room, as well as historical collections in the Museum space. Did you know that the first local railway bridge was built in 1870 and that the Museum's collection includes an original pylon? Without this bridge there would have been no Yandina.

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 Ken Brooks, Manager, Brennan & Geraghty's Store Museum, Standards Program Reviewers:

"Yandina & District Historical Society is to be commended for their hard work during the year on cataloguing the collection and rearranging displays to improve access. This work has laid the foundation for future collection development and improved visitor experience."

Fran Bryce, Vice President, Yandina & District Historical Society said an outcome of the Program has been:

"Understanding the need to confirm ownership of items within the collection to ensure Yandina & District Historical Society has unconditional ownership, which is best practice procedure."

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

"Yandina & District Historical Society is to be commended for its achievements during its participation in M&G QLD's Standards Review Program including the development of a Collection Policy and Volunteer Induction Booklet."

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>

M&G QLD is pleased to acknowledge the support of Sunshine Coast Council through its Cultural Heritage Levy, which allowed M&G QLD to deliver this program to organisations in the Sunshine Coast region.

Yandina & District Historical Society'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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