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Imelda Miller Honoured at Prestigious Gallery and Museum State Awards

Museum & Gallery Services Queensland (M&GSQ) proudly announced the winners of the **2013 Gallery and Museum Achievement Awards (GAMAA)** at a gala event hosted by Museum of Brisbane on Friday 22 November 2013. Special guest, Hon Ian Walker, Minister for Science, Information Technology, Innovation and the Arts congratulated this year's recipients and presented the winners with specially commissioned trophies created by artists, Theresa Beeron, John Murray, Charlotte Beeron and Ethel Murray, represented by Giringun Aboriginal Art Centre.

Imelda Miller, Assistant Curator, Torres Strait Islander and Pacific Indigenous Studies, Queensland Museum, was **recognised for her outstanding achievement** in the **category of 'Individuals: Paid'**.

In awarding **Imelda Miller** a **Special Commendation** in this category, the Judges recognised her as **a role model**, demonstrating **dynamic commitment and leadership** in working with Indigenous communities. The judges commended Imelda for her contribution to the Australian South Sea Islander (ASSI) community, especially for the enormous role she played and the countless volunteer hours she contributed to the success of the ASSI 150 commemorative programs held across Queensland in 2013.

Queensland Museum Network CEO Professor Suzanne Miller said,

"Imelda's curatorial expertise, great passion and commitment were integral to the success of the Australian South Sea Islander 150 commemorations across the Cultural Precinct in Brisbane and beyond and I'm delighted that her work has been recognised by the industry with this Special Commendation."

Presented by Museum & Gallery Services Queensland, the **GAMAA celebrates the outstanding achievements, professional excellence, and innovation of Queensland's museum and gallery sector**. It also recognises the valuable contribution our State's museums and galleries make to enriching their local and wider communities, and honours the extraordinary commitment and talents of paid professionals and volunteers working in the industry.

M&GSQ Executive Director, Rebekah Butler, said today

'It is with great pleasure that M&GSQ congratulates the winners of the 2013 GAMAA and commends all those who nominated for their remarkable achievements and contribution to the sector. This year's awards recognise a range of inspirational people and projects.'

For a full list of GAMAA winners, go to the M&GSQ website at www.magsq.com.au.

In 2013, the GAMAA celebrates its tenth anniversary. To mark the occasion, a special one-night-only exhibition of past GAMAA trophies will be displayed at the Museum of Brisbane.

The 2013 Gallery and Museum Achievement Awards are presented by M&GSQ in partnership with Museum of Brisbane and proudly sponsored by Brian Tucker Accounting, Brandi Projects, Archival Survival, Regional Galleries Association of Queensland and Museums Australia Queensland.

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