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## **Grassland Art Gallery Honoured at Prestigious State Award**

**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.

The **Grassland Art Gallery, Tambo**, was **recognised for outstanding achievement** in the category of 'Organisations: Staff of Under 4' for its *Significantly Tambo* exhibition.

The *Significantly Tambo* exhibition was developed as part of Tambo's 150-year anniversary events and festivities held in June 2013. It marked the **first local history exhibition to be co-curated with the Tambo community**, comprising significant objects that represented important events and eras in Tambo's heritage. This whole-of-community approach brought new audiences and engagement to the Gallery and facilitated the **telling of Tambo's history and stories**, some of which were little known.

In awarding the **Grassland Art Gallery a Special Commendation** in this category, the judges recognised *Significantly Tambo* as **an important exhibition for the region**. It demonstrated the effective use of objects to present the stories of the region's heritage, and the use of social media to publicise and promote the exhibition during prime tourism season to achieve both community and entrepreneurial outcomes.

Presented by Museum & Gallery Services Queensland, the **GAMAA celebrate 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 recipients go to the M&GSQ website at [www.magsq.com.au](http://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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