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## **Dr Geraldine Mate Recognised as Finalist at Queensland Gallery and Museum Awards**

**Museums & Galleries Queensland** (M&G QLD) proudly announced the recipients of the **2015 Gallery and Museum Achievement Awards** (GAMAA) at a gala event hosted by The University of Queensland Art Museum on Thursday 19 November 2015.

**Dr Geraldine Mate**, from the Queensland Museum Network, was recognised as a **Finalist** for her outstanding achievement **in the category of 'Individuals—Paid.'** In awarding Geraldine as a Finalist in this category, the judges acknowledged her **leadership, professionalism** and **contribution to the sector.**

Geraldine was nominated in her capacity as Senior Curator, Transport and Energy at The Workshops Rail Museum, Ipswich, for her contribution and commitment to the Queensland Museum, The Workshops Rail Museum and the wider profession over an extended period.

In her role as Senior Curator of Transport and Energy she has lead the development of two significant temporary travelling exhibitions for The Workshops Rail Museum – *I've been Working on the Railway*, exploring the untold story of Indigenous Australians' experience of working on the railways, and *Railways 1914-1918*, exploring the Australian railway experience both at home and on the front during the Great War.

Geraldine has acquired significant collections for the Queensland Museum including the Mick Marsden model railway collection of 11,500 models and the transfer of the Queensland Energy Museum Collection. She has chaired the Queensland Museum's On Line Service Committee, and edited and published a number of volumes of the Queensland Museum *Memoirs*.

Her commitment to the sector is evidenced by her willingness to be involved in a wide array of activities including as a Standards Reviewer over a number of years for Museums & Galleries Queensland's Standards Review Program; and her contribution to organising a variety of industry

and professional association conferences including the 2015 railway heritage conference, the 2015 M&G QLD Conference and the 2014 Joint Australian Archaeological Association/Australasian Society for Historical Archaeology Conference.

Presented by Museums & Galleries Queensland, the **GAMAA celebrate the outstanding achievements, professional excellence, and innovation of Queensland's museum and gallery sector.** It also recognises the valuable contribution that 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&G QLD Executive Director, Rebekah Butler, said,** "It is with great pleasure that M&G QLD congratulates the winners and finalists of the 2015 GAMAA. We commend 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&G QLD website at [www.magsq.com.au](http://www.magsq.com.au).

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