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## **Pine Rivers Heritage Museum 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.

The **Pine Rivers Heritage Museum**, in Whiteside north of Brisbane, was **recognised** as a **Finalist** for its outstanding achievement in the category of 'Projects: Organisations with Paid Staff' for its project ***Napoleon's Last Gamble***. In awarding the Pine Rivers Heritage Museum as a Finalist in this category, the judges acknowledged the historical significance of the project.

This project consisted of an exhibition and a series of associated public programs commemorating the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Battle of Waterloo and the final downfall of France's Emperor Napoleon.

Displaying items of international significance such as original uniforms, equipment, relics and images, the exhibition explored the impact of the French Revolution, the rise to power of Napoleon and the years of conflict. Adding Australian and local relevance, *Napoleon's Last Gamble* included components dealing with the legacies of the Napoleonic wars in Australia, including the stories of veterans of this conflict who later served or settled in Australia.

One of the key aims of the project was to develop long-term partnerships between the Museum and local historians and private collectors and collecting groups. A series of public programs included talks by the curator and collectors, school holiday workshops and a Regency Supper Dance.

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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