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## **Queensland Galleries and Museums Honoured in State Awards**

**Museums & Galleries Queensland** (M&G QLD) proudly announced the winners 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. This year's award Winners were presented with an exquisite trophy specially created for the event by Queensland artist Madeleine Brown.

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 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.'

Winners of the 2015 GAMAA were recognised in four categories, with a number of finalists being shortlisted. The winners and finalists for each category are listed below:

### **PROJECTS: ORGANISATIONS VOLUNTEER RUN**

**Winner:** TABLELANDS HERITAGE NETWORK (TheN) for *Anzac Treasures of the Tablelands* exhibition

## **PROJECTS: ORGANISATIONS WITH PAID STAFF**

**Winner:** UNIVERSITY OF THE SUNSHINE COAST and BLUE SKY VIEW for *East Coast Encounters* exhibition

**Finalist:** MUSEUM OF BRISBANE for *Costumes from the Golden Age of Hollywood* exhibition

**Finalist:** PINE RIVERS HERITAGE MUSEUM for their project *Napoleon's Last Gamble*

**Finalist:** TORRES STRAIT REGIONAL AUTHORITY, GAB TITUI CULTURAL CENTRE for *Evolution: Torres Strait Masks* exhibition

## **ENGAGEMENT: ORGANISATIONS WITH PAID STAFF**

**Winner:** NORTH STRADBROKE ISLAND HISTORICAL MUSEUM for their project *Stradbroke 100: Remembering North Stradbroke Islanders Overseas and at Home during the First World War*

**Finalist:** OLD GOVERNMENT HOUSE for their project *The Voice in the Walls theatre project at Old Government House*

**Finalist:** SUNSHINE COAST COUNCIL, CALOUNDRA REGIONAL GALLERY for their project *Sunshine Coast Satellite Reef*

## **INDIVIDUALS: PAID STAFF**

**Joint Winner:** KARINA DEVINE, Gallery Director, Warwick Art Gallery

**Joint Winner:** TONY MARTIN, CEO, Qantas Founders Museum, Longreach

**Finalist:** SHANE FITZGERALD, Manager Gallery Services, Townsville City Council

**Finalist:** DR GERALDINE MATE, Senior Curator Transport and Energy, The Workshops Rail Museum, Queensland Museum Network

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