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JENNIFER GARCIA
Communications and Programming Manager,
Newstead House
Recognised at State Awards

The strength, ingenuity and talents of Queensland's public galleries and museums were triumphantly demonstrated tonight with the announcement of the winners of the **2017 Gallery and Museum Achievement Awards** (GAMAA) at a gala presentation event, proudly hosted by Old Government House, QUT.

Jennifer Garcia, Communications and Programming Manager, Newstead House, was **recognised as a Finalist** for her outstanding achievement in the category of 'Individuals Paid.'

For the past five years, Jennifer Garcia has been employed as the Communications and Programming Manager at Newstead House, Brisbane. This position was newly created, and during this time Jennifer has helped reimagine the house museum by re-engaging with the local community through innovative public programming, events, research, community partnerships, collaborations, and education projects. Jennifer's work has greatly augmented and enhanced Newstead House's profile as a cultural and heritage precinct and a destination for domestic and international visitors.

Museums & Galleries Queensland (M&G QLD) Executive Director, Rebekah Butler said, "Being recognised as a Finalist in this category is testament to Jennifer Garcia's commitment to Newstead House and her role in revitalising this significant historic homestead."

Jennifer Garcia's work at Newstead House involves multiple roles including communications; programming; event management; and education programs. This has included new artistic projects and collaborations which have aimed to reshape community perceptions about what a

heritage house museum is, how it functions, what it can offer the community and how it can stimulate a fresh sense and understanding of who we are and where we've come from.

Ms Butler said, "This year's winners and finalists stood out from an exceptional group of nominations. These accolades embody outstanding examples of our sector's achievements, professional excellence, and innovation. They also highlight the valuable contribution and achievements of professionals and volunteers working in our industry."

The GAMAA were established by Museums & Galleries Queensland in 2004 to honour the achievements of our state's individuals and organisations in striving towards excellence.

Winners of the 2017 GAMAA received an exquisite trophy crafted by Queensland artist, Lincoln Austin. Commissioned by M&G QLD, the trophies are generously sponsored by our long-standing Awards supporter, Brian Tucker Accounting.

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