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BRISBANE CITY COUNCIL

Winner at State Awards

The Winners and Finalists of the **2019 Gallery and Museum Achievement Awards** (GAMAA) were proudly announced on Thursday 19 September at a special presentation event, held at the recently opened Cairns Performing Arts Centre, Far North Queensland.

Brisbane City Council was announced as **Joint Winner** for outstanding achievement in the category of Projects: Organisations with Paid Staff for its project, ***Botanica – Contemporary art outside 2019***.

For ten days in May 2019, Brisbane City Council's Botanic Gardens were transformed into a vibrant outdoor gallery, playing host to *Botanica – Contemporary art outside*, making excellent use of the many and varied 'rooms' within the beautiful State heritage-listed Gardens.

Brisbane City Council's Public Art team and *Botanica* Curators, Urban Art Projects, worked closely with the Gardens' curator and staff to create this open-air exhibition, taking into consideration the sensitive nature of the Garden's flora and fauna.

A key focus of the project was the development and growth of partnerships, which it successfully achieved, forming valuable relationships with Griffith University, Queensland Art Teachers Association, and was a major event of Museum of Brisbane's inaugural *Brisbane Art Design Festival*. It also enabled audiences to participate in a rich public program featuring daily tours, artist workshops, talks and performances.

Museums & Galleries Queensland (M&G QLD) Executive Director, Rebekah Butler said, "Brisbane City Council is to be congratulated for *Botanica – Contemporary art outside 2019*. Featuring twelve ephemeral works by leading local and interstate contemporary artists and designers, *Botanica* enabled audiences to simultaneously immerse themselves in art and nature."

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.

Robert Ryan, the Senior Co-ordinator Community Programs for Mackay Regional Council and 2019 GAMAA judge, presented awards to this year's Winners and Finalists. The Winners received an exquisitely crafted trophy by Queensland artist, Lucy Quinn. Commissioned by M&G QLD, the trophies are generously sponsored by our long-standing Awards supporter, Brian Tucker Accounting.

The awards were hosted at Cairns Performing Arts Centre in front of representatives of Queensland's public museum and gallery sector, including delegates of M&G QLD's 2019 State Conference, *Opening Doors*, also presented in Cairns.

M&G QLD acknowledges the tremendous support of the 2019 GAMAA sponsors: Brandi Projects; Cairns Regional Council; Brian Tucker Accounting; Public Galleries Queensland; and Australian Museums and Galleries Association (Queensland).

For the full list of GAMAA Winners and Finalists see:

<http://www.magsq.com.au/cms/page.asp?ID=5036>

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