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## **REBECCA MILLINER**

### **Finalist 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.

**Rebecca Milliner**, Events and Marketing Coordinator for Cairns RSL Sub-Branch, was recognised as a **Finalist** for her outstanding achievement in the category of **Individuals: Paid Staff**.

Rebecca Milliner has single-handedly raised the profile of the Sub-Branch's Kokoda Hall Museum, Cairns, to achieve a level of community engagement unsurpassed in the history of the Museum. This has included:

- The effective promotion of the Museum through Sub-Branch periodicals, social media and advertising to the general public;
- Developing and implementing an educational initiative for school students involving tours of the Museum, themed toward and commemorating the November 2018 Centenary of Armistice, including an interactive activity titled *The Armistice Centenary First World War Treasure Hunt*; and
- Capitalising on these successful outcomes by promoting further comprehensive and educational school tours of the Museum.

Rebecca has demonstrated an exemplary level of professionalism, commitment and vision in dedicating hours of her time to planning, development and execution of the Armistice treasure hunt and commemorative activity, and in her contributions toward promoting the Kokoda Hall Museum and defining its strategic direction.

**Museums & Galleries Queensland** (M&G QLD) Executive Director, Rebekah Butler said,

“Being recognised as a Finalist in this category is testament to the value and appreciation of Rebecca Milliner’s contribution to the Cairns RSL Sub-Branch and Kokoda Hall Museum. She has become a role model and mentor, inspiring other Sub-Branch staff and volunteers to similar levels of professionalism and commitment, and raised the profile of the Cairns RSL Sub-Branch to be recognised as a valued contributor to the Cairns community.”

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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