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MUSEUM OF BRISBANE

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.

Museum of Brisbane was announced as **Joint Winner** for outstanding achievement in the category of Projects: Organisations with Paid Staff for its exhibition, ***The Designers' Guide: Easton Pearson Archive***.

The Designers' Guide: Easton Pearson Archive was Museum of Brisbane's first major exhibition showcasing the Easton Pearson (EP) Archive. Featuring 200 garments carefully selected by Museum of Brisbane curators with designers Pamela Easton and Lydia Pearson, the exhibition captured the artistry, techniques and demi-couture practices that placed the fashion house at the forefront of Australian fashion for 28 years.

The EP Archive is the largest collection from a single Australian fashion house held by a public art gallery or museum, and comprises a staggering 3,300 garments and more than 5,000 objects, accessories and ephemera. The gift of the Archive was made possible by the generous support of Brisbane-based philanthropist, Dr Paul Eliadis.

During the exhibition's five-month display, Museum of Brisbane delivered an impressive 73 public programs, including 32 tours, as well as talks and special events (many of which were sold out), workshops and school holiday programs, engaging a total of 18,293 people.

Museums & Galleries Queensland (M&G QLD) Executive Director, Rebekah Butler said, "Museum of Brisbane is to be congratulated for its remarkable achievements in developing and presenting *The Designers' Guide: Easton Pearson Archive* exhibition. The donation of this nationally significant collection and resulting exhibition has enabled the Museum to grow its staffing levels and expertise in specialised textile conservation, as well as building community capacity through its engagement with education partner, TAFE Queensland, and its Easton Pearson MoB Learn Programs."

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:

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