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QLD's galleries and museums recognised in State Awards

Queensland's public galleries and museums were formally recognised at the **2016 Gallery and Museum Achievement Awards** (GAMAA) at a gala event proudly presented by Museums & Galleries Queensland and hosted by Creative Arts Redlands – Redland Performing Arts Centre and Redland Art Gallery, on Tuesday 22 November 2016.

The University of Queensland's **R.D. Milns Antiquities Museum** in St Lucia Brisbane, was **recognised as a Finalist** for its outstanding achievement in the category of 'Engagement: Organisations with Paid Staff' for its exhibition '*Cyprus: An Island and A People*' Exhibition and Public Programs.

In the planning stages of this exhibition, Museum staff contacted the Cypriot Community Association of Queensland to discuss how best to engage with the local Cypriot community. Consequently, a suite of public programs were devised to connect with this new audience and to enhance visitor engagement.

These programs included the exhibition, its opening, two public panels and an interactive public event, *Cyprus Up Late*, featuring dancing, cooking, feasting and ancient and modern Cypriot games.

Presented by **Museums & Galleries Queensland** (M&G QLD), the GAMAA celebrate the outstanding achievements, professional excellence, and innovation of Queensland's museum and gallery sector. The awards also recognise the valuable contribution that our State's museums and galleries make in 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 the GAMAA continue to recognise and celebrate the remarkable achievements of our museums and galleries and are testament to the skill, ingenuity and professionalism of the sector.

“This year’s GAMAA recipients reflect a diverse range of large and small organisations. M&G QLD extends its congratulations to all of the 2016 GAMAA winners, finalists and nominees. We also thank our 2016 judges, sponsors and partners in supporting this important industry event,” Ms Butler said.

For a full list of 2016 GAMAA recipients go to the M&G QLD website at www.magsq.com.au.

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