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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.

Museum of Brisbane, in Brisbane's CBD, was **announced the Joint Winner** for outstanding achievement in the category of 'Projects: Organisations with Paid Staff' for its exhibition *100% Brisbane*.

One of the most ambitious projects undertaken by Museum of Brisbane, ***100% Brisbane*** holds a mirror to the face of contemporary Brisbane and asks the question, 'who are we?'

This interactive three-year project maps, in real time, the changing views and beliefs of the city's residents, visitors and diverse cultural communities to capture how they feel about Brisbane. *100% Brisbane* also uses Australian Bureau of Statistics data to tell the story of the people living in this subtropical, new world city. The exhibition is complemented by a robust education program and suite of public programs, which encourage access and participation.

Museum of Brisbane worked with external creative practitioners on the project, including a multidisciplinary collaboration with Berlin-based theatre company Rimini Protokoll in the development of *Brisbane DNA*, involving 100 community participants, and resulting in a highly engaging, participatory experience that sparks conversation and generates ideas and self-reflection amongst visitors.

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. It also recognises 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.

Each year, M&G QLD commissions a different Queensland artist to create the GAMAA trophy. This year’s award Winners were presented with an exquisite trophy handcrafted by Brisbane-based ceramic artist **Kenji Uranishi**. The GAMAA trophies are generously sponsored by Brian Tucker Accounting.

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

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