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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 **Logan Art Gallery**, in the City of Logan south of Brisbane, was **announced the Joint Winner** for its outstanding achievement in the category of 'Projects: Organisation with Paid Staff' **for its project *Animating Spaces Logan: Arts in the Park***.

Logan is a culturally diverse and creative community, with the City's 300,000 residents hailing from more than 215 different cultural groups. Wanting to celebrate arts and culture in their city, the Logan Art Gallery team and Artslink Queensland worked with community members to create *Animating Spaces Logan: Arts in the Park*.

This inspired project featured three main components including a temporary public artwork *ARTS Billboard; Drawn Together* a permanent public artwork and related drawing activity; and *River Jam* which brought together music performances by local bands, ensembles, choirs, theatre troupes and buskers.

Animating Spaces Logan: Arts in the Park provided locals with an exhibition that was significant to them. It celebrated arts and culture in their city, and increased the professional skills, capabilities and profile of Logan's creative community leaders and attracted new audiences.

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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