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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 State Library of Queensland (SLQ) in Brisbane was **announced the Winner** for its outstanding achievement in the category of 'Engagement: Organisations with Paid Staff' for its exhibition *Peace and Quiet*.

Peace and Quiet was designed to provide a platform for discussion between the opposing concepts of peace and war. The exhibition explored personal, social and political ideas of peace and was led by Queensland artists Elizabeth Woods and Kevin Leong. It dealt with the peace movement and its relationship to politics and social changes. It also explored the domestic notion of the need for quiet in a world where we are constantly bombarded by information.

Peace and Quiet heralded a new level of community engagement for SLQ with a number of community groups building key exhibition components. These included: *The Peace Interviews*, a collection of texts and photos from soldiers and refugees; *White Flags* which comprised 12 hand-stitched country of origin flags made by community groups using only white fabric; a video of community members forming the semaphore sign for nuclear disarmament; and a collection of early and current peace placards, banners and posters. A culturally diverse audience of more than 5,000 enjoyed the serenity and thought provoking *Peace and Quiet*.

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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