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QLD's gallery and museum workers recognised in State Awards

Museums & Galleries Queensland (M&G QLD) proudly announced the recipients of the **2016 Gallery and Museum Achievement Awards** (GAMAA) at a gala event hosted by Creative Arts Redlands – Redland Performing Arts Centre and Redland Art Gallery, on Tuesday 22 November 2016.

Jenny Steadman, Vice-President of the Queensland Women's Historical Association (QWHA) **was recognised** as a **Joint Winner** for her outstanding achievement in the category of 'Individuals: Volunteer'.

Jenny's involvement with the QWHA dates back to 1990. The QWHA owns and maintains the house museum, Miegunyah House, a late 19th-century home in Bowen Hills, Brisbane. Since 2008, Jenny has been one of the Museum's driving forces, actively involved in its committee – her current Vice-President role involves ensuring the physical upkeep of the heritage-listed house and its day-to-day running.

Jenny's main role within the Association is that of Collections Manager, a volunteer role in which she has excelled. With a background in Australian history, Jenny quickly realised the significance of some of the items within the collection which has amassed since the 1950s. She is passionate about bringing the Museum collection and its comprehensive and astounding archive up to industry standards. This involves not only the cataloguing of the collection but also the conservation and preservation of items of state and national significance.

Jenny's graduating with a Master of Museum Studies course from The University of Queensland in 2014 is evidence of her commitment and devotion to the Museum and to its long-term sustainability.

Jenny's latest project has been the Significant Assessment of the Collection made possible through her successful application for a Community Heritage Grant from the National Library of Australia.

Presented by Museums & Galleries Queensland, 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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