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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.

**Norma Hambling**, Volunteer at the Logan Art Gallery, south west of Brisbane **was recognised** as a **Joint Winner** for her outstanding achievement in the category of 'Individuals: Volunteer'.

Norma has been a volunteer at the Logan Art Gallery since 2011, contributing her time and energy as part of the reception team. In 2013, National Gallery of Australia (NGA) staff presented a specialised two-day Art and Dementia training workshop.

This workshop was a collaboration between the NGA, Logan Art Gallery, Alzheimer's Australia and Museums & Galleries Queensland. It was designed to bring together staff and volunteers from the Gallery with local health care providers to establish a program of art tours for people living with dementia in the Logan area.

Norma was one of two people who initially volunteered to conduct the tours and over time, she took the initiative to lead the program and plan for its sustainable future. She has maintained and led the monthly tours; actively sought and trained new volunteers; and has even introduced a morning tea after the tour session when she observed participants became more vocal during this social interaction.

The continuing survival and success of Logan Art Gallery's Art and Dementia Program is due to Norma's skill, dedication and tenacity.

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](http://www.magsq.com.au).

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