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GRIFFITH UNIVERSITY ART MUSEUM WINNER 2026 GALLERY AND MUSEUM ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Museums & Galleries Queensland (M&G QLD) was delighted to announce **Griffith University Art Museum** as the **Winner** in the **Projects: Organisations With 1-6 FTE Paid Staff** category, for its exhibition ***Craig & Karl: Double Vision*** at the **2026 Gallery and Museum Achievement Awards (GAMAA)**, proudly hosted by **Ipswich Art Gallery** on Thursday 8 October.

Now in their twenty-second year, the GAMAA are Queensland's premier awards program for the museum and gallery sector, recognising excellence, innovation and leadership across the State. Special guest, **Ipswich City Council Mayor Teresa Harding**, congratulated this year's recipients and presented winners with individually crafted trophies by acclaimed Queensland glass artist **Jarred Wright**.

Griffith University Art Museum (GUAM) was announced the winner in this category for its landmark city-wide exhibition *Craig & Karl: Double Vision*, a major celebration of internationally acclaimed Queensland College of Art and Design (QCAD) alumni Craig Redman and Karl Maier. A vibrant and playful exploration of one of Queensland's most successful creative exports, *Craig & Karl: Double Vision* drew on the artists' signature visual language of bold colour, graphic precision and joy to showcase their three-decade creative partnership. The exhibition highlighted the pair's significant influence on international public art and design, while celebrating the enduring role of Griffith University's Queensland College of Art and Design, where the artists first met almost 30 years ago.

Co-curated by Angela Goddard and Carrie McCarthy and presented as part of Griffith University's 50th anniversary celebrations, the ambitious project brought together cultural, government and corporate partners to deliver a dynamic program of exhibitions, public artworks and learning opportunities across Brisbane. Through internships, mentoring and industry engagement, the project provided invaluable hands-on experience and professional development opportunities for students and emerging creatives.

Attracting more than 34,000 visitors and engaging over 1,200 participants through its public programs, *Craig & Karl: Double Vision* exceeded audience expectations while showcasing Brisbane's creative strengths to local and international audiences. The project demonstrated how bold creative ambition, combined with strong partnerships and strategic collaboration, can deliver significant cultural, educational and professional outcomes.

Museums & Galleries Queensland Executive Director, Rebekah Butler, said "Griffith University Art Museum has delivered a project of outstanding quality, reach and impact. Beyond its impressive public outcomes, *Craig & Karl: Double Vision* invested in the future of Queensland's creative industries. Through mentoring, internships and industry engagement, the project provided valuable opportunities for students and emerging creatives. It is a powerful demonstration of cultural leadership in action."

This year's awards attracted nominations from across the state, recognising excellence in exhibitions, public programs, collections management, First Nations and community engagement, leadership, innovation and volunteer contribution.

M&G QLD congratulates each of this year's winners, highly commended recipients and finalists. Their achievements exemplify the passion, creativity and commitment that continue to enrich Queensland's cultural landscape and inspire excellence across the sector.

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Our purpose is to inspire and support excellence in Queensland museums, galleries and keeping places, fostering innovation, connection and cultural leadership.

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The 2026 GAMAA are proudly supported by the **Ipswich Art Gallery** and sponsored by **Public Galleries Queensland** and **Australian Museums and Galleries Association Queensland**.

The 2026 GAMAA trophies are generously supported by **Brian Tucker**.

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