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LIVING MUSEUM OF LOGAN WINNER 2026 GALLERY AND MUSEUM ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Museums & Galleries Queensland (M&G QLD) was delighted to announce the **Living Museum of Logan** as the Winner in the **Engagement: Organisations With 1-6 FTE Paid Staff** category, for its exhibition ***Hmong Journeys: Threads of Home*** 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**.

The Living Museum of Logan was recognised as a winner in this category for *Hmong Journeys: Threads of Home*, an impactful community-led exhibition celebrating 50 years of Hmong settlement in Australia and the enduring contributions of the Hmong community to Queensland's cultural landscape.

Co-curated with Hmong community member Sarah Thao, the exhibition shares stories of migration, resilience, identity and belonging through treasured family objects, photographs, textiles, music and personal histories. Developed in close collaboration with the Hmong community and creative practitioner Vanghoua Anthony Vue, the project placed lived experience at its centre, ensuring community voices guided the telling of their own stories.

Through its thoughtful and collaborative approach, *Hmong Journeys: Threads of Home* preserved important cultural knowledge for future generations while fostering understanding and connection across Logan's diverse communities. Supported by a bilingual catalogue, children's activity book and the Festival of Hmong, the exhibition extended its impact beyond the gallery, creating opportunities for learning, celebration and cultural exchange.

Museums & Galleries Queensland Executive Director, Rebekah Butler, congratulated Living Museum of Logan on its award-winning achievement, saying, "*Hmong Journeys: Threads of Home* is an inspiring example of community-led cultural storytelling at its very best. By placing Hmong voices, experiences and knowledge at the heart of the project, the Living Museum of Logan has created an outstanding exhibition that celebrates cultural identity, honours lived experience and strengthens understanding across communities. The exhibition's lasting legacy

will be its contribution to preserving and sharing Hmong stories for future generations. We congratulate the Living Museum of Logan, its community partners and all those involved with this remarkable project.”

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 trophies are generously supported by **Brian Tucker**.

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