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REDLANDS COAST MUSEUM HIGHLY COMMENDED RECIPIENT 2026 GALLERY AND MUSEUM ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Museums & Galleries Queensland (M&G QLD) was delighted to announce the **Redlands Coast Museum** as a Highly Commended recipient in the **Sustainable Practices: Open** category for its project ***Building a Sustainable Museum: A Whole-of-Organisation Transformation in Governance, Collections and Community Stewardship*** at the **2026 Gallery and Museum Achievement Awards (GAMAA)**, proudly hosted by **Ipswich Art Gallery** on Thursday 8 October.

Now in its 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**.

Redlands Coast Museum is applauded for its *Building a Sustainable Museum: A Whole-of-Organisation Transformation in Governance, Collections and Community Stewardship* project, a volunteer-led initiative demonstrating outstanding leadership in organisational sustainability and resilience.

Led by a dedicated Governance Team, the Museum undertook a comprehensive review of its operations, developing 46 policies and procedures that strengthened governance, collections management, risk preparedness, volunteer engagement and long-term organisational sustainability. Working alongside more than 150 volunteers, staff and community partners, the Museum also completed the digital cataloguing of more than 25,000 collection items, significantly improving collection management and public access.

By embedding strong governance, cultural stewardship, reconciliation and knowledge-sharing into everyday practice, this initiative has created a sustainable foundation for preserving and sharing the region's heritage while strengthening the Museum's capacity to serve its community into the future.

Museums & Galleries Queensland Executive Director, Rebekah Butler, congratulated the Museum on its achievement, saying "The *Building a Sustainable Museum: A Whole-of-Organisation Transformation* project is an excellent example of how strong governance,

community commitment and long-term planning can create lasting impact. Through the hard work and dedication of its volunteers, staff and partners, Redlands Coast Museum has strengthened its operations, enhanced access to its collections and established a sustainable framework that will protect and share the region's heritage for years to come."

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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