

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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## QUEENSLAND'S OUTSTANDING MUSEUMS AND GALLERIES RECOGNISED AT STATE AWARDS

The Winners and Finalists of the **2022 Gallery and Museum Achievement Awards** (GAMAA) were proudly announced by Museums & Galleries Queensland on Monday 12 December, at a special awards presentation held at the Queensland State Archives, Runcorn, Brisbane, and livestreamed across the State.

Museums & Galleries Queensland (M&G QLD) Executive Director, Rebekah Butler said,

"The Gallery and Museum Achievement Awards are a celebration of the professional excellence, innovation and leadership within Queensland's arts and cultural heritage sector."

Ms Butler continued, "The 2022 Winners and Finalists were selected from a strong field of nominations received from organisations, large and small, across Queensland. It is an honour to be shining a spotlight on the outstanding work of so many worthy individuals and organisations."

The Winners and Finalists of the 2022 GAMAA categories were:

**INDIVIDUALS: PAID** 

Winner: Robyn Daw, Logan City Council

Finalist: Tracy Cooper-Lavery, HOTA, Home of the Arts, Gold Coast

**Bianca Acimovic,** formerly Rockhampton Museum of Art | Rockhampton

Art Gallery

Rachel Arndt, Somerset Regional Council

**INDIVIDUALS: VOLUNTEER** 

Winner: Joy Wilson, Museum of Nursing History, Royal Brisbane Hospital Nurses

Association Inc.

**Finalist: Julie Weger,** Miles & District Historical Society Inc.

**PROJECTS: ORGANISATIONS WITH PAID STAFF** 

Joint Winner: Cooktown Museum, National Trust of Australia Queensland for

Reimagining James Cook Museum in partnership with Relative Creative

**Joint Winner:** Noosa Regional Gallery for Floating Land: at the edge of ideas

**Finalists:** Queensland Museum Network for Island Futures: What lies ahead for

Zenadth Kes?

**State Library of Queensland** for *The Great and Grand Rumpus* 

PROJECTS: ORGANISATIONS VOLUNTEER RUN

**Winner:** North Stradbroke Island Museum on Minjerribah for *Getting Equal*:

Australia's First Successful Aboriginal Wages Case

**ENGAGEMENT: ORGANISATIONS WITH PAID STAFF** 

**Winner:** Logan Art Gallery for My story: the unbroken spirit of the Kalkadoons

(Kalkadunga)

Finalist: Museum of Brisbane for MoB Learn Assist: Improving Access to Museum

Learning

**HOTA Gallery, Home of the Arts** for *HOTA Collects* 

SUSTAINABILITY: ORGANISATIONS WITH PAID STAFF

Winner: The University of Queensland Art Museum for Carbon Neutral

Certification for the "Oceanic Thinking" exhibition

The GAMAA were established by Museums & Galleries Queensland in 2004 to honour the achievements of our State's individuals and organisations in striving towards excellence.

The 2022 Winners received an exquisite trophy by Queensland artist, **Donna Davis**, commissioned by M&G QLD. Inspired by science and the natural world, her work examines human and non-human relationships with respect to ecological health. The 2022 GAMAA are generously sponsored by Public Galleries Queensland and Australian Museums and Galleries Association Queensland.

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