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JULIE WEGER

Finalist 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 live-streamed across the State.

Julie Weger, a volunteer with the **Miles & District Historical Society Inc.** was recognised as **Finalist** for her outstanding achievement in the category of **Individuals: Volunteer**.

Julie has been volunteering at the Miles Historical Village Museum since 2016. Involved in many aspects of the Village, Julie is an all-rounder who actively contributes wherever she can. This has included working with other volunteers to electronically record photos and items for accessioning. She and a co-worker have also spent numerous hours measuring the buildings in the Historical Village to create an electronic mapping system.

Julie takes pride in looking after the collection items in the various buildings and ensuring that they are well maintained. Attendance at the 2020 Queensland Small Museums Conference informed and inspired Julie to confidently restore a number of badly deteriorated leather artefacts. It set Julie on a journey of rehabilitating many of the Museum's artefacts – she has recently undertaken, of her own accord, to restore the Museum's mannequins.

Julie strives to maintain the authenticity of the displays, and eagerly engages with visitors within the Historical Village Museum to explain or discuss many of the artefacts and the restorative projects she is working on.

She is a great role model for new staff members and is always willing to share her knowledge and offer assistance with tasks that are new to them. Her quiet yet exuberant personality creates shared energy and interest with her colleagues working at the Historical Village Museum, cultivating a commitment to maintain and enhance the quality of displays and improve visitors' experience.

Museums & Galleries Queensland (M&G QLD) Executive Director, Rebekah Butler said, "Julie Weger is a worthy finalist in this category and is acknowledged for her remarkable

contribution to the Miles & District Historical Society Inc. Respected and valued by her colleagues, she is a strong advocate for the Village Museum and its collection.”

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 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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