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ROBYN DAW

Winner 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.

Robyn Daw, in her role as Logan City Council's Creative Industries Program Leader, was announced as **Winner** for her outstanding achievement in the category of Individuals: Paid.

Robyn Daw was a highly regarded artist, writer, curator, educator, arts administrator and cultural leader, who contributed greatly to the gallery, museum and arts sector in Australia over a career spanning more than 30 years.

As Logan City Council's Creative Industries Program Leader for the past decade, Robyn led the team responsible for the services and programs delivered through Logan Art Gallery, Mayes Cottage house museum and the Living Museum of Logan.

An astute professional, Robyn's career and achievements were built around a keen understanding of the value of arts and culture, as well as a passion for ongoing education and skills development. Throughout her long career she shared her knowledge and expertise with great verve and generosity, supporting the careers and aspirations of many artists and emerging arts professionals. She deeply understood the power of inclusiveness and keeping local people at the heart of all placemaking initiatives. Many Logan artists' careers have blossomed through Robyn's encouragement, generous guidance and inclusive approach. A thoughtful mentor, Robyn was always there to gently encourage her peers to dream bigger, achieve the impossible and be all they aspire to be.

Through her lifelong dedication to inclusiveness, open-hearted support towards recently arrived migrant artists, and a deep respect for our First Nations Peoples, Robyn's legacy to the Queensland gallery and museum sector lives on through her work, achievements and connections.

Museums & Galleries Queensland (M&G QLD) Executive Director, Rebekah Butler said, "As the Winner in this category, Robyn is recognised for her professional excellence and her vast contribution to the visual arts and cultural heritage sectors within Queensland and nationally. Under Robyn's stewardship, Logan City Council has won many accolades for the outstanding work it has achieved nurturing local artists and developing and promoting the region's rich arts and culture. A natural leader, she made all those she worked with feel valued and appreciated, and is greatly missed."

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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