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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.

State Library of Queensland was recognised as a **Finalist** for its outstanding achievement in the category of Projects: Organisations with Paid Staff for its project ***The Great and Grand Rumpus***.

The origins of *The Great and Grand Rumpus* exhibition lie in the limitless imaginations of children. The fifteen-month-long community engagement project invited children from around Brisbane to expand their imaginations and, in doing so, dream up a collection of the most fantastic, astonishing and magical things one could expect to see. State Library of Queensland (SLQ) staff worked with young people to create a larger-than-life immersive exhibition that brought a sense of intergenerational play and whimsy to SLQ Gallery.

Over the course of the project 1,562 participants were intimately engaged in the Imagine, Design and Build phases of the project. The participant body was made up of 414 primary students, 414 secondary students, 531 tertiary students and 203 members of the public.

During project development, participants involved in the Design and Build stages of the project were brought into The Edge and guided by SLQ staff through a design thinking and fabrication process where they learned to build large-scale cardboard creatures and integrate immersive technology and lighting in order to bring to life the imagined creatures of *The Great and Grand Rumpus*.

Museums & Galleries Queensland (M&G QLD) Executive Director, Rebekah Butler said, "State Library of Queensland is commended for its leadership and vision, being a place where the community can gather to engage in project-directed education, and for offering the community access to tools, expertise, and one another in an immersive, hands-on, intergenerational and intersectional learning context."

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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