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BRIAN OGDEN

Joint Winner at State Awards

The Winners and Finalists of the **2023 Gallery and Museum Achievement Awards** (GAMAA) were proudly announced by Museums & Galleries Queensland on Wednesday 22 November, at a special awards presentation proudly hosted by Logan City Council at the Kingston Butter Factory Cultural Precinct, Kingston.

Brian Ogden, Visitor Experience Team member, Museum of Brisbane, was announced as **Joint Winner** for his outstanding achievement in the category of **Individuals: Paid**.

Brian Ogden joined the Museum of Brisbane's Visitor Experience Team when it first opened in 2003. As Museum of Brisbane's longest serving and most knowledgeable tour guide, Brian has passionately shared his stories of Brisbane with *thousands* of visitors.

Brian's tours of the Museum of Brisbane and Brisbane's iconic City Hall Clock Tower are not to be missed!

With a love of Brisbane's history, Brian also :

- develops content for Museum of Brisbane's walking and boat tours;
- meets with Artists in Residence to provide information and historical knowledge to aid their residency projects; and
- does a weekly spot unveiling the 'Secrets of Brisbane' on 4BC Afternoons with Sofie Formica.

Brian's commitment to continuous learning, professionalism and improvement has motivated others at Museum of Brisbane to strive for excellence in their own roles.

Brian's approachable nature, infectious enthusiasm, humour, and genuine care for both his colleagues and visitors creates a supportive and inclusive environment where everyone feels valued and motivated to excel.

Museums & Galleries Queensland (M&G QLD) Executive Director, Rebekah Butler said, "As the joint Winner in this category, Brian Ogden is recognised for his knowledge and deep passion for history; his leadership; and his invaluable contribution to the Museum of Brisbane and



its people. An inspiration and role model, Brian takes great care to ensure that visitors feel valued and receive a high-quality visitor experience.”

Ms Butler continued, “The Gallery and Museum Achievement Awards are a celebration of the professional excellence, innovation and leadership within Queensland’s arts and cultural heritage sector. We extend our congratulations to this year’s worthy Winners and Finalists.”

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 2023 Winners received an exquisite trophy by Queensland artist, **Nicole Jakins**, commissioned by M&G QLD. Nicole’s works explore environmental concerns, drawing on the beauty and fragility of nature.

The 2023 Gallery and Museum Achievement Awards are proudly supported by **Logan City Council** and sponsored by **Public Galleries Queensland** and **Australian Museums and Galleries Association Queensland**.

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