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EXCELLENCE SHINES AT 2023 GALLERY AND MUSEUM ACHIEVEMENT 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.

Museums & Galleries Queensland (M&G QLD) Executive Director, Rebekah Butler said, "As the peak professional body for Queensland's public museum and gallery sector, we are so proud to shine a light on the outstanding work of our sector in delivering quality arts and cultural experiences and enhancing the social wellbeing of Queensland communities."

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 Winners and Finalists of the 2023 GAMAA categories were:

INDIVIDUALS: PAID

Joint Winner: Brian Ogden, Museum of Brisbane

Joint Winner: Dr Jo Wills, Queensland Museum Network

INDIVIDUALS: VOLUNTEER

Winner: Tanya Tuttle, Babinda Museum

PROJECTS: ORGANISATIONS WITH PAID STAFF

Winner: Museum of Brisbane, for *Play Moves*

Finalists: Gympie Regional Gallery for 22.96/receding

Ipswich Art Gallery for *Just be Your Selfie*

Mapoon Cultural Centre for Creating a new cultural centre for Mapoon







PROJECTS: ORGANISATIONS VOLUNTEER RUN

Winner: Babinda Museum for Building Babinda Museum

ENGAGEMENT: ORGANISATIONS WITH PAID STAFF

Winner: Queensland Art Gallery | Gallery of Modern Art for QAGOMA Learning:

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Finalist: Museum of Brisbane for Making Place – Accessibility

HOTA Gallery, Home of the Arts for *Postcards from the Edge*

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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