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## **MUSEUM OF BRISBANE**

### **Finalist 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.

**Museum of Brisbane** was announced as **Finalist** for its remarkable achievement in the category of Engagement: Organisations with Paid Staff for its project for ***Making Place – Accessibility***.

Over the last two years, Museum of Brisbane (MoB) has had a major focus on improving inclusivity, diversity, equity and accessibility. This has included significant staff training and professional development, facilitated by experts from organisations including Dementia Australia, Deaf Services Queensland, Vision Australia, Autism Australia, Spinal Life Australia and St John's Ambulance (Mental Health First Aid).

*Making Place – 100 Views of Brisbane* was a major, salon hang exhibition that presented 100 depictions of Brisbane from Museum of Brisbane Collections, posing the question – what makes place?

To develop the exhibition, MoB worked with access specialists Janice Rieger, Sarah Barron and Sarah Empey, and key stakeholders including Vision Australia, Auslan Consultancy and Dementia Australia.

***Making Place*** was the Museum's first exhibition to implement their accessibility training across all stages of an exhibition project – from design, interpretation, delivery, and visitor engagement. It was also marked the first time Museum has provided audio descriptions and Auslan translations for key artworks.

**Museums & Galleries Queensland** (M&G QLD) Executive Director, Rebekah Butler said, "Museum of Brisbane is commended for its commitment to produce exhibitions and public engagement activities that are accessible to people of all abilities. This exhibition has provided an important framework for future exhibition projects and has made accessibility a part of 'business as usual' across the organisation."

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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