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Eumundi Museum

Finalist at State Awards

The Winners, Highly Commended and Finalists of the **2024 Gallery and Museum Achievement Awards** (GAMAA) were proudly announced by Museums & Galleries Queensland (M&G QLD) on Tuesday 8 October, at a special awards presentation hosted by the Queensland Museum Cobb+Co, Toowoomba.

Eumundi Museum was celebrated as a **Finalist** in the **Projects: Organisations Volunteer** category at the prestigious 2024 Gallery and Museum Achievement **Awards (GAMAA)**, for its *Antiquated Anaesthetic Apparatus* exhibition.

Eumundi Museum is a regional museum located at the northern end of the Sunshine Coast, providing engaging exhibitions and experiences for locals and tourists, that shares the history and stories of the region.

The Eumundi Museum is recognised for its temporary exhibition, *Antiquated Anaesthetic Apparatus* exhibition, which ran from March to September 2023, and showcased a fascinating collection of old anaesthetic machines from a bygone era, offering visitors a unique journey through the history of anaesthesia.

The exhibition, created in collaboration with the Marks-Hirschfeld Museum of Medical History, aimed to provide an inviting introduction to the history of anaesthesia, featuring a carefully curated display of apparatus used to administer ether, chloroform, and early digital machines.

With the support of the Harry Daly Museum of the Australian Society of Anaesthetists in Sydney, NSW, and the Geoffrey Kaye Museum of the Australian and New Zealand College of Anaesthetists in Melbourne, Victoria, the Eumundi Museum was able to enrich the exhibition with additional information and photographs, making it an educational and visually appealing experience for their visitors.

This project aimed to broaden the Eumundi Museum's audience and enhance the reputation of their organisation. The exhibition attracted 2,091 visitors over five months, a significant achievement for a small regional museum.

The judges praised Eumundi Museum for the achievements of this small organisation that highlighted some of the less-explored elements of the history of medicine. It demonstrates strong partnerships and collaboration and has contributed to building the Museum's reputation and capacity.

Museums & Galleries Queensland (M&G QLD) Executive Director, Rebekah Butler said, "Eumundi Museum is to be congratulated for delivering this insightful medical-based exhibition project that has achieved many successful outcomes for the Museum including raising community awareness."

Ms Butler continued, "The 2024 Winners, Highly Commended 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."

Now in its twentieth year, the GAMAA were established by Museums & Galleries Queensland (M&G QLD) to honour the achievements of our State's individuals and organisations in striving towards excellence.

The 2024 Winners received an exquisite trophy by emerging Queensland artist, **Monique Burkhead**. Monique is of Polynesian, Maori and Australian heritage and lives and works in Cairns. She is passionate about conserving the environment, and through her art hopes to raise an awareness of the fragile nature of our natural environment and the impacts of climate change.

The 2024 GAMAA trophies are generously supported by Brian Tucker.

The 2024 GAMAA are proudly supported by the **Queensland Museum** and sponsored by **Public Galleries Queensland** and **Australian Museums and Galleries Association Queensland**.

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