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EXCELLENCE SHINES AT THE 2024 GALLERY AND MUSEUM ACHIEVEMENT 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 held at the Queensland Museum Cobb+Co, Toowoomba.

Museums & Galleries Queensland (M&G QLD) Executive Director, Rebekah Butler said, "Now in its twentieth year, the Gallery and Museum Achievement Awards were established by Museums & Galleries Queensland to honour the achievements of our State's individuals and organisations in striving towards excellence. As the peak professional body for Queensland's public museum and gallery sector, it is an honour to bring recognition to the outstanding work of so many worthy individuals and organisations in our sector."

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. We acknowledge the great work of our state's museums and galleries in safeguarding and sharing our collections and stories and providing our communities with meaningful arts and cultural experiences. We extend our congratulations to this year's worthy recipients."

PROJECTS: ORGANISATIONS WITH PAID STAFF

Winner:

Griffith University Art Museum for *Taring Padi: Tanah Tumpah Darah*

Highly Commended:

University of Queensland Anthropology Museum for *Kirrenderri, Heart of the Channel Country* Touring Exhibition

Finalists:

Bundaberg Regional Galleries for *Wajgan's Return: Bringing Ron Hurley Home*

Ipswich Art Gallery for *Junior Curators: Mysterious Realms*

PROJECTS: ORGANISATIONS VOLUNTEER RUN

Winner:

Yimbaya Maranoa Arts Collective for *The Mount Moffatt Residency, 2023 – Time on Country*

Finalist:

Eumundi Museum for *Antiquated Anaesthetic Apparatus*



ENGAGEMENT: ORGANISATIONS WITH PAID STAFF

Winner:

The Condensery, Somerset Regional Art Gallery for *Healing Garden*

Highly Commended:

Logan Art Gallery for *Robyn Daw Visual Artist Scholarship*

Finalist:

Bundaberg Regional Galleries for *Phantom: Off the Drawing Board*

State Library of Queensland for *Meet the Artists* Exhibition in slq Gallery

SUSTAINABILITY: ORGANISATIONS WITH PAID STAFF

Winner:

Queensland Museum for *Innovate Reconciliation Action Plan* publication in partnership with visual artist, Dylan Sarra.

INDIVIDUALS: VOLUNTEER

Winner:

Dr Gary Smith – Honorary Curator, ADAQ Museum of Dentistry

Highly Commended:

Lindsay Wilson – Lead Research and Volunteer, Australian Army Military Intelligence Museum

Finalist:

Robyn Wallace – Secretary, The Queensland Women's Historical Association (QWHA)

INDIVIDUALS: PAID

Winner:

Sarah Johnson – Senior Curator, Qantas Founders Museum

Highly Commended:

Jodi Ferrari – Curator, Children's Gallery, HOTA, Home of the Arts

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD:

Recipient:

Michael Wardell – Art Gallery Coordinator, Logan Art Gallery

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

M&G QLD's 2024 GAMAA trophies are generously supported by Brian Tucker.

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

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