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GALLERY AND MUSEUM ACHIVEMENT AWARDS

Frequently asked questions

Where do I enter?

Please visit the M&G QLD GAMAA webpage [here](#) to register and complete your nominations once the call for nominations opens.

What is the closing date for nominations?

Please visit the M&G QLD GAMAA webpage [here](#) for details.

Does it cost to enter?

It is free to enter if you or your organisation is a member of the Australian Museums and Galleries Association (AMaGA) or Public Galleries Queensland (PGQ). For all other nominations, a non-refundable fee of \$30 applies. Please contact M&G QLD to arrange payment.

How do I get started?

Begin by reading the Nomination Guidelines. Next, access the online application form via the M&G QLD GAMAA webpage [here](#). If you have any questions regarding eligibility or how to begin your application, please contact M&G QLD at P: 07 3059 9740, freecall 1800 866 101 or E: information@magsq.com.au.

Can I make a submission on behalf of someone else?

Yes, for 'Organisations' categories, you can self-nominate or you can be nominated by another organisation, or by another person. This may include members, members of the general public or colleagues. If you are nominating on behalf of someone else, it is encouraged that you connect with them and discuss your nomination.

Entries for 'Individual' categories must be made by someone other than the person being nominated.

Are joint nominations allowed?

Joint or collaborative entries are allowed however, one organisation will need to be the primary contact for the nomination.

What types of information should I consider when writing a nomination for the 'Projects' category?

You need to address the selection criteria when completing the nomination form. Below is a list of indicative areas that this may include:

- Evidence of the project's high standard of artistic and/or cultural outcomes for your organisation, sector, and/or community.
- Evidence of how your planning and processes for the project delivered successful outcomes.
- Evidence of how the outcomes of the activity were evaluated.
- Evidence of how the project has built the capacity of the organisation's staff/volunteers and/or community.

What types of information should I consider when writing a nomination for the 'Engagement' category?

You need to address the selection criteria when completing the nomination form. Below is a list of indicative areas that this may include:

- Evidence of how your initiative reached new audiences.
- Evidence of how your initiative deepened engagement with existing audiences.
- Evidence of how your initiative engaged with a specific sector of the community (e.g. children/youth, families, women, men, older people, Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander peoples, people with disability, people with neurodiversity, people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds, LGBTIQ+ people, people who are isolated or disadvantaged).
- Evidence of how your initiative delivered legacy outcomes.
- Evidence of how the outcomes of the activity were evaluated. This may include data demonstrating clear results achieved by this initiative.

What types of information should I consider when writing a nomination for the 'First Nations' category?

You need to address the selection criteria when completing the nomination form. Below is a list of indicative areas that this may include:

- What is the background to this initiative?
- Was the initiative First Nations-led?
- Evidence of how your initiative adhered to First Nations cultural protocols.
- Evidence of the project's high standard of artistic and/or cultural outcomes.
- Evidence of how your initiative delivered legacy outcomes.
- Evidence of your initiative's success. Did it contribute to outcomes, including but not limited to cultural awareness, equality and equity, organisational integrity, knowledge sharing, reconciliation, First Nations art and cultural expression, or historical acceptance?

What types of information should I consider when writing a nomination for the 'Sustainable Practices' category?

You need to address the selection criteria when completing the nomination form. Below is a list of indicative areas that this may include:

- Evidence of how your activity demonstrated leadership and/or initiative in sustainable practice.
- Evidence of demand for the activity.
- Evidence of good planning and effective use of resources.
- Evidence of how these outcomes have contributed to the organisation's future strategic planning and sustainability.
- Evidence of how the activity has built the capacity of the organisation, its staff/volunteers, and/or its community.
- Evidence of how the activity has engaged the community in environmental, climate or social issues.
- Evidence of how the outcomes of the activity were evaluated.

What types of information should I consider when writing a nomination for the 'Volunteer Museum/Gallery of the Year' category?

You need to address the selection criteria when completing the nomination form. Below is a list of indicative areas that this may include:

- Evidence of the organisation's achievements.
- Evidence of best practice.
- Evidence of the organisation's impact in their community.

What types of information should I consider when writing a nomination for the 'Individual' category?

You need to address the selection criteria when completing the nomination form. Below is a list of indicative areas that this may include:

- Evidence of the individual's outstanding contributions and professional standing.
- Evidence of how the individual delivered successful outcomes in one or more of the following ways:
 - educating audiences or encouraging life-long learning.
 - working with new communities or new audiences.
 - developing new partnerships to improve their and/or their organisation's practice.
 - increased community engagement and participation.
 - increased community wellbeing.
 - achieved successful outcomes for specific groups within the community (e.g. children/youth, families, women, men, older people, Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander peoples, people with disability, people with neurodiversity, people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds, LGBTIQ+ people, people who are isolated or disadvantaged).
- Evidence of how the individual provides inspiration as a role or leads others to implement new ideas, directions or initiatives.

What are the chances of making it as a finalist?

This is a difficult question to answer. Some categories receive many entries, making selecting the finalists a difficult process for the judging panel. We do limit the number of finalists, so please do not be discouraged if you don't get selected. Remember that you have to nominate to be in with a chance to win!

In what format must my support materials be submitted?

Material may be supplied as follows:

1. Supporting documentation may include photographs, graphs, electronic media, articles, newsletters, brochures, testimonials and anecdotes.
2. Upload doc, docx, pdf, JPG, png, mp3 or mp4 files.
3. Video attachments may be hosted on a video site such as YouTube or Vimeo.
4. Website URL must be publicly accessible. Please ensure any applicable usernames and passwords are provided.

n.b. Photographs should be provided as 300 dpi JPG files, maximum of 2MB.

If I need help filling in the application, can I ask for assistance?

Yes, please contact M&G QLD, and we can assist you with completing the nomination. We will not write the entry for you, but we can assist with how to frame your responses and answering any questions you may have.

How does the judging process work?

The judging panel is made up of respected industry peers with a broad range of experience and expertise from across the sector. Judges are selected to ensure that there is no conflict of interest. Judges will be asked to assess and score each nomination against the judging criteria before coming together to jointly select the finalists, highly commended and winners.

Can I get feedback on my submission if I am not successful?

Unfortunately, due to staff capacity, M&G QLD is not able to provide feedback on individual submissions.

When are the finalists announced? How will I be notified?

Please refer to the timeline in the Nomination Guidelines ([link](#)) for when the finalists will be announced. The person who submitted the nomination will be notified via email of the outcome of the judging process. An announcement will be published in M&G QLD's eNews, and finalists will be listed on the M&G QLD GAMAA webpage [here](#).

If you have further questions regarding the GAMAA, please contact M&G QLD at:
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