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## **QUT ART MUSEUM FINALIST 2026 GALLERY AND MUSEUM ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS**

Museums & Galleries Queensland (M&G QLD) was delighted to announce **QUT Art Museum** as a Finalist in the **Projects: Organisations With 1-6 FTE Paid Staff** category, for its exhibition ***Jemima Wyman: Deep Surface*** at the **2026 Gallery and Museum Achievement Awards (GAMAA)**, proudly hosted by **Ipswich Art Gallery** on Thursday 8 October.

Now in their twenty-second year, the GAMAA are Queensland's premier awards program for the museum and gallery sector, recognising excellence, innovation and leadership across the State. Special guest, **Ipswich City Council Mayor Teresa Harding**, congratulated this year's recipients and presented winners with individually crafted trophies by acclaimed Queensland glass artist **Jarred Wright**.

QUT Art Museum has been named a finalist for its landmark exhibition *Jemima Wyman: Deep Surface*, the first comprehensive survey exhibition and accompanying major monograph dedicated to internationally acclaimed Australian artist and Palawa woman, Jemima Wyman.

Developed over several years in close collaboration with the artist, the exhibition brought together more than 70 artworks spanning three decades of practice and marked the reopening of QUT Art Museum following a 14-month closure. Accompanied by a substantial 208-page scholarly publication, the project made a significant contribution to Australian contemporary art scholarship while attracting strong audiences and widespread critical acclaim.

Celebrating artistic innovation, research excellence and sustained collaboration, *Jemima Wyman: Deep Surface* highlights the Museum's leadership in delivering ambitious contemporary art projects and advancing knowledge of Australian art and cultural practice.

**Museums & Galleries Queensland Executive Director, Rebekah Butler**, said "QUT Art Museum has delivered an exceptional exhibition that not only celebrates the remarkable career of Jemima Wyman, but also makes a lasting contribution to Australian contemporary art scholarship. Bringing together three decades of the artist's practice in a project of this scale reflects the Museum's commitment to research excellence, collaboration and artistic innovation. We congratulate the team at QUT Art Museum on this well-deserved recognition as a finalist."

This year's awards attracted nominations from across the state, recognising excellence in exhibitions, public programs, collections management, First Nations and community engagement, leadership, innovation and volunteer contributions.

M&G QLD congratulates each of this year's winners, highly commended recipients and finalists. Their achievements exemplify the passion, creativity and commitment that continue to enrich Queensland's cultural landscape and inspire excellence across the sector.

## **ABOUT MUSEUMS & GALLERIES QUEENSLAND**

Museums & Galleries Queensland (M&G QLD) is the peak professional industry body for the public museum and gallery sector in Queensland.

Our purpose is to inspire and support excellence in Queensland museums, galleries and keeping places, fostering innovation, connection and cultural leadership.

## **SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR 2026 GAMAA SPONSORS AND SUPPORTERS**

The 2026 GAMAA are proudly supported by the **Ipswich Art Gallery** and sponsored by **Public Galleries Queensland** and **Australian Museums and Galleries Association Queensland**.

The 2026 GAMAA trophies are generously supported by **Brian Tucker**.

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