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QLD's galleries and museums recognised in State Awards

Queensland's public galleries and museums were formally recognised at the **2016 Gallery and Museum Achievement Awards** (GAMAA) at a gala event hosted by Creative Arts Redlands – Redland Performing Arts Centre and Redland Art Gallery, on Tuesday 22 November 2016.

Presented by **Museums & Galleries Queensland** (M&G QLD), the GAMAA celebrate the outstanding achievements, professional excellence, and innovation of Queensland's museum and gallery sector. The awards also recognise the valuable contribution that Queensland museums and galleries make in enriching their local and wider communities and honours the extraordinary commitment and talents of paid professionals and volunteers working in the industry.

M&G QLD Executive Director, Rebekah Butler said the GAMAA continue to recognise and celebrate the remarkable achievements of our museums and galleries and are testament to the skill, ingenuity and professionalism of the sector.

"This year's GAMAA recipients reflect a diverse range of large and small organisations. M&G QLD extends its congratulations to all of the 2016 GAMAA winners, finalists and nominees. We also thank our 2016 judges, sponsors and partners in supporting this important industry event," Ms Butler said.

Each year M&G QLD commissions a different Queensland artist to create the GAMAA trophies. This year's award Winners were presented with an exquisite trophy handcrafted by Brisbane-based ceramic artist Kenji Uranishi. The GAMAA trophies are generously sponsored by Brian Tucker Accounting.

Winners of the 2016 GAMAA were recognised in six categories, with a number of finalists being shortlisted. The winners and finalists for each category are listed below:

PROJECTS: ORGANISATIONS VOLUNTEER RUN

Winner: FASSIFERN DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC., *War Memories including CWA Involvement*

Finalist: GLADSTONE MARITIME HISTORY SOCIETY INC. (Gladstone Maritime Museum), *Acquisition of Freemantle Class Patrol Boat 'HMAS Gladstone' and its Display*

PROJECTS: ORGANISATIONS WITH PAID STAFF

Joint

Winners: MUSEUM OF BRISBANE, *100% Brisbane*
LOGAN ART GALLERY, Logan City Council, *Animating Spaces Logan: Arts in the Park*

Finalists: BUNDABERG REGIONAL GALLERIES, *Wide Bay – High Desert II*
NEWSTEAD HOUSE, *Connecting Threads: Tracing fashion, fabric and everyday life at Newstead House*

ENGAGEMENT: ORGANISATIONS VOLUNTEER RUN

Winner: SURF WORLD GOLD COAST INC., *Sharing the Stoke*

ENGAGEMENT: ORGANISATIONS WITH PAID STAFF

Winner: STATE LIBRARY OF QUEENSLAND, *Peace and Quiet*

Finalists: R.D. MILNS ANTIQUITIES MUSEUM, The University of Queensland, *'Cyprus: An Island and A People' Exhibition and Public Programs*
REDLAND ART GALLERY, *Gathering Strands*
TANKS ARTS CENTRE, Cairns Regional Council, *Freedom of Expression: Indigenous Art from Queensland Correctional Centres*

SUSTAINABILITY: ORGANISATIONS VOLUNTEER RUN

Winner: ARCHER PARK RAIL MUSEUM, *Revitalisation of Archer Park Rail Museum, Rockhampton*

INDIVIDUALS: VOLUNTEER

Joint

Winners: JENNY STEADMAN, Queensland Women's Historical Association (Miegunyah House Museum)

NORMA HAMBLING, Logan Art Gallery, Logan City Council

Finalists: ALBERT (BUDDY) THOMSON, Boondooma Museum & Heritage Association Inc
KYLIE BOURNE, Miles and District Historical Society Inc (Miles Historical Village Museum)



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