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WINNERS AND FINALISTS ANNOUNCED

at the 2019 Queensland Gallery and Museum Achievement Awards

The Winners and Finalists of the **2019 Gallery and Museum Achievement Awards** (GAMAA) were proudly announced on Thursday 19 September at a special presentation event, held at the recently opened Cairns Performing Arts Centre, Far North Queensland.

The **Winners** and **Finalists** of the **2019 GAMAA categories** were:

PROJECTS: ORGANISATIONS WITH PAID STAFF

Joint Winner: **MUSEUM OF BRISBANE**, for its project, *The Designers' Guide: Easton Pearson Archive*.

Joint Winner: **BRISBANE CITY COUNCIL**, for its project, *Botanica – Contemporary art outside 2019*.

Finalists: **SUNSHINE COAST COUNCIL**, for its project, *Expanding Experience – Bankfoot House Heritage Precinct*.

REDLAND ART GALLERY, for its project, *Redland Art Gallery's 15th Birthday Celebrations*

PROJECTS: ORGANISATIONS VOLUNTEER RUN

Winner: **IPSWICH HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC.** for its project, *Interactive Touchscreen WW1 Ipswich War Stories*.

Finalist: **HERVEY BAY HISTORICAL VILLAGE & MUSEUM**, for its project, *Publication of new book 'Moments in Time A Pictorial History of Hervey Bay & Surrounds 1890 to 2018'.*

ENGAGEMENT: ORGANISATIONS WITH PAID STAFF

Winner: **LOGAN ART GALLERY, LOGAN CITY COUNCIL**, for its project, *He kākano āhau (I am a seed).*

Finalists: **QUEENSLAND STATE ARCHIVES**, for its program, *The Memory Lounge.*
MORETON BAY REGIONAL COUNCIL, for its new *Community Cultural Capacity: Curatorial Development Framework.*
REDLAND ART GALLERY, for its exhibition, *From Little Things: Artist books by Robyn Foster and St James Lutheran Community Kindergarten.*
NEWSTEAD HOUSE, for its project, *Museum Theatre: The War Years – Americans at Newstead House.*

SUSTAINABILITY: ORGANISATIONS WITH PAID STAFF

Winner: **AUSTRALIAN AGE OF DINOSAURS**, for its project, *Turning out the lights: Australia's first International Dark-Sky Sanctuary.*

Finalist: **ARTISAN**, for its project, *A new home for craft and design.*

INDIVIDUALS: PAID

Winner: **DR VALERIE KEENAN**, in her role as Art Centre Manager of Girringun Aboriginal Art Centre in Cardwell, North Queensland.

Finalists: **MICHELE PICKERING**, Coordinator of Brisbane's Living Heritage Network
REBECCA MILLINER, Events and Marketing Coordinator for Cairns RSL Sub-branch

INDIVIDUALS: VOLUNTEER

Winner: **CRAIG MAHER**, Volunteer with the Cairns RSL Sub-branch – Kokoda Hall Museum.

Finalist: **MATTHEW JACKSON**, Volunteer with the Cassowary Coast Regional Council.



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Museums & Galleries Queensland Executive Director, Rebekah Butler said,

"As the peak professional body for Queensland's public museum and gallery sector, we are extremely proud to present the Gallery and Museum Achievement Awards each year, and to brightly shine a light on the outstanding achievements of our State's arts and cultural heritage organisations. This year's Awards recognised thirteen public museums and galleries and five individuals for their remarkable contributions to our sector and wider communities."

Ms Butler continued, "The 2019 Winners and Finalists were selected from a strong field of nominations received from organisations, large and small, across Queensland. We extend our warmest congratulations to the recipients of this year's awards."

The GAMAA were established by Museums & Galleries Queensland in 2004 to honour the achievements of our State's individuals and organisations in striving towards excellence.

Robert Ryan, the Senior Co-ordinator Community Programs for Mackay Regional Council and 2019 GAMAA judge, presented awards to this year's Winners and Finalists. The Winners received an exquisitely crafted trophy by Queensland artist, Lucy Quinn. Commissioned by M&G QLD, the trophies are generously sponsored by our long-standing Awards supporter, Brian Tucker Accounting.

The awards were hosted at Cairns Performing Arts Centre in front of representatives of Queensland's public museum and gallery sector, including delegates of M&G QLD's 2019 State Conference, *Opening Doors*, also presented in Cairns.

M&G QLD acknowledges the tremendous support of the 2019 GAMAA sponsors: Brandi Projects; Cairns Regional Council; Brian Tucker Accounting; Public Galleries Queensland; and Australian Museums and Galleries Association (Queensland).

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