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ABBEY MUSEUM OF ART AND ARCHAEOLOGY Recognised at State Awards

The strength, ingenuity and talents of Queensland's public galleries and museums were triumphantly demonstrated tonight with the announcement of the winners of the **2017 Gallery and Museum Achievement Awards** (GAMAA) at a gala presentation event, proudly hosted by Old Government House, QUT.

Abbey Museum of Art and Archaeology was **recognised as a Finalist** for outstanding achievement in the category of 'Engagement: Organisations With Paid Staff' for its nomination ***Medieval Family Fun Week***.

Medieval Family Fun Week is child focused and is designed to engage, educate and inspire young people while they have fun participating in medieval arts, crafts, archaeology and activities. It is an important adjunct to the highly-popular Abbey Medieval Festival, attracting a wider audience and providing experiences that cannot be catered for during the festival weekend.

Museums & Galleries Queensland (M&G QLD) Executive Director, Rebekah Butler said, "Being recognised as a Finalist in this category is testament to the remarkable achievements and programming of the Abbey Museum of Art and Archaeology and their commitment to meaningfully engage audiences across all generations."

The Abbey Museum of Art and Archaeology is situated in Caboolture, an hour north of Brisbane. It has one of the finest collections of European and Classical artefacts open to the public in Australia. The Museum's collection includes prehistoric artefacts, ceramics, glass, stained glass, metalwork, woodwork, lacquer, sculptures, manuscripts and rare books, Renaissance and Baroque paintings, watercolours, icons and frescos. The collection covers over 500,000 years of world history and endeavours to educate and inspire through its displays and public programs.

The annual Abbey Medieval Festival brings to life the colour, pageantry and excitement of Medieval Europe. Medieval re-enactors, musicians and street performers from across Australia and overseas join in a vibrant display of life in the Middle Ages.

Ms Butler said, "This year's winners and finalists stood out from an exceptional group of nominations. These accolades embody outstanding examples of our sector's achievements, professional excellence, and innovation. They also highlight the valuable contribution and achievements of professionals and volunteers working in our industry."

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.

Winners of the 2017 GAMAA received an exquisite trophy crafted by Queensland artist, Lincoln Austin. Commissioned by M&G QLD, the trophies are generously sponsored by our long-standing Awards supporter, Brian Tucker Accounting.

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