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ALICIA JONES**Recognised at State Awards**

The winners of the **2018 Gallery and Museum Achievement Awards** (GAMAA) were proudly announced on Friday 7 December at a special presentation event, held at the picturesque **Bankfoot House Heritage Precinct**, Sunshine Coast.

Alicia Jones, volunteer with the Gold Coast & Hinterland Historical Society Inc, was recognised as a **Finalist** for her outstanding achievement in the category of **Individuals: Volunteer**

Alicia is a cross-cultural Welsh-Tasmanian Indigenous woman and performance artist who has been closely associated with the museum over several years. As a successful Palawa Aboriginal woman in a competitive world, she is an inspiration, having traversed a long journey through varied and challenging careers.

Alicia's Commonwealth Games affiliation brought to the museum a wide-ranging group of Indigenous performers, fashion designers and artists. Her ease with managing different personalities and political agendas is one of her strongest qualities and reflects her successes across the years and across careers.

Museums & Galleries Queensland Executive Director, Rebekah Butler said,

"Alicia is an active member of the Gold Coast & Hinterland Historical Society Inc. which has the role of preserving Indigenous heritage together with contemporary history. Alicia has provided the museum with events and activities that have both educational and entertainment value for members and visitors alike, and is to be commended for her achievements."

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.

Sunshine Coast Councillor Rick Baberowski presented awards to the Winners and Finalists of the 2018 GAMAA. The Winners received a beautifully crafted trophy by Queensland artist, Bruce Reynolds. Commissioned by M&G QLD, the trophies are generously sponsored by our long-standing Awards supporter, Brian Tucker Accounting.

The awards were hosted at **Bankfoot House Heritage Precinct**, in front of representatives of Queensland's public museum and gallery sector including local and state government stakeholders.

Ms Butler used the GAMAA presentation to acknowledge the wonderful support of the 2018 GAMAA sponsors: the Sunshine Coast Council's Cultural Heritage Levy; Brian Tucker Accounting; Public Galleries Queensland; and Museums Galleries Australia (Queensland). She congratulated not just the winners and finalists, but all those who contribute to and support Queensland's public galleries and museums. She acknowledged the far-reaching impacts of our sector, including its important contribution to the culture and wellbeing of Queensland communities.

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