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BUNDABERG REGIONAL GALLERIES Winner 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.

Bundaberg Regional Galleries was announced the **Winner** for outstanding achievement in the category of Engagement: Organisations with Paid Staff for its ***Our Town: Children's Perspectives on Community Through Meaningful Arts Engagement*** project.

Our Town: Children's Perspectives on Community through Meaningful Arts Engagement was a collaborative arts project between Bundaberg Regional Galleries and the Creche and Kindergarten Association Inc (C&K). Engaging pre-schoolers and educators, this wonderful project involved art workshops, professional arts development for C&K staff, and immersion activities with Collection artworks, to culminate in a public exhibition that showcased the importance of art as a vehicle for children's voices. The exhibition attracted over 400 visitors during its week-long display.

Museums & Galleries Queensland (M&G QLD) Executive Director, Rebekah Butler said, "Bundaberg Regional Galleries is to be congratulated for its achievements in developing the *Our Town: Children's Perspectives on Community through Meaningful Arts Engagement* project. The strategic partnership with C&K enabled quality arts engagement opportunities for more than 300 kindergarten-aged children, across nine C&K centres in 2017. It also encouraged C&K staff to utilise new art materials, re-imagine the way they used resources, and to stimulate exciting and innovative classroom practice."

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.



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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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