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## **FASSIFERN DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY, TEMPLIN MUSEUM**

### **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.

**Fassifern District Historical Society, Templin Museum** was announced the **Winner** for outstanding achievement in the category of Projects: Organisations Volunteer Run, for its ***Madam Weigel – The woman who clothed Australasia*** exhibition project.

Following a talk by Dr Veronica Lampkin, who was launching her book, *Madame Weigel: The woman who clothed the colonies*, the Fassifern District Historical Society's Common Threads group discovered that the Templin Museum held several Madame Weigel patterns. As an exercise, they each took a pattern and made a garment, using fabrics that were donated from deceased estates and buttons and zips from the era.

Madame Weigel was the first designer of the divided skirt for side-saddle riding. Local woman Mrs Betts' jacket, divided skirt and riding bodice, along with her side-saddle, are documented in the Templin Collection, dated 1890–1900.

A further visit from Dr Lampkin, armed with books and journals, led to the realisation that the Templin Museum held a vast collection of articles made by local women, and an exhibition was developed.

**Museums & Galleries Queensland** (M&G QLD) Executive Director, Rebekah Butler said, "Fassifern District Historical Society is to be congratulated for its achievements in developing the first exhibition of its kind locally, nationally and internationally of the garments, patterns and articles of Madame Weigel. What started out as a fun exercise for the members of the sewing guild, and costing very little to create, the exhibition attracted people from all over Australia and New Zealand."

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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