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## **Geoff Moore Joint 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.

**Geoff Moore**, voluntary President of the North Stradbroke Island Museum on Minjerribah (NSIMM), was announced the **Joint Winner** for his outstanding achievement in the category of Individuals: Volunteer Staff.

For almost two decades, Geoff Moore has led the development of NSIMM to become a professionally operated local museum. Valued by its community, the Museum has gained national recognition, including the ABC Radio National Regional Museums Award in 2009; M&G QLD's GAMAA award in 2015; and Museums and Galleries National Award (MAGNA) in 2016.

Geoff has been instrumental in pulling people together; using his abilities and personal connections to communicate effectively, to influence politicians, business and non-government groups in the cause of the Museum. This has been integral to the Museum's ongoing capital growth and long-term sustainability.

Geoff's leadership skills were also highlighted when the Museum became the custodian, in partnership with the Walker family, of The Oodgeroo of the Tribe Noonuccal Custodian of the Land Minjerribah Collection Management Deed. This is of national and international significance.

**Museums & Galleries Queensland** (M&G QLD) Executive Director, Rebekah Butler said, "Geoff Moore is a worthy joint winner of the Individuals: Volunteer Staff category, and is to be congratulated for his remarkable achievements. His commitment to the North Stradbroke Island Museum on Minjerribah and leadership has encouraged the Museum's staff and volunteers to be brave and adventurous in their ideas, and to take on challenges, even when the committee might find that path difficult."

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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