

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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## HERVEY BAY HISTORICAL VILLAGE & MUSEUM Finalist at State Awards

The Winners and Finalists of the **2019 Gallery and Museum Achievement Awards** (GAMAA) were proudly announced on Thursday 19 September at a special presentation event, held at the recently opened Cairns Performing Arts Centre, Far North Queensland.

Hervey Bay Historical Village & Museum was recognised as a Finalist for its worthy achievements in the category of Projects: Organisations Volunteer Run for its project, Publication of new book 'Moments in Time: A Pictorial History of Hervey Bay & Surrounds 1890 to 2018'.

The Hervey Bay Historical Village & Museum is a volunteer-run, not-for-profit organisation established in 1974. This project centred on the publication of *Moments in Time: A Pictorial History of Hervey Bay & Surrounds 1890 to 2018*, the third major book published by the Museum in recent years. The 200-page, full-colour publication involved 12 months of collecting, sorting, compilation and editing by the volunteers, with many hours spent researching the locations and editing and enhancing some of the old photographs.

**Museums & Galleries Queensland** (M&G QLD) Executive Director, Rebekah Butler said, "Hervey Bay Historical Village & Museum is to be commended on the research and production of this publication. The volunteers have drawn on the Museum's extensive Collection, accessing extremely rare glass negatives from the 1890s, postcards from the 1920s, panagrams of 1950 and photographs from the decades up to 2019, to tell the region's rich history."





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.

Robert Ryan, the Senior Co-ordinator Community Programs for Mackay Regional Council and 2019 GAMAA judge, presented awards to this year's Winners and Finalists. The Winners received an exquisitely crafted trophy by Queensland artist, Lucy Quinn. Commissioned by M&G QLD, the trophies are generously sponsored by our long-standing Awards supporter, Brian Tucker Accounting.

The awards were hosted at Cairns Performing Arts Centre in front of representatives of Queensland's public museum and gallery sector, including delegates of M&G QLD's 2019 State Conference, *Opening Doors*, also presented in Cairns.

M&G QLD acknowledges the tremendous support of the 2019 GAMAA sponsors: Brandi Projects; Cairns Regional Council; Brian Tucker Accounting; Public Galleries Queensland; and Australian Museums and Galleries Association (Queensland).

For the full list of GAMAA Winners and Finalists see: <a href="http://www.magsg.com.au/cms/page.asp?ID=5036">http://www.magsg.com.au/cms/page.asp?ID=5036</a>

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