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IPSWICH HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC

Winner 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.

Ipswich Historical Society Inc. was announced as **Winner** for its achievements in the category of Projects: Organisations Volunteer Run for its project, ***Interactive Touchscreen WW1 Ipswich War Stories***.

This project involved the purchase and installation of an interactive kiosk to display stories of Ipswich WW1 servicemen.

A key aim of the project was to create new opportunities to engage younger audiences and to bring the Society into the digital age. By providing digital literacy training to volunteers and seeking grants for digital products and equipment, the Society has up-skilled their members, encouraging them to attend workshops on how to best to share stories and to learn effective research techniques from WW1 historians and other like community organisations.

Museums & Galleries Queensland (M&G QLD) Executive Director, Rebekah Butler said, "Ipswich Historical Society Inc. was acknowledged for its achievements in securing a Department of Veterans Affairs grant to acquire the interactive kiosk to better tell the stories of local servicemen and for investing in its volunteers to improve their digital literacy, research skills and industry networks."

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:

<http://www.magsq.com.au/cms/page.asp?ID=5036>

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