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IRIS SKINNER**Recognised 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.

Iris Skinner, The House of Fashion Curator, Fassifern Historical Society, Templin Museum, was recognised as a **Finalist** for her outstanding achievement in the category of **Individuals: Volunteer**

Iris has made an outstanding contribution to the preservation of local history, specialising in textiles, for over 25 years for the Fassifern Historical Society, Templin Museum, the Scenic Rim and Queensland. She contributes to the museum sector through supporting and mentoring fellow museum volunteers; being an active member of the Common Threads embroidery guild; being the museum's representative for the Scenic Rim Historical Network; and as an educator throughout the museum network in south-east Queensland.

As Curator of The House of Fashion, which is gaining national and international recognition, Iris regularly attends workshops to expand her own knowledge and skills, and willingly shares this knowledge not only with the Society's members and volunteers but also with the visitors of the museum. She recognises that the museum is communal space for friendship, support, mental health and general wellbeing by an ever-growing community of old and new members of varying backgrounds and ages from the surrounding community.

Museums & Galleries Queensland Executive Director, Rebekah Butler said,

“Iris Skinner’s passion and dedication to the preservation of textiles within the Templin Museum, the historical network, the Scenic Rim community, and beyond is commendable. Her work is highly valued and ensures that future generations will be able to view and learn about past and present garments and accessories, as well as learn how to preserve such items of historical interest for future collections.”

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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