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JANE HARDING

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.

Jane Harding, Heritage Librarian, Noosa Library Services, was recognised as a **Finalist** for her outstanding achievement in the category of **Individuals: Paid Staff**.

As the Council's Heritage Librarian, and recently promoted to Heritage Coordinator, Jane works tirelessly to increase and share the knowledge and understanding of local heritage throughout the Noosa Shire. She is instrumental in ensuring that this young community's history is appreciated and captured for future generations.

Jane's role is multifaceted and involves juggling multiple projects at any given time. Notable outcomes delivered in the past year include the conception and coordination of an exhibition in partnership with local curator, John Waldron, to celebrate the last 50 years of the Noosa Shire, inspired by the 50th anniversary of the naming of the Sunshine Coast. Titled *What's Up Sunshine?* the exhibition was a tremendous success with locals and visitors to the region.

Museums & Galleries Queensland Executive Director, Rebekah Butler said,
"Being recognised as a finalist in this category is great testimony to Jane's ongoing strive towards excellence, her personality and skills. Jane is an inspiring role model for emerging professionals and she also finds the time and energy to provide guidance to numerous volunteers."

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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