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JUSTIN BISHOP

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.

Justin Bishop, former Director, KickArts Contemporary Arts, Cairns, was recognised as a **Finalist** for his outstanding achievement in the category of **Individuals: Paid Staff**.

Justin's professionalism and commitment to regional arts in Queensland across his career is remarkable. His dedication to artists, arts workers and arts organisations, and his approach to meaningful engagement with communities, has contributed significantly to the growth of the sector in our state.

With an understanding of the issues affecting the arts sector, Justin has generously shared his knowledge and expertise including: providing training and mentorship to the Tablelands Regional Gallery staff and volunteers; contributing to the delivery of the Douglas Shire Council Arts Strategy; serving on various industry boards; and volunteering his time and knowledge towards educating and improving standards as a Reviewer for Museums & Galleries Queensland's Standard Review Program over four years.

Justin also demonstrates a significant commitment to the recognition and promotion of Far North Queensland's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists.

Museums & Galleries Queensland Executive Director, Rebekah Butler said,
"Being recognised as a finalist in this category is great testament to Justin's leadership and generous spirit. A strong role model and advocate for our sector, Justin encourages individuals and organisations to enact positive change for themselves and their community."

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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