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KATHRYN KERSWELL

Winner at State Awards

The winners of the **2018 Gallery and Museum Achievement Awards** (GAMAA) were proudly announced today at a special presentation event, held at the picturesque **Bankfoot House Heritage Precinct**, Sunshine Coast.

Kathryn Kerswell, (retired) Senior Registrar, The University of Queensland Art Museum, Brisbane, was announced the **Winner** for her outstanding achievement in the category of Individuals: Paid Staff.

Kath Kerswell has been working in the visual arts industry in Brisbane for 31 years. During this time, she has worked predominantly, but not exclusively, behind the scenes managing art collections, working at institutions including Griffith Artworks, Griffith University; State Library of Queensland; and The University of Queensland Art Museum.

A respected industry professional, Kath's legacies are numerous, inscribed on the many thousands of documents that relate to the collections with which she has worked. Her readiness to adapt to suit the needs of the times and the respect for the records she managed, has made her an ideal custodian in caretaking collections of historical importance.

At The University of Queensland Art Museum, Kath was instrumental in refining and developing procedures for managing the collection, and significantly involved with the development of programs that made the University art collection more accessible for use in teaching and learning. This included professional development opportunities for students.

Museums & Galleries Queensland Executive Director, Rebekah Butler said,

"As the Winner of this category, Kath Kerswell is recognised not just for her passion and dedication to the programs and collections of the institutions at which she has worked over the last 31 years, but also for the generosity of her support that has seen many people mentored in the industry."

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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