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LOGAN ART GALLERY

Finalist 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.

Logan Art Gallery, Logan City Council was **recognised as a Finalist** for outstanding achievement in the category of Engagement: Organisations with Paid Staff for its ***Making Arts Accessible program***. This inspiring program has been developed specifically to engage people with disabilities with the City of Logan's arts, culture and heritage.

With the support of a Catalyst grant, Logan Art Gallery engaged a coordinator with skills in the disability sector to work with its staff to develop training programs, activities and exhibitions, as well as a database of organisations and people with disabilities for promotional purposes. Training was provided for artists, staff and volunteers to conduct practical workshops to provide better customer service and enhanced programs for people with disabilities. This included: an introduction to disability awareness; Mental health awareness; Understanding the needs of people with hearing and vision impairments; Expectations versus reality; Structuring workshop sessions; Monitoring and evaluating progress; and Managing potentially difficult situations.

Museums & Galleries Queensland (M&G QLD) Executive Director, Rebekah Butler said, "Logan Art Gallery is to be congratulated for its *Making Arts Accessible program*. This wonderful initiative builds on the Gallery's already successful Art and Dementia program. It offers genuine arts and cultural engagement opportunities for people with disabilities. This includes descriptive tours of exhibitions; Auslan interpreted programs conducted with Queensland Deaf Services' staff; exhibitions by individual artists who identify as a person with a disability; and collaborative

activities with organisations such as Logan Adult Mental Health Group, Logan Hospital and My Horizons.”

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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