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## MILES HISTORICAL VILLAGE MUSEUM 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.

**Miles Historical Village Museum** was **recognised as a Finalist** for outstanding achievement in the category of Projects: Organisations with Paid Staff for its project ***What War Meant to Miles – Heroes, Hardships and Heartfelt Stories***.

*What War Meant to Miles – Heroes, Hardships and Heartfelt Stories* involved the reinterpretation and redisplay of the Museum's wartime collection, including World War 1 and other wars of service; and the trials and tribulations experienced at home and abroad during times of conflict.

The project was a staged process of cataloguing, digitisation, research, community engagement, documentation, concept and detailed design, fabrication and installation. It has inspired local audiences and generated a great sense of pride.

**Museums & Galleries Queensland** Executive Director, Rebekah Butler said, "Miles Historical Village Museum is to be congratulated for delivering this remarkable project that showcases inspirational stories and significant wartime objects from the region. The project has achieved many successful outcomes for the Museum, including the complete digitisation, cataloguing and accessioning of over 4,000 objects; development of a purpose-built War Museum Collection Store; and formalising collection processes and procedures that support ongoing collection management, accessibility and research opportunities."

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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