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PRUDENCE CAWLEY

Joint Winner 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.

Prudence Cawley, volunteer Vice President of the Buderim Historical Society, was announced the **Joint Winner** for her outstanding achievement in the category of Individuals: Volunteer Staff.

Prue Cawley is recognised for her ongoing commitment and dedication to the Buderim Historical Society (BHS) and wider Buderim community over many years. Since 2006, she has served on the BHS Management Committee; performing the role of Secretary for several years; as President from 2010 to 2017; and currently as Vice President.

Not afraid to embrace new ideas and learn from industry experts, Prue has actively upgraded her skills and openly shared her new-found knowledge with her fellow volunteers. She is the driving force behind the BHS Social Fundraising Group, staging various events including the St Patricks Day concert and annual Christmas soirée at Pioneer Cottage to support the Society's activities.

Prue has also been active in the Buderim War Memorial Community Association, performing several roles on the Management Committee and volunteering at the Old Post Office, the Visitor Centre for Buderim, on a regular basis. In these roles, she has raised the profile of the Buderim Historical Society and established excellent networks with other community groups including the Buderim Garden Club, Foote Sanctuary and The Buderim – Palmwoods Heritage Tramway Inc.

Museums & Galleries Queensland Executive Director, Rebekah Butler said, "Prudence Cawley is a worthy joint winner of the Individuals: Volunteer Staff category, and is to be congratulated for her remarkable contribution to the Buderim Historical Society and cultural life of the Buderim community. Her leadership, work ethic, organisational skills, energy and enthusiasm has inspired members of the Buderim Historical Society, and taken the organisation from strength to strength."

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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