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## **REDLAND ART GALLERY**

### **Finalist at State Awards**

The Winners and Finalists of the **2019 Gallery and Museum Achievement Awards** (GAMAA) were proudly announced on Thursday 19 September at a special presentation event, held at the recently opened Cairns Performing Arts Centre, Far North Queensland.

**Redland Art Gallery** was recognised as a **Finalist** for outstanding achievement in the category of Projects: Organisations with Paid Staff for its project, ***Redland Art Gallery's 15<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebrations***.

In 2018 Redland Art Gallery celebrated its 15<sup>th</sup> Birthday through an incredible year-long program of over 90 exhibitions, events and workshops across the Redlands Coast. Celebrations focused around sharing a love of the visual arts, the region and expanding opportunities for local artists, which included the launch of the Redland Art Gallery Red Box Pop-Up Gallery.

One of the exhibition projects, *Project Tote*, was specifically developed for Redland Art Gallery volunteers to share their love of the Redlands. Photographs of the volunteers' special places in the Redlands were printed onto re-usable tote bags and were displayed 'en masse'. This exhibition not only showcased the region, it encouraged viewers to consider using tote bags instead of plastic to help reduce rubbish and maintain the region's beautiful environment.

Other exhibitions included *The Search for Warrajamba* by Quandamooka artist Delvene Cockatoo-Collins, celebrating her achievement in designing the artwork for the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games medals; and *#IuvRedlands*, a major Redland Art Gallery Collection

exhibition curated by Director, Emma Bain, which drew inspiration from more than 4,800 residents and visitors who shared what they feel is unique to the Redlands.

**Museums & Galleries Queensland** (M&G QLD) Executive Director, Rebekah Butler said, "Redland Art Gallery is to be commended for its year-long *Redland Art Gallery's 15<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebrations* project and for its continued commitment to provide opportunities for local artists and to engage its community in meaningful ways."

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.

Robert Ryan, the Senior Co-ordinator Community Programs for Mackay Regional Council and 2019 GAMAA judge, presented awards to this year's Winners and Finalists. The Winners received an exquisitely crafted trophy by Queensland artist, Lucy Quinn. Commissioned by M&G QLD, the trophies are generously sponsored by our long-standing Awards supporter, Brian Tucker Accounting.

The awards were hosted at Cairns Performing Arts Centre in front of representatives of Queensland's public museum and gallery sector, including delegates of M&G QLD's 2019 State Conference, *Opening Doors*, also presented in Cairns.

M&G QLD acknowledges the tremendous support of the 2019 GAMAA sponsors: Brandi Projects; Cairns Regional Council; Brian Tucker Accounting; Public Galleries Queensland; and Australian Museums and Galleries Association (Queensland).

For the full list of GAMAA Winners and Finalists see:

<http://www.magsq.com.au/cms/page.asp?ID=5036>

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