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## QLD's galleries and museums recognised in State Awards

Queensland's public galleries and museums were formally recognised at the **2016 Gallery and Museum Achievement Awards** (GAMAA) at a gala event proudly presented by Museums & Galleries Queensland and hosted by Creative Arts Redlands – Redland Performing Arts Centre and Redland Art Gallery, on Tuesday 22 November 2016.

**Redland Art Gallery**, in Redland City east of Brisbane, was **recognised as a Finalist** for its outstanding achievement in the category of 'Engagement: Organisations with Paid Staff' for its exhibition *Gathering Strands*.

*Gathering Strands* was a multi-layered exhibition project celebrating the vitality of Indigenous fibre work by bringing together Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander weavers, visual artists and community groups from across south east Queensland. It represented the culmination of a twoyear journey that embodied a focus on strengthening practices locally, offered connection through fibre-based traditions, brought together 22 Indigenous artists and fostered new relationships between artists, community members, businesses, organisations and the Redland Art Gallery.

Presented by **Museums & Galleries Queensland** (M&G QLD), the GAMAA celebrate the outstanding achievements, professional excellence, and innovation of Queensland's museum and gallery sector. The awards also recognise the valuable contribution that our State's museums and galleries make in enriching their local and wider communities, and honours the extraordinary commitment and talents of paid professionals and volunteers working in the industry.

M&G QLD Executive Director, Rebekah Butler said the GAMAA continue to recognise and celebrate the remarkable achievements of our museums and galleries and are testament to the skill, ingenuity and professionalism of the sector.







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For a full list of 2016 GAMAA recipients go to the M&G QLD website at www.magsq.com.au.

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