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SUNSHINE COAST COUNCIL

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.

Sunshine Coast Council was **recognised as a Finalist** for outstanding achievement in the category of Projects: Organisations with Paid Staff for its ***From the Mountains to the Sea; Sunshine Coast Stories*** project.

Did you know that the name 'Sunshine Coast' was launched in December 1958 at the inaugural dinner of the Sunshine Coast Branch of the Real Estate Institute of Queensland?

To commemorate this milestone, Sunshine Coast Council's Heritage Services team partnered with the University of the Sunshine Coast to present *From the Mountains to the Sea; Sunshine Coast Stories*. This remarkable exhibition showcased items sourced from twenty-eight lenders, including museums, local businesses, tourist operators and private collectors, to celebrate the region's history and explore the amazing path the region has taken in becoming one of Australia's highly desired places to live.

"Sunshine Coast Council is to be congratulated for its achievements in developing and presenting *From the Mountains to the Sea; Sunshine Coast Stories*. Centred on themes of celebration, engagement and legacy, this collaborative exhibition launched the 50th Anniversary celebrations for the naming of the Sunshine Coast." **Museums & Galleries Queensland** Executive Director, Rebekah Butler said, "This project was a celebration of everything 'Sunshine Coast' – from the

region's tourist and lifestyle icons, such as Maroochydore Surf Life Saving Club, Australia Zoo and Aussie World, to a montage of film footage sourced from local community members embracing life on the Sunshine Coast during the 1960s and 1970s."

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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