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SUNSHINE COAST COUNCIL 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.

Sunshine Coast Council was announced the **Winner** for outstanding achievement in the category of Sustainability: Organisations with Paid Staff for its ***Bankfoot House Preservation Housekeeping Project***.

Purchased by Sunshine Coast Council in 2004, Bankfoot House began operating as a house museum in 2006 through the support of the Friends of Bankfoot House. This state heritage-listed property is the oldest surviving residence in the Glass House Mountains. It was once the lunch stop and staging post for Cobb & Co coaches on the Brisbane to Gympie goldfields route, offering accommodation for travellers, in addition to serving as the post office.

The *Bankfoot House Preservation Housekeeping Project* took place over a three-month timeframe from April to June 2018. Key milestones for the project included: a review of preservation needs assessment; training in Preservation Housekeeping for staff, volunteers and contract cleaners; an extensive conservation clean of the house; a clean of identified objects and assessment of items for display and storage; and a system of procedures, schedules, monitoring, evaluation and reporting including a Preservation Housekeeping Manual and materials kit.

Museums & Galleries Queensland Executive Director, Rebekah Butler said, "Sunshine Coast Council is to be congratulated for its achievements in undertaking the *Bankfoot House Preservation Housekeeping Project*. Conducted as part of a wider activation strategy for the heritage precinct, it has equipped cultural heritage staff, volunteers and contract cleaners



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with the essential knowledge and skills for the long-term preservation of the building and its collections.”

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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