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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.

The **Gladstone Maritime History Society Inc (Gladstone Maritime Museum)** was **recognised as a Finalist** for its outstanding achievement in the category of 'Projects: Organisations Volunteer Run' for *Acquisition of Fremantle Class Patrol Boat 'HMAS Gladstone' and its Display*.

The Society had long wanted to display the HMAS Gladstone in its namesake city after it was decommissioned from the Royal Australian Navy. To make this happen the Society's team worked to get approval for a display site, prepared a comprehensive display plan and demonstrated it had the capacity to set up and maintain the vessel for display—not a small task for a volunteer organisation.

The Society's hard work in the planning phase paid off when the HMAS Gladstone was handed over to the City of Gladstone, with the Gladstone Maritime Museum as its custodian. It is now part of the Society's legacy for the people of Gladstone and visitors to the region.

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.

“This year’s GAMAA recipients reflect a diverse range of large and small organisations. M&G QLD extends its congratulations to all of the 2016 GAMAA winners, finalists and nominees. We also thank our 2016 judges, sponsors and partners in supporting this important industry event,” Ms Butler said.

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

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