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ASSOCIATION OF QUEENSLAND

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ANNUAL REPORT**

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The Board of the RGAQ in 2010

John Walsh (*President*)

Manager, Gold Coast City Art Gallery

Michael Wardell (*Vice-President*)

Director, Artspace Mackay

Brian Tucker (*Secretary/Treasurer*)

Chartered Public Accountant / Individual Member

Richard Baberowski Coordinator Cultural Development, Community and Cultural Services, Moreton Bay Regional Council

John Waldron

Cultural Heritage and Collections Manager, Creative Communities, Sunshine Coast Regional Council

Tim Lynch

Coordinator Cultural Facilities, Cultural Services, Community and Cultural Services, Moreton Bay Regional Council

Karina Devine

Director, Warwick Art Gallery

RGAQ Staff in 2010

Brooke Laidlaw

Membership Officer

(January 2010 - June 2010)

Karika Ashworth

Membership Officer

(August 2010 – December 2010)

President's Report

The Board of RGAQ continued to meet throughout 2010 and monitor its programs and membership services. Most notably the professional development programs funded through membership income provided numerous opportunities for organisations and individuals. RGAQ also contributed to the Gallery and Museum Achievement Awards through sponsorship.

A significant project that continued throughout 2010 was the travelling exhibition *Twelve Degrees of Latitude*: Regional Gallery and University Art Collections in Queensland. As a celebration of the wealth of Regional Gallery Collections this exhibition has been a very successful culmination of significant input from many people over a number of years.

Museum and Gallery Services Queensland continued to deliver programs to the sector throughout 2010. The Board of RGAQ ensured the gallery sector's input into M&GSQ activities and decision making through representation by two RGAQ board members on the M&GSQ Board. I would like to thank Richard Baberowski in particular for his valued contributions in this role.

I would like to thank RGAQ Board members for their continued guidance of the organisation throughout 2010: Michael Wardell (Vice President), Brian Tucker (Secretary/Treasurer), Richard Baberowski, Karina Devine, Tim Lynch and John Waldron.

I am glad to say that business has run quite smoothly throughout the year and we have been grateful for the services of Brooke Laidlaw (Jan-June) and Karike Ashworth (Aug-Dec) in the role of Membership Officer for this.

I would also like to thank the staff of Museum and Gallery Services Queensland for the ongoing services they provided for RGAQ throughout the year.

The support and input of members are crucial to the ongoing vitality of RGAQ as an organisation that represents the interests and concerns of the public gallery sector in Queensland. As a Foundation Member of Museum and Gallery Services Queensland, RGAQ can ensure that high quality services and programs are delivered to the sector. Through regular review and consultation, RGAQ strives to ensure that its membership services meet the changing needs of our constituents. Your participation in this process is always most welcome.

John Walsh
President

RGAQ Professional Development Bursary Program

In 2010, RGAQ allocated \$7,000 for Professional Development Bursaries.

RGAQ offered two programs to address the training and professional development needs of galleries/museums, their staff and their volunteers:

1. Individual bursaries to attend seminars, conferences or courses for:
 - a) Volunteer staff, and
 - b) Paid staff.

Grants were to be used towards conference registration fees, associated workshop fees, travel, accommodation and living expenses during the period of the activity.

2. Organisational Grants to assist public galleries/museums to undertake organisational initiatives such as:
 - Costs towards improvements in the gallery/museum exhibition program such as touring exhibition fees and display improvements.
 - An appropriate consultant to work with the institution on skill development in areas such as Education and Public Programs; Exhibition Development; or Strategic Planning and Policy Development.
 - On-site training workshops and seminars in specialist areas such as volunteer recruitment, board management and gallery/museum practice.

1. Individual Bursaries

Bursaries up to a maximum of \$600 per applicant were offered.

In 2010, three Individual Paid Staff bursaries to the total value of \$1,800 were awarded to:

Anna Zammit, of the Institute Of Modern Art (Brisbane) to attend the Adelaide Festival Artists' Week, held in Adelaide 27 February to 1 March 2010.

Jak Henson, of Perc Tucker Regional Gallery (Townsville), to attend the 'Can You Handle It' conference in Sydney, held in July 2010.

Rae O'Connell, of KickArts Contemporary Arts, to attend the 'Materiality 7th Australian Print Symposium', held in Canberra in October 2010.

2. Organisational Grant

Bursaries of up to a maximum of \$1,500 per applicant were offered.

In 2010, two bursaries to the value of \$3,000 were awarded in this category to:

Childers Regional Art Gallery, towards the costs of hosting the touring exhibition, *Habitus – Habitat* from 30 June – 9 August 2010.

Griffith Artworks, towards the costs of employing a casual staff member to work on digitising GAW's hard copy slide register in late 2010.

RGAQ Sponsorship & Promotion

RGAQ's 2010 promotional activities included sponsoring the Individuals Paid category at the seventh annual Gallery and Museum Achievement Awards in 2010. The GAMAA evening was supported and hosted by Caloundra Regional Gallery, Sunshine Coast Council on Friday 15 October 2010.

RGAQ Membership Officer, Karike Ashworth, attended the awards to meet and network with RGAQ members. She also assisted M&GSQ with the event coordination.

RGAQ Website

RGAQ continued on uploading member profiles to the RGAQ website. The profiles include an image of the gallery; contact information; specifications of exhibition spaces; unique aspects about the gallery; collection strengths; program highlights; gallery facilities; and a brief profile on local area attractions.

RGAQ Funding Update 2010

In 2009, RGAQ received funding from Arts Queensland's Sector Project Grants Program for a Development and Presentation Grant towards the touring costs for *Twelve Degrees of Latitude: Regional Gallery and University Art Collections in Queensland*.

The successful grant of \$43,000 enabled RGAQ to make a significant contribution to the exhibition, promoting the richness and quality of 27 of Queensland's regional gallery and university art collections.

In 2010, *Twelve Degrees of Latitude* toured to eight regional venues, including two locations where the exhibition was split across venues in the region (Caloundra/University of the Sunshine Coast and Stanthorpe/Warwick).

A sample of visitor comments is listed below:

- ◆ Great to see a big range of famous and new artists together! (Logan)
- ◆ Enjoyed the exhibition immensely and was totally enlightened by the history. (Gladstone)
- ◆ Very impressive and varied. (Mackay)
- ◆ Very strong and diverse exhibition. Excellent! (Caloundra)

Visitor figures for *Twelve Degrees of Latitude* venues in 2010 were as follows:

VENUE	EXHIBITION DAYS	ATTENDANCE	EDUCATIONAL VISITORS
Logan Art Gallery	23	1033	82
Gladstone Regional Art Gallery and Museum	62	3265	27
Artspace Mackay	38	3978	180
Toowoomba Regional Art Gallery	38	4390	101
Caloundra Regional Gallery	24	1289	116
University of Sunshine Coast Gallery	36	916	441
Stanthorpe Regional Art Gallery	63	1111	44
Warwick Art Gallery	51	890	44
TOTAL	335	16872	1035

Museum and Gallery Services Queensland Limited [M&GSQ]

Museum and Gallery Services Queensland Limited [M&GSQ], the joint company of the Regional Galleries Association of Queensland [RGAQ] and Museums Australia Queensland [MAQ], completed its sixth full year of operations in 2010.

Board of Directors

In 2010, the M&GSQ Board comprised:

- ◆ **John Walsh** – *M&GSQ Chairperson and Public Officer*
(RGAQ President; Gallery Manager, The Art Centre, Gold Coast).
John is RGAQ's appointee to the Board.
- ◆ **Richard Baberowski**
(RGAQ Vice-President; Coordinator Cultural Development, Cultural Services, Moreton Bay Regional Council).
Richard is RGAQ's appointee to the Board.
- ◆ **Lisa Jones** – *M&GSQ Deputy Chairperson and Company Secretary*
(MAQ President; Curator, Queensland Police Museum).
Lisa is MAQ's appointee to the Board.
- ◆ **Josh Tarrant**
(MAQ Secretary; Acting Collection Manager, The Workshops Rail Museum, Queensland Museum).
Josh is MAQ's appointee to the Board.
- ◆ **Geoffrey Ewing**
(Principal, Negotiation Solutions).
Geoffrey is an Independent Director appointed by the M&GSQ Board.

Staff

During 2010, the Staff of M&GSQ comprised:

- ◆ **Rebekah Butler**, Executive Director
- ◆ **Debra Beattie**, General Manager
- ◆ **Leisha Lawrence**, Information Officer
- ◆ **Ann Baillie**, Manager Training and Professional Development
- ◆ **Judy Kean**, Acting Manager Training and Professional Development (25 May to 9 July)
- ◆ **Kerri Laidlaw**, Training and Professional Development Coordinator (to 23 February)
- ◆ **Aimee Board**, Training and Professional Development Coordinator (from 23 February)
- ◆ **Fiona Marshall**, Exhibition Program Manager

- ◆ **Jodi Ferrari**, Exhibition Development Coordinator
- ◆ **Bonnie Melrose**, Exhibition Development Coordinator (to 8 January)
- ◆ **Sara Dawson**, Casual Administrative Assistant

Highlights of 2010

<p>M&GSQ presented art+place (Queensland Public Art Fund) workshops in 5 regional centres, attended by 152 interested arts and community members.</p>	<p>M&GSQ's number of e-bulletin subscribers grew to 745, an increase of 12.8% on 2009.</p>
<p>M&GSQ continued the regional tour of its landmark exhibition, <i>Twelve Degrees of Latitude: Regional Gallery and University Art Collections in Queensland</i>, to 8 venues, attracting 16,880 visitors during the year.</p>	<p>M&GSQ's website registered 219,565 entry page views.</p>
<p>63 Queensland museums and galleries celebrated International Museum Day by taking part in M&GSQ's 2010 <i>Museums Alight!</i> from 15–23 May.</p>	<p>M&GSQ partnered with the Griffith University School of Humanities for the second consecutive year on its Social Enterprise Program.</p>
<p>M&GSQ published 4 editions of the newsletter <i>Source</i>, 4 editions of the exhibitions newsletter <i>Update</i>, and 1 online edition of the magazine <i>Artery</i>. These publications attracted 14,342 downloads from M&GSQ's website during the year.</p>	<p>9 organisations took part in M&GSQ's 2010 Standards Program held in Brisbane and surrounding areas.</p>
<p>14 Standards Reviewers contributed 771 unpaid hours of their expertise to the program. The <i>Standards Program</i> is a joint program with Museums and Galleries New South Wales.</p>	<p>419 participants took part in M&GSQ's training and professional development programs.</p>
<p>M&GSQ's touring exhibition program presented 15 exhibitions to 53 venues in Queensland and nationally, attracting</p>	<p>Q-DIS: Queensland Disaster Information Network, a group for sharing information on disaster</p>

a total of **129,365** visitors.

preparedness and planning, was launched at M&GSQ's December networking event – just in time for Queensland's season of disaster.

Full details of the programs and activities of Museum and Gallery Services Queensland can be found in the company's Annual Report, www.magsq.com.au

Acknowledgements

RGAQ's 2010 operations have been made possible through the generosity and support of many individuals and organisations, including:

MUSEUM AND GALLERY SERVICES QUEENSLAND

2010 Board Members: John Walsh, Lisa Jones, Richard Baberowski, Geoffrey Ewing, Josh Tarrant.

2010 Staff: Rebekah Butler, Debra Beattie, Leisha Lawrence, Ann Baillie, Judy Kean, Kerri Laidlaw, Aimee Board, Fiona Marshall, Jodi Ferrari, Bonnie Melrose, and Sara Dawson.

MUSEUMS AUSTRALIA QUEENSLAND

2010 Executive Committee: Lisa Jones (President), Paul Brickman (Vice-President), Brian Tucker (Treasurer), Josh Tarrant (Secretary), Dawn Oelrich.

AUDITING SERVICES

Peter Ryan CA

FINANCIAL ADVICE

Brian Tucker CPA

381 BRUNSWICK STREET

Arts Queensland
Corporate Administration Agency

381 Brunswick Street, Fortitude Valley is an initiative of Arts Queensland, providing arts accommodation for the following organisations:

- ◆ Artisan (Craft Queensland)
- ◆ Museum and Gallery Services Queensland (including Regional Galleries Association of Queensland and Museums Australia Queensland)
- ◆ Queensland Music Festival

RGAQ thanks everyone who supported and contributed to our 2009 delivery. Our sincere apologies if anyone has been inadvertently omitted.

RGAQ 2010 Membership

ORGANISATIONS – 62

Artisan Craft Queensland
Artspace Mackay
Australian Catholic University
Chapel of the Good Shepherd Gallery
Banana Shire Council
Bauhinia Bicentennial Art Gallery
Bundaberg Arts Centre
Cairns Regional Gallery
Caloundra Regional Art Gallery
Chinchilla White Gums Gallery
Coffs Harbour City Gallery
Cook Shire Council
Crows Nest Regional Art Gallery
Dogwood Crossing @ Miles Gallery
Emerald Gallery
Gallery Hinchinbrook
Perc Tucker Regional Gallery
Pinnacles Gallery
Gladstone Regional Art Gallery
Gold Coast City Art Gallery
Gold Coast City Council
Grafton Regional Gallery
Griffith Artworks
Gympie Regional Gallery
Hervey Bay Regional Gallery
Ipswich Art Gallery
KickArts Contemporary Arts
Lockyer Valley Art Gallery
Logan Art Gallery
Maranoa Regional Council
Moreton Bay Regional Council
Mount Isa Civic Centre
Museum of Brisbane
National Trust of Queensland
Noosa Regional Gallery
Outback Regional Gallery
Paroo Shire Council
Pine Rivers Art Gallery
Queensland Art Gallery
Queensland Museum
Quilpie Museum
QUT Art Museum

Redcliffe City Art Gallery
Redland Art Gallery
Rockhampton Art Gallery
The Centre Beaudesert
South Burnett Regional Council
Stanthorpe Regional Gallery
State Library of Queensland
Tableland Regional Art Gallery
Tanks Art Centre
Texas Regional Art gallery
The Coalface Gallery
The University of Southern QLD Arts
Foyer Gallery
The World Theatre Gallery
Toowoomba Regional Art Gallery
Tweed River Art Gallery
Umbrella Studio Association Inc
UMI Arts limited
University of Queensland Art
Museum
University of the Sunshine Coast
Warwick Art Gallery
Wondai Shire Art Gallery

INDIVIDUALS – 6

Anna Zammit
Ken Hinds
Brian Tucker
Shelley Pisani
Susan Lostroh
Kay Lawrence



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VISION STATEMENT

To foster excellence in the Queensland public gallery sector.

MISSION

RGAQ's Mission is:

- to encourage the community's awareness and enjoyment of Queensland's public galleries by advocating and promoting the sector;
- to support Queensland galleries in providing quality services through advice, assistance and research in innovative audience and industry development;
- to encourage excellence in Gallery practice through professional development opportunities for gallery staff, volunteers and management bodies;
- to promote regional access to the visual arts through a comprehensive touring exhibitions program and professional support services;
- to ensure professional administrative services are delivered to members and clients through best practice in human resource management, financial administration and accountability.