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ASSOCIATION OF QUEENSLAND

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ANNUAL REPORT**

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The Board of the RGAQ in 2012

John Walsh (*President*)

Manager, Gold Coast City Art Gallery

Tracy Cooper-Lavery (*Vice-President*)

Director, Rockhampton Art Gallery

Brian Tucker (*Secretary/Treasurer*)

Chartered Public Accountant / Individual Member

John Waldron

Consultant, Blue Sky View

Karina Devine

Director, Warwick Art Gallery

Chris Stannard

Curator, Tanks Art Centre

Dawn Oelrich

Curator, University of the Sunshine Coast Gallery

RGAQ Staff in 2012

Karika Ashworth

Membership Officer

President's Report

The Board of RGAQ continued to meet throughout 2012 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 of the Individuals Paid category.

Museum and Gallery Services Queensland continued to deliver programs to the sector throughout 2012. 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, John Waldron and Karina Devine for their valued contributions in these roles.

I would like to thank RGAQ Board members for their continued guidance of the organisation throughout 2012: Tracy Cooper-Lavery (Vice President), Brian Tucker (Secretary/Treasurer), Karina Devine, Dawn Oelrich, Chris Stannard 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 Karike Ashworth 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 provide 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 2012, RGAQ allocated \$7,000 for Professional Development Bursaries as part of the 2012 budgeting process.

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 \$1,000 per applicant were offered.

In 2012, seven Individual bursaries to the total value of \$5,958 were awarded to:

Elysha Gould, of Dogwood Crossing at Miles for herself and a Miles Allied Health professional – Christine Staines - to attend the *Art & Alzheimer's Seminar* in Canberra on the 18 and 19 October.

Camille Serisier, of Griffith Artworks to attend the *Australasian Registrars Committee Conference* 9 and 10 February.

Chris Bennie, of Griffith Artworks to attend the *Future Vision* conference at MONA in Hobart on 30 and 31 August.

Jacqueline Burns, from the Maranoa Council to attend the *SEQ Small Museums Conference* in Toowoomba from 19 to 21 October.

Angela Cheung, of Perc Tucker Regional Gallery to attend *National Visual Arts Education Conference*, at the National Gallery of Australia in Canberra from 23 to 25 January.

Eric Nash, of Perc Tucker Regional Gallery to attend the *Museums Australia Conference* in Adelaide from 24 to 28 September. Eric was also able to visit MONA (Hobart) as part of his trip.

Matt Malone, from UQ Art Museum to assist with his *Diploma in law and Collection Management* at the Melbourne Museum.

2. Organisational Grant

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

In 2012, one Organisational bursary to the value of \$1,000 was awarded to:

Tambo Arts Council, Alison Shaw, to receive the touring exhibition *Creative Generations* at the Grassland Art Gallery.

RGAQ Sponsorship



Ian Jempson receiving his GAMA Award from Hon. Ros Bates, Minister For Science, Information Technology, Innovation and the Arts.

RGAQ's 2012 promotional activities included sponsoring the Individuals Paid category at the eighth annual Gallery and Museum Achievement Awards. The GAMA evening was supported and hosted by the Abbey Museum of Art and Archaeology, Caboolture on the 17 November. This year's RGAQ sponsored award went to Ian Jempson, CEO of the Queensland Maritime Museum.

Ian's vision and commitment to the Queensland Maritime Museum has seen the organisation develop into an outstanding facility that undertakes best-practise management of its significant collection, and supports and trains its staff, interns and volunteers to maintain the Museum's high professional standards.

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 eighth full year of operations in 2012.

Board of Directors

In 2012, the M&GSQ Board comprised:

- ◆ **Richard Baberowski** – *M&GSQ Chairperson to 16.4.12, Director to 16.4.12*
(Consultant, Vantage Arts).
- ◆ **John Waldron** *Chairperson from 16.4.12, Public Officer and Director*
(Cultural Heritage and Collections Manager Sunshine Coast Council / Consultant, Blue Sky View)
- ◆ **Lisa Jones** – *M&GSQ Deputy Chairperson from 16.4.12, Company Secretary, Director*
(Curator, Queensland Police Museum).
- ◆ **Geoffrey Ewing** *Director to 16.4.12*
(Principal, Negotiation Solution)
- ◆ **Katrina North** *Deputy Chairperson from 16.4.12*
(Corporate Secretary, Queensland Law Society)
- ◆ **Mary-Clare Power** *Director*
(Chief Executive Officer, Southern Queensland Country Tourism)
- ◆ **Josh Tarrant** *Director to 16.4.12*
(Museum Consultant)
- ◆ **Edith Cuffe** *Director from 16.4.12*
(CEO, Abbey Museum of Art and Archaeology)
- ◆ **Karina Devine** *Director from 16.4.12*
(Director, Warwick Art Gallery)

Staff

During 2012, the Staff of M&GSQ comprised:

- ◆ **Rebekah Butler**, Executive Director (on leave 1 January to 7 May)
- ◆ **Debra Beattie**, General Manager and Acting Executive Director (1 January to 7 May)
- ◆ **Leisha Lawrence**, Information Officer, Acting Exhibition Development Coordinator
- ◆ **Ann Baillie**, Manager Training and Professional Development
- ◆ **Deannah Vieth**, Training and Professional Development Program Officer
- ◆ **Fiona Marshall**, Exhibition Program Manager
- ◆ **Jodi Ferrari**, Exhibition Development Coordinator (on leave 1 January to 10 September, resigned 10 September)
- ◆ **Donna Davis**, Exhibition Development Coordinator
- ◆ **Sara Dawson**, Casual Administrative Assistant

Highlights of 2012

M&GSQ's touring exhibition program presented **12** exhibitions to **38** venues in Queensland and nationally, attracting a total of **116,856** visitors.

9 organisations took part in M&GSQ's 2012 Standards Review Program held in the North Burnett / Fraser Coast / Bundaberg region. **12** Standards Reviewers contributed **1,002** unpaid hours of their expertise to the program. The Standards Program is a joint program with Museums & Galleries New South Wales.

630 participants took part in **33** M&GSQ training and professional development activities in 2012.

M&GSQ presented the 2012 Mentorship, Exchange and Fellowship Program, offering professional development placements to **12** regional gallery and museum paid and volunteer staff.

M&GSQ commenced its major research study, the Strategic Evaluation and Development Study for Queensland Galleries in partnership with Museums & Galleries New South Wales. The study collected **3,041** visitor surveys from **18** public galleries across eastern Queensland, providing factual and reliable data on audience demographics, behaviours and motivations for going to the gallery.

9 organisations and **3** individuals were recognised with 2012 Gallery and Museum Achievement Awards.

M&GSQ published **4** editions of the newsletter Source, and **4** editions of the exhibitions newsletter Update. These publications attracted **23,221** downloads from M&GSQ's website during the year.

M&GSQ's number of e-bulletin subscribers grew to **944**, an increase of **10%** on 2011.

M&GSQ's website registered **288,484** entry page views – an increase of **9.2%** on 2011.

M&GSQ partnered with the Griffith University School of Humanities for their fourth consecutive year on its Social Enterprise Program.

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 2012 operations have been made possible through the generosity and support of many individuals and organisations, including:

MUSEUM AND GALLERY SERVICES QUEENSLAND

2012 Board Members: Richard Baberowski, Lisa Jones, John Waldron, Geoffrey Ewing, Katrina North, Mary-Clare Power, Josh Tarrant, Edith Cuffe, Karina Devine.

2012 Staff: Rebekah Butler, Debra Beattie, Leisha Lawrence, Ann Baillie, Deannah Vieth, Fiona Marshall, Jodi Ferrari, Donna Davis and Sara Dawson.

MUSEUMS AUSTRALIA QUEENSLAND

2012 Executive Committee: Edith Cuffe (President), Brian Tucker (Treasurer), Suesann Vos (Secretary), Joolie Gibbs, Karen Barrett

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 2012 delivery. Our sincere apologies if anyone has been inadvertently omitted.

RG AQ 2012 Membership

ORGANISATIONS – 64

Artisan - idea:skill:product
Artslink Queensland
Artspace Mackay
Australian Catholic University Gallery
Banana Shire Council
Bauhinia Bicentennial Art Gallery
Boonah Regional Art Gallery
Bundaberg Regional Art Gallery
Caboolture Regional Art Gallery
Cairns Regional Gallery
Caloundra Regional Gallery
Chinchilla White Gums Gallery
Coalface Gallery
Coffs Harbour City Gallery
Cook Shire Council
Crows Nest Regional Art Gallery
Dogwood Crossing at Miles
Emerald Art Gallery
Gatakers Artspace
Gladstone Regional Art Gallery & Museum
Gold Coast City Council
Gold Coast City Gallery
Grafton Regional Gallery
Griffith Artworks, Qld College of Art
Gympie Regional Gallery
Hervey Bay Regional Gallery
Ipswich Art Gallery
KickArts Contemporary Arts
Kingaroy Regional Art Gallery
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
Perc Tucker Regional Gallery
Pine Rivers Art Gallery
Queensland Art Gallery | Gallery of Modern Art
Queensland Museum
Quilpie Museum, Gallery & Visitor Info. Centre
Redcliffe City Art Gallery
Redland Art Gallery
Rockhampton Regional Art Gallery
Stanthorpe Regional Art Gallery
State Library of Queensland
Tableland Regional Gallery
Tambo Arts Council Inc.
Tanks Arts Centre
Texas Regional Art Gallery
The Centre Beaudesert
Toowoomba Regional Art Gallery
Tweed River Art Gallery
TYTO Regional Art Gallery
Umbrella Studio Contemporary Arts
UMI Arts
University of Queensland Art Museum
University of the Sunshine Coast Gallery
Warwick Art Gallery
Wondai Regional Art Gallery
World Theatre Gallery

INDIVIDUALS – 7

Susan Lostroh
Kenneth Hinds
Brian Tucker
Anna Zammit
John Waldron
Rick Baberowski
Joan Kelly



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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.