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## The Board of RGAQ in 2013

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**John Walsh** (*President*)

Manager, Gold Coast City 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 / Individual Member

**Karina Devine**

Director, Warwick Art Gallery

**Chris Stannard**

Curator, Tanks Art Centre

**Dawn Oelrich**

Curator, University of the Sunshine Coast Gallery

## RGAQ Staff in 2013

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**Karika Ashworth (until July 2013)**

Membership Officer

**Natasha Lewis Honeyman (from July 2013)**

Membership Officer

## President's Report

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The Board of RGAQ continued to meet throughout 2013 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 & Gallery Services Queensland continued to deliver programs to the sector throughout 2013. 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 thank John Waldron and Karina Devine for taking up this responsibility.

I would like to thank RGAQ Board members for their continued guidance of the organisation throughout 2013.

I am glad to say that business has run quite smoothly throughout the year. We have been grateful for the services of Karike Ashworth during her time with RGAQ. Karike stepped down from the Membership Officer position in July 2013. Natasha Lewis Honeyman joined us as the Membership Officer and has continued to deliver quality services to our membership.

I would also like to thank the staff of Museum & 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 & 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**

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In 2013, RGAQ allocated \$7,000 (plus GST) for Professional Development Bursaries as part of the 2013 budgeting process. RGAQ awarded \$4,250 (plus GST) to successful individual and organisational applicants.

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 2013, one Individual bursary to the total value of \$1,000 was awarded to:

Janette Laver, Cairns Regional Gallery, towards costs of travel to Mer (Murray Island) in the Torres Strait to meet with senior artist Segar Passi.

## **2. Organisational Grant**

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

In 2013, three Organisational bursaries from \$750 up to \$1,500 were awarded to:

Wondai Regional Art Gallery, to receive a travelling exhibition by Jandamarra Cadd.

Bundaberg Regional Art Gallery (BRAG), to organise a printmaking workshop for volunteers with a professional artist.

Bauhinia Bicentennial Art Gallery, to organise a consultant (Elizabeth Bates) to work with staff and volunteers to develop art handling and installation skills.

## RGAQ Sponsorship

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RGAQ's 2013 promotional activities included sponsoring the Individuals Paid category at the annual Gallery and Museum Achievement Awards.

The GAMAA evening was supported and hosted by the Museum of Brisbane on 22 November 2013. This year's RGAQ sponsored award went to Virginia Rigney, Senior Curator, Gold Coast City Gallery, and was presented by Hon. Ian Walker, Minister for Science, Information Technology, Innovation and the Arts (see image below).



RGAQ was also a partner of the *Energy Efficiency Information Resources for Public Museum and Gallery Sector Project* being delivered by Museum & Gallery Services Queensland and Museums & Galleries of New South Wales and the Public Galleries Association of New South Wales.

The project will be delivered between 2013 and 2015, comprising:

- an industry seminar
- a suite of fact sheets
- an e-publication
- two revisions of the *Technical Industry Report: Museum and Gallery Lighting and Air Conditioning* (to be published in 2014 and 2015)
- four regional workshops/information sessions
- a Pilot Gallery Lighting Design Project which will form a valuable case study to be reported on in the *Technical Industry Report: Museum and Gallery Lighting and Air Conditioning V3*.

The first component of the project was an industry seminar, *Galleries, Museums & Climate Change*, presented in partnership with The University of Queensland Art Museum and The University of Queensland Museum Studies Programme, held on 13 November 2013.



## Museum and Gallery Services Queensland Limited [M&GSQ]

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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 ninth full year of operations in 2013.

### Board of Directors

In 2013, the M&GSQ Board comprised:

- **John Waldron**, Consultant, Blue Sky View; Chairperson, Public Officer, Director
- **Lisa Jones**, Curator, Queensland Police Museum; Company Secretary to 22.4.13, Director to 22.4.13
- **Katrina North**, Corporate Secretary, Queensland Law Society; Deputy Chairperson, Company Secretary from 22.4.13, Director
- **Jill Brennan**, Marketing Consultant, Harbren Consulting; Director from 12.8.13
- **Edith Cuffe**, Director, Abbey Museum of Art and Archaeology; Director
- **Karina Devine**, Director, Warwick Art Gallery; Director
- **Andrew Moritz**, Director, The Workshops Rail Museum, Queensland Museum; Director from 22.4.13
- **Mary-Clare Power**, Chief Executive Officer, Southern Queensland Country Tourism; Director to 22.4.13

### Staff

During 2013, the Staff of M&GSQ comprised:

- ◆ **Rebekah Butler**, Executive Director
- ◆ **Debra Beattie**, General Manager
- ◆ **Leisha Lawrence**, Program Officer
- ◆ **Tabitha Snook**, Information Officer (from 11.4.13)
- ◆ **Ann Baillie**, Manager Training and Professional Development
- ◆ **Deannah Vieth**, Training and Professional Development Program Officer
- ◆ **Fiona Marshall**, Exhibition Program Manager
- ◆ **Donna Davis**, Exhibition Development Coordinator
- ◆ **Sara Dawson**, Casual Administrative Assistant

## Highlights of 2013

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M&GSQ's touring exhibition program presented **10** exhibitions to **34** venues in Queensland and nationally, attracting a total of **124,197** visitors.

**8** organisations took part in M&GSQ's 2013 Standards Review Program held in central western Queensland. **11** Standards Reviewers contributed **1,069** unpaid hours of their expertise to the program. The Standards Program is a joint program with Museums and Galleries of New South Wales.

**582** participants took part in **37** M&GSQ training and professional development activities in 2013.

M&GSQ presented the **2013 Mentorship, Exchange and Fellowship Program**, offering professional development placements to **14** regional gallery and museum paid and volunteer staff.

M&GSQ published ***Guess Who's Going to the Gallery? Queensland Report***, the outcome of its major research study, the Strategic Evaluation and Development Study for Queensland Galleries in partnerships with Museums and Galleries of New South Wales. The survey collected **3,041** visitor surveys from **18** public galleries across eastern Queensland. The Queensland Report was accompanied by an online webinar discussing the results.

**6** organisations and **3** individuals were recognised with 2013 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 **28,639** downloads from M&GSQ's website during the year.

M&GSQ's number of e-bulletin subscribers grew to **1,046**.

M&GSQ's website registered **238,278** entry page views. There were 3,907 visits to the M&GSQ blog, **611** 'likes' on M&GSQ Facebook page, and **216** 'followers' on Twitter.

***Full details of the programs and activities of Museum & Gallery Services Queensland can be found in the company's Annual Report, [www.magsq.com.au](http://www.magsq.com.au)***

## Acknowledgements

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RGAQ's 2013 operations have been made possible through the generosity and support of many individuals and organisations, including:

### **MUSEUM & GALLERY SERVICES QUEENSLAND**

*2013 Board Members:* John Waldron, Lisa Jones, Katrina North, Jill Brennan, Edith Cuffe, Karina Devine, Andrew Moritz, Mary-Clare Power.

*2013 Staff:* Rebekah Butler, Debra Beattie, Leisha Lawrence, Ann Baillie, Deannah Vieth, Fiona Marshall, Tabitha Snook, Donna Davis and Sara Dawson.

### **MUSEUMS AUSTRALIA QUEENSLAND**

*2013 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 & 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 2013 delivery. Our sincere apologies if anyone has been inadvertently omitted.*

### ORGANISATIONS

Artisan - idea:skill:product  
Artspace Mackay  
Australian Catholic University Gallery  
Banana Shire Council  
Bauhinia Bicentennial Art Gallery  
Boonah Regional Art Gallery  
Bundaberg Regional Art Gallery  
Cairns Regional Gallery  
Caloundra Regional Gallery  
Chinchilla White Gums Gallery  
Coalface 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 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  
Museum of Brisbane  
National Trust of Queensland  
Noosa Regional Gallery  
Outback Regional Gallery  
Pinnacles Gallery

Paroo Shire Council  
Perc Tucker Regional Gallery  
Queensland Art Gallery | Gallery of Modern Art  
Queensland Museum  
Quilpie Museum, Gallery & Visitor Info. Centre  
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

Susan Lostroh  
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John Waldron  
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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.