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The Board of RGAQ in 2014

BEFORE THE 2014 AGM
Friday 27 June 2014

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

AFTER THE 2014 AGM
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Anna Thurgood (*Vice-President*)

Director
Artspace Mackay

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Karina Devine

Director
Warwick Art Gallery

John Walsh

Manager
Gold Coast City Gallery

Nina Shadforth

Gallery Director
Noosa Regional Gallery
Butter Factory

Claire Sourghes

Network Coordinator – Art Galleries
Caboolture Regional Art Gallery
Redcliffe City Art Gallery
Pine Rivers Art Gallery

RGAQ Staff in 2014

Natasha Lewis Honeyman

Membership Officer

President's Report

The Regional Galleries Association of Queensland Board met regularly throughout 2014 to discuss programs and membership, develop ways to grow our services for members and raise the organisation's profile within the sector. The year has been one of review with the Board keen to establish increased membership engagement and opportunities as well as philanthropic support to assist with financing further programs in the coming years.

Once again, RGAQ's professional development programs funded through membership income provided numerous opportunities for organisations and individuals and continue to be our most valuable benefit. I am pleased to say that RGAQ provided \$10,175 (+GST) to individual and organisational members for professional and exhibition/program development activities.

Museum & Gallery Services Queensland continued to deliver high-quality programs and initiatives to the sector throughout 2014. RGAQ was proud to partner with M&GSQ on the presentation of the Energy Efficiency Information Resources for the Public Museum and Gallery Sector. These included *Practical Guide for Sustainable Climate Control and Lighting in Museums and Galleries*; *A Case Study on Lighting for Museums and Galleries* and *Clever Custodians* which provides quick tips and other initiatives for improving the energy efficiency of small-to-medium museums and galleries. These valuable resources are all available through the M&GSQ website.

The Board of RGAQ ensures 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 (up to 27 June 2014) and Karina Devine for once again taking up this responsibility.

There were some new faces added to the RGAQ Board in 2014. I would like to welcome Nina Shadforth, Claire Sourgnès and Anna Thurgood to the team and thank our previous Directors Dawn Oelrich, Chris Stannard and John Waldron for sharing their knowledge, expertise and ideas during their tenure. I also acknowledge the ongoing work of Board members, John Walsh, Karina Devine and Brian Tucker for their continued guidance of the organisation and the services of Natasha Lewis Honeyman, Membership Officer throughout 2014. I would also like to thank the staff of M&GSQ for the ongoing services they provide for RGAQ throughout the year.

Your support and input as members is crucial to the ongoing vitality of RGAQ as an organisation that represents the interests and concerns of the public gallery sector in Queensland. Through regular review and consultation, RGAQ strives to ensure that its membership services meet the changing needs of our members.

On behalf of the Board I look forward to working with our members, partners and stakeholders over the next twelve months as we build the capacity of RGAQ and the regional and public gallery sector in Queensland.

Tracy Cooper-Lavery
President

RGAQ Professional Development Bursary Program

In 2014, RGAQ allocated \$5,000 (plus GST) for Professional Development Bursaries as part of the 2014 budgeting process. RGAQ released additional funds to support member attendance at the 5th National Public Galleries Summit 2015 and awarded \$10,175 (plus GST) in total 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:

Individual bursaries to attend seminars, conferences or courses for volunteer staff, and paid staff.

Organisational Grants to assist public galleries/museums to undertake organisational initiatives such as:

In 2014, the following bursaries were awarded to:

- Tracy Cooper-Lavery Rockhampton Regional Art Gallery Attend the MA Conference in Tasmania
- Alexandra Merrick Ipswich Art Gallery Attend the MA Conference in Tasmania
- Lindsay Farrell Australian Catholic University Art Gallery Attend & present at the MA Conference in Tasmania
- Jewel MacKenzie Institute of Modern Art Attend the Biennale of Sydney
- Amy Wilson Redland Art Gallery Attend the MA Conference in Tasmania
- Joolie Gibbs Gympie Regional Gallery Attend the 5th National Public Galleries Summit 2015
- Nicola Holly Stanthorpe Regional Art Gallery Attend the 5th National Public Galleries Summit 2015
- Mark Both Tablelands Regional Council Attend the 5th National Public Galleries Summit 2015
- Alicia Stevenson Artspace Mackay Attend the 5th National Public Galleries Summit 2015
- Chris Stannard Tanks Arts Centre Attend the 5th National Public Galleries Summit 2015

RGAQ Sponsorship

RGAQ continued as 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 is being 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.

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 & Gallery Services Queensland

Museum & Gallery Services Queensland Limited [M&GSQ], the joint company of the Regional Galleries Association of Queensland [RGAQ] and Museums Australia Queensland [MAQ], completed its tenth full year of operations in 2014.

Board of Directors

In 2014, the M&GSQ Board comprised:

- Jill Brennan, Independent Director
- Edith Cuffe, Sector Director
- Karina Devine, Sector Director
- Andrew Moritz, Sector Director
- Katrina North, Independent Director/Deputy Chairperson/Company Secretary
- John Waldron, Sector Director/Chairperson/Public Officer

Staff

During 2014, the Staff of M&GSQ comprised:

- Rebekah Butler, Executive Director
- Debra Beattie, General Manager
- Leisha Lawrence, Program Officer (to 27 April), Training and Professional Development Program Officer (from 28 April)
- Ann Baillie, Manager Training and Professional Development (to 17 April)
- Deannah Vieth, Training and Professional Development Program Officer (to 27 April), Training and Professional Development Manager (from 28 April)
- Fiona Marshall, Exhibition Program Manager (to 26 November)
- Donna Davis, Exhibition Program Officer
- Bonnie Melrose, Exhibition Program Officer (from 1 May)
- Tabitha Snook, Information Officer (to 2 April)
- Morgan Bundy-Wright, Information Officer (from 9 September)
- Jo Evans, Communications Officer (from 5 May to 6 August)
- Sara Dawson, Casual Administrative Assistant

Museum & Gallery Services Queensland - Highlights of 2014

M&GSQ's 2014 touring exhibition program presented 9 exhibitions to 29 venues in Queensland and nationally, attracting a total of 204,392 visitors – an increase of 64.6% on 2013 visitation.

M&GSQ in partnership with Gold Coast City Gallery launched its international touring exhibition *Saltwater Country* in 2014. More than 6,100 visitors engaged with the exhibition at the Gold Coast from 19 July to 31 August 2014.

418 participants took part in 22 M&GSQ training and professional development activities in 2014. A further 378 participants took part in 15 Sector Development activities supported by M&GSQ in 2014.

5 organisations took part in M&GSQ's 2014 Standards Review Program held in North Queensland. 8 Standards Reviewers contributed 475 unpaid hours of their expertise to the program. The Standards Review Program is a joint program with Museums & Galleries of New South Wales.

M&GSQ launched its revitalised website in December 2014, along with the Company's new trading name, Museums & Galleries Queensland.

M&GSQ's number of e-bulletin subscribers grew to 1,170 – an increase of 12% on 2013.

M&GSQ's website registered 207,631 entry page views in 2014. There were 2,732 visits to M&GSQ's Blog; 862 'likes' on M&GSQ's Facebook page, an increase of 41% on 2013; and 292 followers on Twitter, an increase of 35%.

The NETS Australia website attracted 22,376 page views in 2014. M&GSQ is the Queensland agency for NETS Australia.

M&GSQ's publications *Source* and *Standards Community Directory* attracted 4,553 downloads from M&GSQ's website during the year.

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.

Acknowledgements

RGAQ's 2014 operations have been made possible through the generosity and support of many individuals and organisations, including:

MUSEUM & GALLERY SERVICES QUEENSLAND

2014 Board Members: John Waldron, Katrina North, Jill Brennan, Edith Cuffe, Karina Devine, Andrew Moritz.

2014 Staff: Rebekah Butler, Debra Beattie, Leisha Lawrence, Ann Baillie, Deannah Vieth, Fiona Marshall, Tabitha Snook, Donna Davis, Bonnie Melrose, Morgan Bundy-Wright, Jo Evans and Sara Dawson.

MUSEUMS AUSTRALIA QUEENSLAND

2014 Executive Committee: John Waldron (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

Ausdance

Musica Viva

RGAQ thanks everyone who supported and contributed to our 2014 delivery. Our sincere apologies if anyone has been inadvertently omitted.

RGAQ 2014 Membership

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
Brian Tucker
John Waldron
Joan Kelly
Anna Midgalski



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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.