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## MEDIA RELEASE

### New partnership sees Victorian Museums and Galleries Awards celebrate innovation and advancement of reconciliation, Treaty and Voice

Australian Museums and Galleries Association Victoria (AMaGA Victoria) and Public Galleries Association of Victoria (PGAV) are excited to announce they are partnering on the delivery of the 2023 Victorian Museums and Galleries Awards.

This year marks the 30th anniversary of the prestigious Victorian Museums and Galleries Awards. Since its inception, this annual event recognises outstanding achievements within the Victorian museum, gallery, and community collecting sector.

In 2023, the Victorian Museums and Galleries Awards will take on a fresh look and feel as a result of the new partnership. AMaGA Victoria and PGAV have collaborated on a new visual design and renewed Awards categories to recognise and commend diversity and innovation within the sector.

New Awards in 2023 include **First Nations Project of the Year** – celebrating the sector's commitment to raising awareness of First Peoples art and culture and progressing reconciliation, Treaty and Voice; **Change-maker of the Year** – recognising those who are pushing boundaries; and a dedicated **Lifetime Achievement Award**.

The Awards will also undergo a makeover – with the kaleidoscope chosen as a powerful symbol of the immersive, engaging and evolving experiences on offer at museums and galleries. Just as a kaleidoscope reflects and refracts light to create complex patterns, museums and galleries reflect and refract new ideas and perspectives, giving rise to a diverse and ever-changing cultural landscape.

Nominations for the 2023 Awards are now open and will close on 3 July. Winners will be announced at a gala ceremony to be held in October at ACMI. Further information, visit: [amagavic.org.au/awards](http://amagavic.org.au/awards) or [pgav.org.au/awards](http://pgav.org.au/awards).

#### QUOTES

Dr Ashley Robertson, Executive Director, AMaGA Victoria

*The Victorian Museums and Galleries Awards recognise the incredible efforts of our sector from big institutions to small volunteer-run organisations. Year after year, we celebrate their diversity, individuality and collective achievements. Together, AMaGA Victoria and PGAV are paving a way for a new collaborative direction, aiming to strengthen our Victorian cultural sector.*

Anne Robertson, Executive Officer, PGAV

*The PGAV is delighted to be partnering with AMaGA Victoria to deliver a new iteration of the Victorian Museums and Galleries Awards in 2023. New Awards categories will raise awareness of the innovative work being undertaken at galleries and museums, including the presentation of First Peoples art and culture - which is advancing reconciliation in communities across Victoria.*

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