

Chair's Report – for DMAC Committee Meeting January 2024

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a wonderful festive season, and you're all rested and recharged ready for an action-packed 2024!

I am amazed by the amount of passion and hard work all of our volunteers put into making DMAC such a wonderful place – it makes it even more special knowing what busy lives we all have, that we can spare so much time to volunteer.

Here is a brief summary of what has gone on since the last Committee meeting on 20th November.

• Exhibitions

- **Members' Christmas Exhibition (20 November – 30 December)** What a wonderful afternoon spent in the gardens (inspired by the previous events in the back garden rather than the front of DH). Councillor Dan Bull opened the exhibition for us. Keith and his Perth Folk and Roots Club House Band entertained us from the garden. New member Stacey Deamer did a great job on the sales desk with Phyllis Goodwin (Stacey that Stacey also sold her two textile artworks in the exhibition), Angela managed the bar, and what an amazing job Michelle did with the raffle with great prizes and over 3000 raised for the local Perth Homeless Support Group. Sales weren't huge, but then it is as much of a community event and a get-together for our member artists and volunteers as it is about selling art. One of the artworks was sold by an interstate buyer.

• Other achievements / activities:

- Harry Harrison has volunteered to take over the secretary role from Vince who has done such an amazing job over the last few years (I don't know where I'd be without your support Vince – thank you!). And paper for Harry!
- Paul and Joyce Wulfs have organised and installed the new card rack in the hallway – it looks fabulous (photo below).
- City of Bywater have replaced the awnings outside the kitchen windows and fixed the air con.
- Debra and I are still working on the volunteer roster app Connectbeats – we are hoping we can get our volunteers using the app so we can replace the paper roster over the next few months.

• **Membership:** 284 financial members (31 January 2024) – same as October 2023.

• **Social Media:** Instagram / Facebook: 1,383 followers.

New Card Rack

