Chair's Report – for EHAC 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 EHAC such a wonderful place – it makes it even more special knowing what busy lives we all have, that we can squeeze in time to volunteer.

Here is a brief summary of what has gone on since the last Committee meeting on 28th November.

- **Exhibitions**
  - **Members' Christmas Exhibition (30 November – 10 December):** What a wonderful afternoon spent in the gardens (inspired by the previous events in the back garden rather than the front of EH). Councillor Dan Bull opened the exhibition for us. Keith and his Perth Folk and Roots Club House Band entertained us from the gazebo. New member Dianne Downer did a great job on the sales desk with Phyllis Glendinning (bonus that Dianne also sold her two textile artworks in the exhibition), Angelo managed the bar, and what an amazing job Michelle did with the raffle with great prizes and over $600 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 yippee for Harry!
  - Paul and Joyce Wolfe have organized and installed the new card rack in the hallway – it looks fabulous (photo below).
  - City of Bayswater have replaced the awnings outside the kitchen windows and fixed the air con.
  - Dellarae and I are still working on the volunteer roster app Connecteams – we are hoping we can get our volunteers using the app so we can replace the paper roster over the next few months.
- **Membership:** **286** financial members (3 January 2024) – same as October 2023.
- **Social Media:** Instagram / Facebook: **1,381** followers.

New Card Rack:

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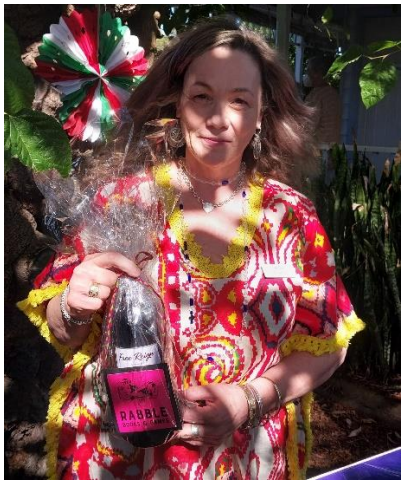
Exhibition Opening (Sunday 1 December) – Christmas Exhibition of Members' Art