



FESTIVE GREETINGS for 2023 and other news from the President.



Dear Decophiles,

The happy faces snapped by members Louise Turner and Michael Mihailovs at the Annual End of Year Picnic (scattered within) mark yet another successful ADMSWA event. Held on a delightful sunny and breezy day at Queens Gardens, East Perth last weekend, it was preceded by the Annual General Meeting that saw all committee members (pictured below) voted back into office until suitable arrangements are made to implement a smooth-running succession plan that could see further adjustments.

At present our office bearers include myself as President; Vice President, Philip McAllister (right); Treasurer, Karl Haynes (seen with yours truly below left) and Publicity Officer, Kevin Jackson. (Karl is additionally attending to secretarial duties).



Committee members include Archivist, Dr. Mark Brogan (below right) with member Pam Matthews), Helen Griffiths, Linda Montgomery, Louise Turner and Max Hipkins. All are featured enjoying the pleasant ambience throughout this message, as well as sub-committee member, Jean Clark; our historian, Dr. Cathie May and Michael Mihailovs, who gave a well-received presentation on the Art Deco-styled cottage he built at York, WA and long-term member, Annelle Perotti.

It will come as no surprise to Management Committee members and others who, for some years now, have heard me speak of the years ahead and the need for our society to begin making such arrangements to ensure the longevity of our thirty-six year old society (the first of its kind in Australia and the first in the Southern Hemisphere to incorporate the term "Art Deco"). With the expertise and abilities of some of our key members, I can see that day may soon emerge.

Much progress has made in the adherence of the Strategic Plan devised by Karl Haynes. Hence, I am happy to be able to take up the position of Founding President Emeritus (and advisor on Art Deco matters) in the not-too distant future. As the image above suggests, I'll be around for some time!





As our colourful pics continue, it is hoped that our plan to enlist younger members to our fold will be realised in the New Year (see potential new member at left), together with fresh ideas to boost our income; make sure our precious archives are best housed for continual use and the society's long history continues to develop under the direction of Dr. Cathy May.

RETURNING TO CHRISTMAS – and many thanks to the 1930s-attired Annelle Perotti whose outfit (and Christmas tree brooch) has brought a theme back in this epistle.

May all members and friends experience a Happy, Safe and Festive Holiday period (with a Successful 2024 to follow)

The Last Word goes to Patron, Dr. John Cowdell who sent the following message to accompany a card (below left) sent to me from Paris, France that read:

“Sussing out the venue for the next world congress”



Before that event I hope to be able to master the use of my new computer. (Image courtesy of member John Hammond). ‘Til then - **MERRY CHRISTMAS!**

Vegune Senecio