



Friends in Stitches

The Australian Quaker Narrative Embroidery
Australian Quaker History in Crewel Embroidery

Friends in Stitches Newsletter, April '24

CStitches@quakersaustralia.info



Dear Friends,

I thought I'd better send out an April Newsletter to let you know this is the last week of the Exhibition in Parliament House. It finished on Friday the 26th of April. I hope you have all had a chance to look at it if you live near Sydney; Here are the wonderful Friends who were instrumental in making this happen: Anne Marie Johnson, Mary Jane Hogan and Jacque Sschulze, the NSW Friends. As you can see, the panels look gorgeous on the red walls, a colour chosen especially to highlight our work. Only 22 panels could be fitted onto the wall.



The opening was attended by about 50 people, many more than Parliament House had expected, They had to get out a lot more chairs.

Mary Jane played the host, reading the Welcome to Country and introducing the speakers. Jacque gave a resume about Quakers, who we are, where we came from and what we believe. I spoke about the history of the project. The the Member for Sydney, Alex Greenwich officially opened the exhibition. To have an exhibition at Parliament House you have to be sponsored by a Member. He thought highly of Quakers because of our position on Same Sex Marriage for which he campaigned.



After that a big crowd of us went out for lunch and here is a photo of all the FIS Convenors, going back to 2007 : Margaret Bywater, Tessa Spratt, Garry Duncan, Sally O'Wheel and Cathy Davies.

Friends ready for the speeches.





Here is a video link on YouTube of the opening speakers. The video was made on an iPhone by Lyndall Katz,



Happy Devonshire Street Meeting Clerks.

Margaret Bywater with Louise with the QSA panel.



Thanks to Jay Boyd for the photos.

Now we have to start thinking about how we are going to get the panels to Adelaide in July for Yearly Meeting. Is anyone driving?