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Art show celebrates resident's creativity

THE talents of Forest View Residential Aged Care resident Robert Hehlen were recognised at the opening of an art show on Monday 28 September.

Mr Hehlen, who has been a resident at the Wondai Hospital facility for two years, only recently discovered his interest in creating art.

With the support of hospital staff and his family, Mr Hehlen has painted numerous canvases.

His talents were celebrated last year with the staging of his first art show. So successful was that first outing, that staff encouraged him to stage another this year.

Mr Hehlen's second art show coincided with a visit from Darling Downs Hospital and Health Board members, who were in Wondai for their regular monthly meeting.

"It is wonderful to see that Robert's passion for art has been supported here at the aged-care facility," DDHH Board Chair Mike Horan said.

"Robert is a great example to all of how learning and growing as a person is a life-long journey.

"Congratulations to Robert for creating such great pieces of art and for inspiring others to follow their interests."

Background

The DDHH Board members were in Wondai this week for their regular meeting which is held in a rural or regional area of the health service every second month.

Part of their visit included a community stakeholder engagement informal meeting.

The Darling Downs Hospital and Health Service (DDHHS), which includes Wondai Hospital, covers approximately 90,000 square kilometres, around one-and-a-half times the size of Tasmania.

The DDHHS delivers care from 20 hospitals and six residential care facilities, and manages an annual budget of more than \$620 million.

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