



Pelican Patch

*The Official Newsletter of the Westernport Quilters inc.
P.O. Box 163, Tyabb. Victoria 3913*

On behalf of the Club and the land on which we meet, we acknowledge the Bunurong / Boon Wurrung peoples of the Kulin nation, owners of this unceded land, and pay our respect to their elders, past, present and emerging.

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President's Patch January 2024

Dear Members,

Happy New Year

As we start the new year, I hope it will be one of renewal for the club. After the lock downs for Covid many clubs have struggled to regain momentum and remain viable

At the same time our members are getting older and we have not been able to attract younger members.

The women we spoke to at the Hastings Craft Expo in April last year asked if we did anything on evenings and weekends as they worked during the week. It seems that if we wish to get younger members, we need to offer some Saturday programs.

We would hope then that as these Sat members retire, they will join in our Tuesday activities.

The COM have met and we are proposing that we redefine ourselves as:

Westernport Quilters on Tuesday

continuing to have our general meetings on the 3rd Tuesday of the month and our sit and sew and workshops on the first Tuesday of the month.

In addition, we have proposed:

Westernport Quilters of Saturday

A sit and sew group for quilters of all capabilities with experienced patch workers available to help the newbies.

In addition, a group who focus on all things applique offering demonstrations of Applique in all its forms, hand, machine, raw edge, felt, boiled wool the list can go on.

I am investigation how we might be able to partner with the Applique Guild of Australia to form a Mornington Peninsula Chapter.

For the Saturdays to work we will need current members to get behind this initiative and support new members.

The group could start in March and the timing would be good to get advertising out through the patchwork shops and also the 2024 Hastings Craft Expo.

This would be for a trial this year to see if it is successful. Without new younger members the club will fold.

Following the success of the bus trip to Geelong I am proposing a trip to Warburton in late March

There is an exhibition called:

Of Land and Sea
Linda Steele Quilts in conjunction with Michael Hammer
Arts Centre, Warburton
9th February to 27th March 2024

Vic Quilters is asking for groups to host their **Gatherings**. If members would like to be involved I will follow up to see if there is a date still available.

Happy stitching

Margaret

WPQ 2024 Committee

<i>President</i>	Margaret Johnson	<i>Secretary</i>	Gaynor Brackx
<i>Vice President</i>	Vacant	<i>Treasurer</i>	Debbie Higgs
<i>Caring Quilts</i>	Carolyn Sweeting	<i>Guest speakers</i>	Caroline Hill
<i>Workshops</i>	Lesley Kumar / Yvonne Pullin	<i>Newsletter</i>	Margaret Johnson
<i>Face book and Instagram</i>	Luisa Waterhouse		
<i>Ex Officio:</i>	Barbara Rimington		

Tracey Jarvis has volunteered to continue with the role of Webmaster

Cynthia Parsons and Joanne Posthuma will share the Kitchen role.

Birthdays for January

Happy Birthday

to the following members who share a January Birthday



***Sue Brumley, Rae Droop, Gail Evans, Debbie Higgs, Brenda King,
Nadia Kostiuk, Pauline Munro***

Kitchen Roster

Please add your name to the rosters for these vital tasks.

Three members

January	Liz Gower Gail Evans Brenda King
February	Raylene Warner Glenda Daff
March	Margaret Howlett Pauline Munro Nadine Hammell
April	Mary Stupka Judy Beresford
May	Janet Richardson Heather Stafford
June	Libby Hutchesson
July	Rozylyn Chidgey Marianne Bradley
August	June Lambert Carole Hayes
Sept	Yvonne Pullin Lesley Kumar
Oct	Rosalie Cowan Caroline Hill
Nov	Margaret Howlett Liz Taylor

Welcome Desk Roster**Two members**

January	Dawn Cracknell Rae Droop
February	June Lambert Bev Wetherall Judy Beresford
March	Bev Bolderstone Marie Howells
April	
May	
June	
July	
August	
Sept	
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Nov	

July 2nd	Workshop Day
	Christmas tree Lesley Kumar
July 13th Sat	Sat meeting 10am – 3pm Tyabb
July 16 th	General Meeting
	Guest speaker Michelle Yoe
July 26 th Fri	Bus trip to Vic Quilters Showcase
August	
August 6 th	Workshop Day
August 10 th Sat	Soup n spud day
	Sat meeting 10am – 3 pm Tyabb
August 20 th	General meeting
	Guest speaker Karen McGregor
September	
September 3 rd	Workshop day
September 14th	Sat meeting 10 am – 3 pm Tyabb
September 17 th	General meeting
	Guest speaker TBA
October Seniors Month	<i>Possible inclusion in Shire Seniors Month Program</i>
October 1 st	Workshop Day
	Bargello Placemats Margaret Johnson
September 12th Sat	Sat Meeting 10am – 3 pm Tyabb
October 15 th	General Meeting
	Guest speaker Neroli Henderson
November	
November 5 th	Workshop Day Cup Day Meeting
	Wear a fancy Hat
November 11th Sat	Sat meeting 10am – 3 pm Tyabb
November 19 th	AGM
End of year Luncheon	

[Dates in blue](#) are for Sat meetings if this is approved by the members.

Caring Quilts Update *from Carolyn Sweeting*

Toiletries Bags for Impact for Women

Impact is a volunteer run charity making a difference to women and children fleeing extreme violence at home. The drawstring toiletry bags we make are filled by volunteers with gifts and distributed for Mothers' Day and Christmas. They deliver more than 2,000 on each occasion.

Since our 2023 contribution of 261 bags was delivered in August, **we have already made another 85 towards this year's contribution.** Thanks to everyone who has already made some, and those who will do some during 2024.

I have copies of the **How To sheets** available if you are new to this. The bags have to be a particular size and style. I also have **CORDS** available for the drawstrings.

Kind regards,
Carolyn

Services directory

<p>Sewing Machine repairs Rick Wise Tel. 59831878 or 0408 557 606</p>	<p>Sewing Bee Café 80 Baxter-Tooradin Rd, Baxter Tel. 59715737 www.sewingbeecafe.com.au 10% discount for WPQ members</p>
<p>Treehouse Textiles 64 Main Street, Mornington Tel. 0427 570 950 www.treehousetextiles.com.au 10%discount for WPQ members</p>	<p>Snugglelyn Quilts – Lyn Wright Tel. 5981 9397 or 0412 263 539 Computerised long arm quilting Special member prices Open 6 days Fat quarters, wide backing, cutters, templates, mats</p>
<p>Girraween Quilting – Sally Rule Edge to edge and custom quilting Email: sallyrule286@outlook.com.</p>	<p>Palm Beach Quilting 7/2 Industry Blvd, Carrum Downs Tel. 9775 1601 www.palmbeachquilting.com.au 10% discount for WPQ members</p>
<p>Margaret Johnson Rose Garden Quilting Quilts basted, edge to edge quilting 9789 0477</p>	