



# 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.*

## *President's Patch March 2024*

**Dear Members,**

Our first Saturday meeting was a great success. We had 19 ladies attend including 2 from Drouin, 3 visitors and some former members. Two new members joined, and 2 former members rejoined. A big thanks to all the members who attended for their support.

At our last General Meeting members voted to sell items at the Hastings Craft Expo. We need to sell items to have 2 tables. Items for sale can be donated and at the April Workshop Day we will be making shopping bags and pin cushions for sale. Any money raised will be donated to Cancer Research. There is a roster sheet on the welcome desk for the day. Members will demonstrate the various skills involved in our craft.

Jean Wrangle has donated some beautiful quilts to the club, we hope to raffle one and the proceeds will be added to the money raised at the Hastings Craft Expo. Judy Beresford has volunteered to organize the raffle.

The upgrade of our website is proceeding. We have a new web address [www.westernportquilters.org.au](http://www.westernportquilters.org.au). If you have any suggestion as to what you would like to see on the site please let me know.

**The bus trip to Warburton is on Thursday. The bus will be leaving Tyabb at 9.30am not 8.30 am as previously announced. We will depart Warburton to return home at 2 pm. The trip takes approx. 1.5 hours. The weather in Warburton is forecast to be 21 degrees.**

AQC is next month there will be a list for expressions of interest for a bus to travel to the venue. MPPI has one going which we can join at a cost of \$30. I would like to propose we hire our own 24-seater for the day and charge \$20. There would need to be a small top up contribution from the club.

Happy stitching

Margaret

**WPQ 2024 Committee**

*President*                    Margaret Johnson    mej53@optusnet.com.au

*Secretary*                 Gaynor Backx        gbackx45@hotmail.com

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*Treasurer*                 Debbie Higgs

*Caring Quilts*             Carolyn Sweeting

*Guest speakers*          Caroline Hill

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*Ex Officio:*                Barbara Rimington

Cynthia Parsons and Joanne Posthuma will share the Kitchen role.

***Birthdays for March***

***Happy Birthday***

***to the following members who share a March Birthday***



***Margaret Howlett, Jane Lawson***

**There has been some confusion about the Rosters. My apologies for the mix-up. New lists will be circulating. Please add your name for these vital tasks.**

**Kitchen Roster**

March	Margaret Howlett Pauline Munro Nadine Hammell
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**Welcome Desk Roster**

March	Bev Bolderstone Marie Howells
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**Show and tell from the February Meeting.**

	
Jenny Millar	Marianne Bradley



Margaret Johnson



Margaret Johnson



Carolyn Sweeting



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## Caring Quilts March Update

*Carolyn Sweeting*

### Wheelchairs for Kids

We've accumulated quite a number of these small (approximately 36" x 36" or 90cm square) quilts over several months.

Our April 16<sup>th</sup> meeting will have a guest speaker, Chris Such, from the Somerville Tyabb Rotary Club, which supports the Rotary Wheelchairs for Kids programme. Chris will speak briefly at 11am at the start of our general meeting, and we will give him our completed quilts to pass on towards their final recipients. Along with the wheelchairs and the quilts, the children are given a soft toy, and I was very pleased to receive some knitted toys from one of our members.

There is unfortunately an ongoing need for Wheelchairs for Kids, so I anticipate some of us will continue to use our skills and stashes to make more of them.

### Toiletries Bags for Impact for Women

We've made 150 bags (counted on 5<sup>th</sup> of March). Well done everyone!

Kathy Kaplan OAM, who started Impact for Women as a charity 18 years ago, has just retired as President, but there is a strong and enthusiastic Board to carry on the good work of supporting women escaping extreme domestic violence. They are helped by hundreds of volunteers – including us. While our contribution is making Toiletry Bags which other volunteers pack with gifts and deliver, Impact supports the women and their children in many other ways.

I was invited to a farewell barbecue for Kathy. I am unable to attend but took the opportunity to thank her on behalf of Westernport Quilters for making such a difference in this area.

### Fun Fact – SABLE means Stash Accumulated Beyond Life Expectancy.

I'm guessing that many of us are in the position to turn some of our SABLE into hugs for the very young, the elderly and everyone in between who is suffering from physical disability and / or mental trauma.

Kind regards

## Westernport Quilters Meeting dates for 2024

January Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup>	General Meeting
	Sit and sew day
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Workshop Day
	<b>Chicken scratch</b> Kaye Matthews
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	General Meeting
	Guest Speaker: Knitted Knockers
<b>March</b>	
March 5 <sup>th</sup>	Workshop Day
	<b>Shopping Bag</b> Margaret Johnson
March 9 <sup>th</sup> Sat	Sat meeting 10 am – 3 pm Tyabb
March 19 <sup>th</sup>	General meeting
	Guest speaker: Nuno Nuno
	<i>Payment due for but trip to Warburton</i>
March 21 <sup>st</sup> Thursday	<i>Bus trip to Warburton</i>
<b>April</b>	
April 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Workshop Day <i>Sewing for Hastings Craft Expo</i>
April 12 <sup>th</sup> Friday	Bus to AQC? <a href="#">Expression of interest please</a>
April 13 <sup>th</sup> Sat	Sat meeting 10 am – 3 pm Tyabb
April 16 <sup>th</sup>	General Meeting
	Guest Speaker: Craft Quarters
April 20 <sup>th</sup> Sat	Hastings Craft Expo
<b>May</b>	
May 7 <sup>th</sup>	Workshop Day <i>Janet Richardson 5 items to make with squares</i>
May 11 <sup>th</sup>	Sat Meeting 10am – 3pm Baxter
May 21 <sup>st</sup>	General Meeting: Biggest Morning tea
	Guest speaker Tina Whitely
<b>June</b>	
June 4 <sup>th</sup>	Workshop Day <i>Satu Simmons, Gail Evans Disappearing 9 patch</i>
June 8 <sup>th</sup>	Sat meeting 10am – 3 pm Tyabb
June 18 <sup>th</sup>	General Meeting
	Guest speaker Max and Louise

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

## Services directory

<p><b>Sewing Machine repairs</b> Rick Wise Tel. 59831878 or 0408 557 606</p>	<p><b>Sewing Bee Café</b> 80 Baxter-Tooradin Rd, Baxter Tel. 59715737 <a href="http://www.sewingbeecafe.com.au">www.sewingbeecafe.com.au</a> 10% discount for WPQ members</p>
<p><b>Treehouse Textiles</b> 64 Main Street, Mornington Tel. 0427 570 950 <a href="http://www.treehousetextiles.com.au">www.treehousetextiles.com.au</a> 10%discount for WPQ members</p>	<p><b>Snugglelyn Quilts – Lyn Wright</b> 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>
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<p><b>Margaret Johnson</b> <b>Rose Garden Quilting</b> Quilts basted, edge to edge quilting 9789 0477</p>	