



Pelican Patch

*The Official Newsletter of the Westernport Quilters inc.
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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 May 2024

Dear Members,

We had a great day at the Hastings Craft Expo. **"Our Big Shopping Bags"** were well received, and we sold lots of patterns, fabrics, and other donated items. Altogether we raised \$460 and had the chance to speak to lots of prospective members. We will have to wait and see if we get any new members but there was a lot of interest in our Saturday meetings. A big thanks to all members who spent time sewing the shopping bags and attending on the day.

Our May meeting is the Biggest Morning Tea. Please bring along something delicious to share and donate a gold coin for your morning tea. The proceeds will be added to the money from the Hastings Craft Expo and donated for Breast Cancer Research.

The Craft and Quilt Show is on at Jeff's Shed from the 24th to the 27th July. There is an Expression of Interest form at the sign in desk. If we get enough names I will arrange for a 24 seater bus for the Friday 26th July

There has been a lot of interest in the Retreat at Loch in November from the 8th to the 10th. Unfortunately, the number is restricted to 24 and to date 22 places have been taken. A \$50 deposit is required by **June 18th** to secure your room. Catering arrangements are still to be organized so the \$190 for the 2 nights is at present for the room and facilities only. Glenda Daff and I will visit Loch shortly to investigate all catering options.

If you didn't receive emails about the Retreat, please let Debbie know so we can check your contact details.

Our 3rd Saturday meeting at Baxter was quieter than the other 2 but given it was the day before Mother's Day we know people are busy. 12 attended and it was very pleasing to see members mixing and getting to know other members they may not normally sit with. **"Well done"** to everyone.

I would like to remind members to wear their name badges, I know I sometimes, I should say many times, have trouble remembering names and it is a great help to new members.

With the cold weather we have been experiencing it's great for staying indoors and stitching. I am on a mission to complete the many UFO.s I have in my cupboards. And look forward to showing the completed items at meetings. I have completed one bag and am currently working on a Di Ford quilt that I started 12 years ago. Watch this space for a progress report.

Happy stitching

Margaret

WPQ 2024 Committee

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Cynthia Parsons and Joanne Posthuma will share the Kitchen role.

Birthdays for May

Happy Birthday

to the following members who share a May Birthday



Gaynor Backx, Marianne Bradley, Glenda Daff, Margaret Griffin,

Elizabeth Hutchesson, Barbara Rimington, Mary Stupka, Luisa Waterhouse

Kitchen Roster

May	Jenny Allen Heather Stafford
June	Leonie Valentini Janet Richardson
July	Rozylyn Chidley Marianne Bradley Nina Bate

Welcome Desk Roster

May	Janet Richardson Carole Hayes
June	Raelene Warner Libby Hutchenson
July	Barb Rimington Liz Gower

Workshops



June Christmas in July

Tuesday 4th June

Requirements

Sewing machine and tools

Zigzag foot for machine

1x roll precut batting or 13 strips 2.5 x 42 inches
[this can be sewn together from scraps]

Binding fabric


Embellishments Christmas bling


July Disappearing 9 Patch Tuesday 2nd July


Disappearing Nine Patch Quilt

The disappearing nine patch is a fun and relatively fast quilt to make.

For this class we will use 5" squares. A 5" charm pack works well or you can cut your own. You will need

36 x 5 inch patterned squares or a charm pack 

36 x 5 inch background squares 

9 x 5 inch bold plain squares 

To speed things along please sew your nine patch blocks, using a 1/4 inch seam, before the class as follows:

Row 1



Row 2



Row 3



Press seams towards the backing fabric

Now sew the rows together, 'nesting' the seams, to make your nine patch block. Try to be as accurate as possible. Press. Repeat until you have 9 blocks.

On the day of the class please bring your sewing machine, cutting mat, rotary cutter and 2 rulers (longer than 14") and your 9 patch blocks

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Show and tell from the April Meeting.



Carolyn Sweeting



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Margaret Johnson





Brenda King



**Marianne Bradley
Chicken Scratch**



**From the Sat meeting
Two the same but different**

**Sue Carroll and Janet
Richardson**



Brenda King and Jean Wrangle



Doren Joyner
Quilt as you go front



Doreen Joyner
Back

Our stall at the Hastings Craft Expo



Caring Quilts Update for May *from Carolyn Sweeting*

Wheelchairs for Kids programme

We welcomed Chris Such from the Somerville Tyabb Rotary Club to our April general meeting. He spoke to us about Rotary's Wheelchairs for Kids programme, begun in Western Australia in 1998, and it is now supported by Rotary Clubs throughout Australia.

The wheelchairs are specially designed and built for all terrains, and are distributed to young people who have suffered because of man-made and natural disasters across the world. To date well over 56,000 have been distributed to more than 50 different countries.

We were very pleased to give Chris **23 knitted blankets and quilts, and well over 60 knitted toys** (I lost count!) which he will forward via the kind services of Dulux to Western Australia, ready for distribution to the recipients overseas.

Thanks so much to everyone, members and friends alike, who contributed to this donation. We have already begun our next accumulation of quilts and toys for another delivery in 2025 and Chris said he will be happy to come back to visit when we have the next bundle ready to go.



Toiletries Bags for Impact for Women

By the end of our April meeting we have accumulated 209 bags. Thanks to everyone who has contributed time, fabric and cords to this cause.

There is so much in the news recently about the appalling number of deaths of Australian women at the hands of men. Impact for Women supports the women and children in very many ways, and I'm sure the bags we handmake to hold the Mothers Day and Christmas gifts are appreciated because they show the recipients that we care.

Thank you for your various contributions.

Kind regards,
Carolyn

Westernport Quilters Meeting dates for 2024

May

- May 7th Workshop Day *Janet Richardson 5 items to make with squares*
- May 11th Sat Meeting 10am – 3pm Baxter
- May 21st General Meeting: Biggest Morning tea
Guest speaker Tina Whitely

June

- June 4th Workshop Day *Satu Simmons, Gail Evans Disappearing 9 patch*
- June 8th Sat meeting 10am – 3 pm Tyabb
- June 18th General Meeting
Payment of \$50 deposit for Loch Retreat due
Guest speaker Max and Louise

July 2nd

- Workshop Day
Christmas tree Lesley Kumar
- July 13th Sat Sat meeting 10am – 3pm Tyabb
- July 16th General Meeting
Guest speaker Michelle Yoe
- July 26th Fri **Expressions of interest**
Bus trip to Vic Quilters Showcase \$20

August

- August 6th Workshop Day *Caroline Hill Christmas heart wall hanging*
- August 10th Sat Soup n spud day
Sat meeting 10am – 3 pm Tyabb
- August 20th General meeting
Guest speaker Karen McGregor

September

- September 3rd Workshop Day
- September 14th Sat meeting 10 am – 3 pm Tyabb
- September 17th General meeting
Guest speakers 3 Members Quilting Journey

October Seniors Month *Possible inclusion in Shire Seniors Month Program*

October 1st Workshop Day Margaret Johnson Bargello Placemats

October 12th Sat Sat Meeting 10am – 3 pm Tyabb

October 15th General Meeting
Guest speaker Neroli Henderson

November

November 5th Workshop Day Cup Day Meeting
Wear a fancy Hat.

November Fri. 8th – Sun 10th

Retreat at Loch

November 19th AGM and **End of year Luncheon**

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>	