



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 September 2024

Dear Members,

After a few warm days that announced the start of spring we have been plunged back into winter. 15 members and visitors braved the cold wet weather to attend our Saturday meeting.

Janet Richardson demonstrated Raw Edge Applique and showed some of her work. Thank You, Janet for your inspiration.

Carolyn Sweeting also did a demonstration of a method of joining binding which she had found on YouTube. [MerryMabelMarket Brilliant Machine Binding Method](#)

Carolyn will repeat the demonstration on Tuesday.

A big thanks to the members who have supported our Saturday Meetings. We have gained new members and many have rejoined as they are only able to attend on a Saturday.

Our August Guest speaker Karen MacGregor wooed us with her amazing Art Quilts. I have included photos of a few of the quilts in the newsletter.

Our workshops are one of the strengths of our club and they continue to attract participants. We were lucky to have Brenda Dean present a workshop while she was down in Melbourne. As a foundation member of our club, it is one way of maintaining a connection. Thank you, Brenda.

For photos of our Workshop and Show and Tell quilts visit our Website

Westernportquilters.org.au

With the the AGM fast approaching in November all committee positions will be vacant. This year we have had a very dedicated and hard-working committee as we work to rebuild our club after Covid.

All of the exiting members have held many positions on the Committee over the years and as we are getting older it is not sustainable for the club to continue relying on the same members to keep the club growing.

This year we have been blessed to see some of our younger members step up to take on roles in the club. Joanne Postuma along with Cynthis Parsons in the Kitchen role, Martina Burnell in managing the website and Luisa Waterhouse for setting up our Facebook and Instagram accounts. A big thank you to all of them.

Please think about how you can help at the club so we can continue to see it grow and remain vibrant.

Even if you only have time to volunteer to do Kitchen Duty or the Welcome Desk, this helps to keep our club functioning.

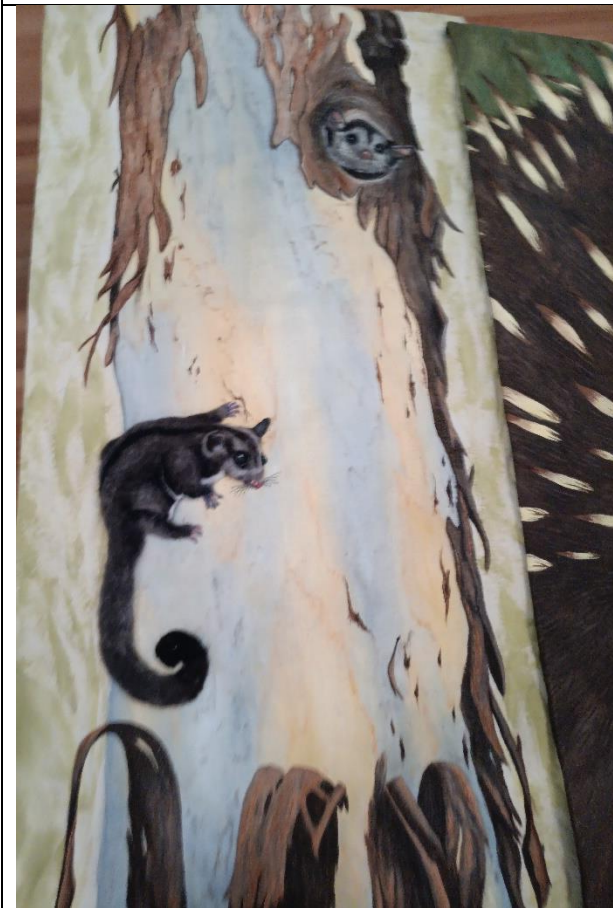
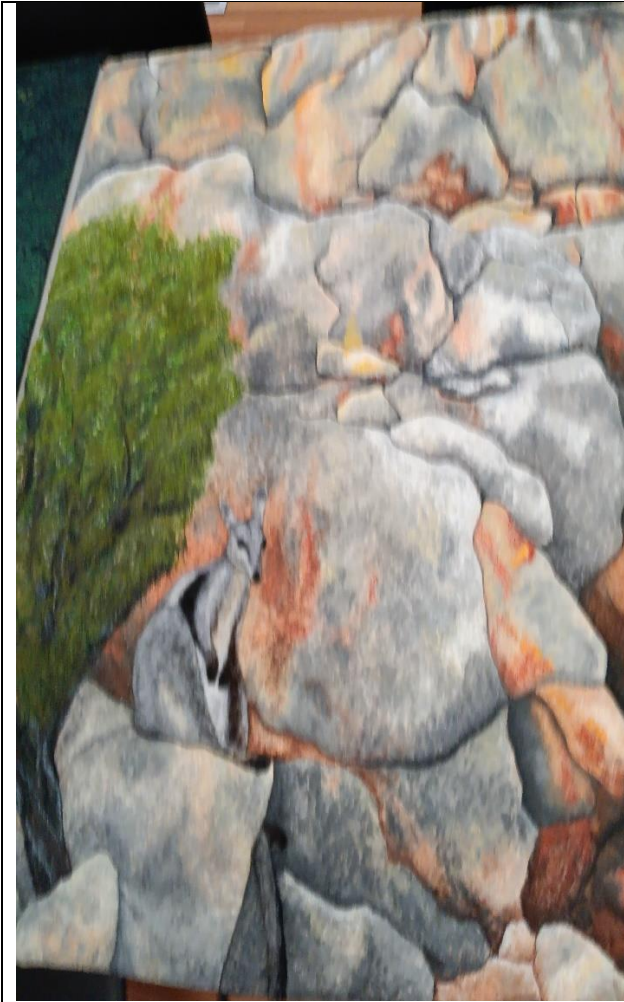
Happy stitching

Margaret

WPQ 2024 Committee

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Cynthia Parsons and Joanne Posthuma will share the Kitchen role.



Our Guest Speaker for August

**Some of Karen McGregor's
Art Quilts**

Birthdays for September

Happy Birthday

to the following members who share a September Birthday



*Brenda Dean, Nadine Hammill, Margaret K Johnson, Cynthia Parsons,
Douwe Posthuma, Carolyn Sweeting, Ethel Walton*

Kitchen Roster 3 Members

Thank You to members who filled in the gaps!!!

September	Yvonne Pullin Lesley Kumar
October	Rosalie Cowan Raelene Warner
November	Margaret Howlett Liz Taylor

Welcome Desk Roster 2 Members

Please write you name on the list to fill in the gaps

September	Glenda Daff Barbara Morton
October	Pauline Munro Liz Taylor
November	Raelene Warner Mary Stupka

Caring Quilts Update for September *from Carolyn Sweeting*

Toiletry Bags for Impact for Women

Recently we donated 384 Toiletry Bags for our 2024 donation. That is over 100 more than in 2023.

Thank you so much for all your efforts towards making Toiletry Bags for the women who have escaped severe domestic violence and are supported by gifts from Impact for Women. Members of Westernport Quilters supported the initiative by donating fabric and ribbon, cutting, sewing, and threading the bags.

Our 2024 donation was recently collected just in time for another bag-filling session by volunteers and will be among those distributed before Christmas 2024 and Mothers' Day 2025. Lisa (from Impact) explained to me that getting a really good stock of bags at this time of the year is terrific, because there is such a short turnaround time between Christmas and April, when the Mothers' Day bags are distributed.

We already have 16 bags towards our 2025 donation. Brilliant!

Premmie Quilts

14 Premmie Quilts will be delivered to the Frankston Hospital Special Care Unit in September. Many of this latest collection were shown at the Saturday Sit and Sew, including one which Brenda Dean brought down from Queensland. Thanks to everyone who has made these delightful little quilts or is planning to.

Wheelchair Kids and Aged Care Quilts are building up in our storeroom ready for delivery at a later date.

The sizes required for the following categories of our Caring Quilts Programme are

Premmie Quilts – 20" x 30" (approx. 50x76 cm) with a darkish backing.

Wheelchairs for Kids – about 36"-39" square (about a yard or a metre square).

Aged Care quilts – about 38"-45" square or rectangular, suitable for women or men.

We have a roll of **batting** in our storeroom for anyone who needs a piece for any of the Caring Quilts they are making. See Carolyn at any Meeting or Sit and Sew if you'd like a piece, preferably knowing the size you need!

Many of these donation quilts can be seen on our website on the Gallery page.

Happy Sewing,

Carolyn

Westernport Quilters Meeting dates for 2024

September

September 17th General meeting 10am – 2pm
 Demonstration by Carolyn Sweeting
 Joining quilt binding
 Guest speakers 3 Members Quilting Journey

October Seniors Month

October 1st Workshop 10am Start *Day Margaret Johnson Bargello Placemats*
 October 12th Sat Sat Meeting 10am – 3 pm Tyabb
 October 15th General Meeting 10am – 2pm
 Guest speaker Neroli Henderson

November

November 5th Workshop Day 10 am -2pm Cup Day Meeting
 Wear a fancy Hat.

November Fri. 8th – Sun 10th **Retreat at Loch**

November 19th 10am – 2pm AGM and **End of year Luncheon**

December

Date to be announced Committee handover meeting and planning day

Meeting dates for the start of 2025

January

January 21st General Meeting 10am - 2pm

February

February 4th Workshop 10am – 2pm Sit and sew day
 February 8th Sat Saturday meeting 10am – 3pm
 February 18th General Meeting 10am – 2pm

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>	