



# 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 November 2024*

### **Dear Members,**

The year has flown by and it's time for the AGM and our End of Year Luncheon. Thank you to all those members who have elected to stay on the committee for another year or have agreed to join. Thank you also to those members who have taken on essential tasks within the club such as Kitchen, Social Media, Web Master and arranging guest speakers and have elected not to be members of the management committee but who continue to give their time for these valuable tasks. The club could not function as well as it does without you.

For the lunch this year we have changed the arrangements slightly, all the food will be placed on a buffet table for all to share instead of individual tables. This will give more choice to all members.

20 members enjoyed a weekend at Loch for our recent retreat. The village is charming at this time of year full of spring flowers, interesting although expensive shops and a market on Sunday. Participants enjoyed good company and good food, *too much of it*, and have elected to go back next year.

Talking of Retreats, some of our members, through their friendship group, have over the last few years been enjoying an annual retreat at Mainly Sewing at Main Ridge. I know there are other members who would like to try this venue and although the numbers are restricted to 12 I have been offered a time slot in August next year. From Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> to Monday 1<sup>st</sup> Sept. If there is enough interest, we can book a two- or 3-night stay either mid-week or at the weekend. An expression of interest form will be available at the November meeting.

This will be my last Newsletter as President, but I will continue to be involved on the Committee in my role as Newsletter Editor and look forward to 2025 being as exciting for the club as 2024 has been.

Happy Stitching

Margaret

**WPQ 2024 Committee**

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<i>Ex Officio:</i>	Barbara Rimington	

Cynthia Parsons and Joanne Posthuma will share the Kitchen role.

***Birthdays for November and December***

***Happy Birthday to the following members  
who share a November or December Birthday***

***Judy Beresford, Martina Burnell, Pat Seignoir, Lorraine Vidler,  
Beverley Wetherall, Val Batchelor, Catherine Britt, Sue Carroll,  
Beverley Crank, Licia Lawford, Kay Mathews,***



**Roster sheets for next year are on the  
Welcome desk.**

**Please think about when you may be able to help with these  
essential tasks and add your name to the list.**

**Kitchen Roster 3 Members**

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

November	Margaret Howlett Liz Taylor

**Welcome Desk Roster 2 Members**

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

November	Raelene Warner Mary Stupka

## Meeting dates for the rest of 2024

November 19<sup>th</sup> 10am – 2pm AGM and **End of year Luncheon**

### December

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> Committee handover meeting and planning day  
Committee meeting 10am Lunch 12 noon

December 14<sup>th</sup> Saturday meeting if there is enough interest. Will include a Christmas afternoon tea

*Please RSVP to [mej53@optusnet.com.au](mailto:mej53@optusnet.com.au) or  
SMS 0417557681 by 6<sup>th</sup> December*

## Meeting dates for the start of 2025

### January

January 21<sup>st</sup> Tues General Meeting 10am – 3pm

### February

February 4<sup>th</sup> Tues Workshop Sit and Sew day 10am – 3 pm

February 8<sup>th</sup> Sat Saturday meeting 10am – 3pm

February 18<sup>th</sup> Tues General Meeting 10am – 3pm

### March

March 4<sup>th</sup> Tues Workshop Sit and Sew day

March 8<sup>th</sup> Sat Saturday Meeting 10am – 3 pm

March 18<sup>th</sup> Tuesday General meeting

## **Caring Quilts Update for November 2024** *from Carolyn Sweeting*

I'm very pleased to present you with a summary of the Quilts and other items that we, the members, of Westernport Quilters have made and donated through our Caring Quilts Programme in 2024.

I want to thank, on behalf of the recipients, everyone who has stitched, cut, bound, threaded, knitted, crocheted, quilted, donated fabric and/or delivered. The "everyone's" mentioned here include many friends and family of our members who have supported our efforts, especially through donations of knitted items, fabrics, batting and ribbons, and delivering quilts.

I'd particularly like to acknowledge the donation made by Louise Wrangle, with Janet Richardson's help, of many beautiful quilts and some fabric from the home of our late member Jean Wrangle.

You will notice that the recipients of our donations range from the very youngest to the very oldest members of our community, and those suffering illness, disability and extreme abuse in between. We know from the many letters from facilities where we have donated these beautiful items that they are truly appreciated by the recipients. Some of our quilts are used as fundraisers to help purchase equipment – the users will never know that we at Westernport Quilters helped, but we know, don't we?

### **During 2024 we have donated**

**42 quilts** to Aged Care Facilities

**12 quilts** to facilities or groups to use as health-related fundraisers.

**23 quilts** as well as over 60 soft toys to Wheelchairs for Kids

**70 quilts** as well as numerous beanies to the Premmies at the Frankston Special Nursery

**That's a total of 147 quilts and at least 100 knitted toys and beanies. I call that AWESOME!**

We also donated **384 Toiletry Bags to Impact for Women.**

More Awesomeness.

Thank you for your enormous support of the Caring Quilts Programme during 2024 (and just so you know, we already have a couple of quilts ready to be donated for raffles, 38 Toiletry Bags and a stack of quilts and knitted toys ready for our 2025 donation to Wheelchairs for Kids!)

I wish you and your loved ones a happy and safe Christmas and New Year season.

See you next year,  
Carolyn

### Photos from Loch Retreat





## Easy Pear Cake as served at Loch Recipe from Gaynor Backx

300 grams self-raising flour

315 grams caster sugar

1/2 tsp salt

185 ml vegetable oil

185 ml butter milk

2 tsp vanilla extract

2 pears cored cut into thin slices

Cinnamon sugar to sprinkle

Preheat oven to 180 – 160 fan Grease and line round cake tin with baking paper

Combine flour caster sugar and salt in a large bowl add eggs oil buttermilk and vanilla and whisk until just combined

Pour into prepared cake tin and level top. Top with pear slices slightly overlapping.

Bake for 1 hr and 5 minutes or until a skewer inserted in the centre comes out clean

Cool cake completely in the tin.

Transfer to a serving plate and sprinkle with cinnamon sugar.

### Service 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>
<p><b>Girraween Quilting – Sally Rule</b>  Edge to edge and custom quilting Email: <a href="mailto:sallyrule286@outlook.com">sallyrule286@outlook.com</a>.</p>	<p><b>Palm Beach Quilting</b> 7/2 Industry Blvd, Carrum Downs Tel. 9775 1601 <a href="http://www.palmbeachquilting.com.au">www.palmbeachquilting.com.au</a> 10% discount for WPQ members</p>
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