



# 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 January 2025*

Welcome to Members of Westernport Quilters for 2025,  
On behalf of the committee and myself we wish you a very good year.

A reminder that Annual membership Fee of \$35 is now overdue and should be paid by January 31st

Lots of activities have been planned for this year. A bus trip to AQC is being booked for 25 members at \$25 each on Friday the 11th of April and another one in June to Leeza Chandlers at Drouin. There is a list at the Welcome desk for names if you are interested in the bus to AQC

At the start of the year there will be workshops to make articles for the Hastings Craft Expo on Saturday the 12th April. We are planning to have a table to promote the Club and like last year all proceeds from the sale of articles will go to cancer research. So, all hands would be appreciated.

We shall have guest speakers, Saturday meetings, Biggest Morning Tea, pink day in May, Soup and spud day and more will to come.

Please put your name down on the lists for the Welcome Desk as it's a good way to meet other members and for the Kitchen as well, because let's face it we all love cake.

If there is anything you may have an idea about, please see me or a committee member and discuss it.

Remember we have the Loch Retreat in November booked and there is a list at the Welcome Desk for expressions of interest for a Retreat to Mainly Sewing in Main Ridge in August.

Hoping this is a happy quilting year for you  
Heather

**WPQ 2025 Committee**

*President* Heather Stafford

*Secretary* Gaynor Backx [gbackx45@hotmail.com](mailto:gbackx45@hotmail.com)

*Vice President* Carol Hayes

*Treasurer* Debbie Higgs *Caring Quilts* Carolyn Sweeting

*Guest speakers* Caroline Hill / Glenda Daff *Workshop* Glenda Kumar / Yvonne Pullin

*Newsletter* Margaret Johnson [mej53@optusnet.com.au](mailto:mej53@optusnet.com.au)

*Web page contact* Martina Burnell

*Face book and Instagram* Luisa Waterhouse

*Ex Officio:* Margaret Johnson

Cynthia Parsons and Joanne Posthuma will share the Kitchen role.



Our 2025 Committee

***Birthdays for January***

***Happy Birthday to the following members***

***who share a JANUARY Birthday***

***Rae Droop, Gail Evans, Debbie Higgs,***

***Brenda King, Nadia Kostik, Pauline Munro***



**Kitchen Roster 3 Members**

January	Raelene Warner Gail Evans Brenda King Pat Seagnoir
February	Carole Dellar Denise Scott Libby Hutchesson
March	Rozlyn Chidgey Mary Stupka Liz Gower
April	
May	Leonie Valentine Jenny Allen

**Welcome Desk Roster 2 Members**

January	Pauline Munro Liz Taylor
February	Raelene Warner Gail Evans
March	Luisa Waterhouse Nadine Hammill
April	Carol Dellar Rozlyn Chidgey
May	Dawn Cracknell Rae Droop
June	Jo-anne Posthuma Brenda King
July	Mary Stupka Libby Hutchesson
August	Liz Gower
September	Barbara Morton
October	

## **Caring Quilts Update for January 2025** *from Carolyn Sweeting*

Welcome to our Caring Quilts programme for 2025.

Now that the family has gone home and Christmas has been put away at my place, I'm keen to get sewing again, and I suspect I'm not the only one.

During 2024 members were generous in your support for the youngest, the oldest and the suffering. We made significant numbers of donations of quilts, drawstring bags and knitted toys and beanies to Frankston Hospital Special Care Nursery, several Aged Care Facilities, Peter MacCallum Centre, Impact for Women, and Wheelchair Kids.

While our **Premmie Quilts** are in great demand, we have been informed that the Nursery has more than enough premmie-sized beanies. **Please only bring in normal baby sized beanies if you want to keep knitting them**

### **The quilt sizes required for each category 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.

**Peter MacCallum (Peter Mac) Centre any size and any age group would be welcome.**

It is quite important to stick to the recommended sizes for Premmie and Wheelchair quilts, because they need to be used with equipment.

### **Drawstring Toiletry Bags for Impact for Women**

These bags (finished at 12" x 16") are filled with gifts and distributed by volunteers to women who are fleeing severe domestic violence. The fact that the Impact for Women delivers more than 2,000 bags every Christmas and Mother's Day shows what a huge problem domestic violence is in our society. Pre-cut to size fabric and ribbons, as well as instruction sheets, are usually available at our meetings.

**Wheelchair Kids** is a programme run by Rotary Australia. They build special all-terrain wheelchairs for kids who need them in many war-torn countries or areas subjected to major natural catastrophes. With every chair (and there have been more than 50,000 of them, they also give a small quilt or rug, and a soft toy. Thank you to everyone who brings in the toys ready for our next donation, along with some quilts.

Happy Sewing,

Carolyn

**Meeting dates for 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 Sit and Sew 10am – 3pm

February 18<sup>th</sup> Tues            General Meeting 10am – 3pm  
Speakers 2 WPQ members “Our Quilting journey”

**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  
*Payment for bus trip to AQC due*

**April**

April 1st                      Workshop Sit and Sew day

April 11th                    *AQC Bus Trip Friday 11<sup>th</sup>*  
*\$25 the list for names is at the Welcome Desk*

April 12th                    Hastings Craft Expo

April 15<sup>th</sup>                    General meeting

**May**

May 6<sup>th</sup> Workshop and Sit and sew

May 10<sup>th</sup> Saturday Sit and sew 10 am – 3 pm

May 20<sup>th</sup> General Meeting

**June**

**Possible bus trip to Lesa Chandler at Drouin**

June 3<sup>d</sup> Workshop and Sit and sew

June 14 Saturday Sit and sew 10 am – 3 pm

June 17 General meeting

**July**

July 1 Workshop Sit and sew

July 12 Saturday Sirt and sew Soup and spud day

July 15 General meeting

**August**

August 5<sup>th</sup> Workshop

August 9<sup>th</sup> Saturday Sit and sew

August 19 General meeting

August 29<sup>th</sup> – Sept 1<sup>st</sup> **Possible Main Ridge Retreat**

## September

September 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> **Show Case Craft Show Jeffs Shed**

September 2<sup>nd</sup> Workshop and Sit and sew

September 13<sup>th</sup> Saturday Sit and sew

September 16<sup>th</sup> General Meeting

## October

**Seniors Month**

**Suggested skills day and Mini Quilt show**

**De stash Sale**

October 7<sup>th</sup> Workshop and Sit and sew

October 11<sup>th</sup> Saturday Sit and sew

October 21<sup>st</sup> General meeting

## November

November 4<sup>th</sup> Workshop Day Cup Day

November 7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> **Loch Retreat**

November 18<sup>th</sup> AGM End of year lunch

## December

December 13<sup>th</sup> Saturday Sit and sew  
Christmas Morning Tea

## Service directory

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sewing Machine repairs</b> Rick Wise Tel. 59831878 or 0408 557 606</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><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 style="text-align: center;"><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 style="text-align: center;"><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 style="text-align: center;"><b>Girraween Quilting – Sally Rule</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Edge to edge and custom quilting Email: <a href="mailto:sallyrule286@outlook.com">sallyrule286@outlook.com</a>.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><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>