



# 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 February 2025*

Welcome to the February meeting at Westernport Quilters.

I think the last of the hot weather is finished for the year, my garden is so dry and thirsty. Last Saturday I spent the morning shifting half a cubic mt of mulch then swept and tidied up the rest of the garden: then the wind came AGAIN.

The following morning, I had a short sleep in, jumped out of bed, had a cup of tea, breakfast, shower and packed my lunch ready to go to Mornington patchwork then realised it was Sunday.

The bus trip to Leesa Chandler's on the Thursday the 5th June will be leaving Tyabb at 9-30 am. Following a short stop at Craft Quarters for a bit of retail therapy we will be heading off to Drouin.

There will be a high tea for lunch with 2 savoury and 3 sweet items and scones jam and cream, tea or coffee. Most of the food is home produce. The cost for lunch is \$15 and if you have any reactions to dairy, gluten or egg etc, please let us know in advance.

The charge for the bus is \$20 a total of \$35 for the day. Please pay Debbie before the 29th May.

The charge for the bus to AQC on the Friday the 11th of April is \$25 and also please make a payment to Debbie by the end of March.

We have a table at the Hastings Craft expo 12th April with this we may be able to have new members join our club. Also on the 12th is the sit and sew day which is a lovely day to relax if the day is free for you.

Keep looking further on in the newsletter for more information on the activities going on with our club.

Heather

## Fabric, Fabric and more Fabric

We have been given a stash of lovely fabrics that a long time Patch Worker can no longer use.

At the March meeting these fabrics will be for sale - \$2, \$5 and \$10 bundles, please bring along your small change and find a bargain or two.

All money from the sale will be donated along with our proceeds from the Breast cancer Biggest Morning Tea.

### WPQ 2025 Committee

<i>President</i>	Heather Stafford		
<i>Secretary</i>	Gaynor Backx	<a href="mailto:gbackx45@hotmail.com">gbackx45@hotmail.com</a>	
<i>Vice President</i>	Carol Hayes		
<i>Treasurer</i>	Debbie Higgs	<i>Caring Quilts</i>	Carolyn Sweeting
<i>Guest speakers</i>	Caroline Hill / Glenda Daff	Workshop Glenda Kumar / Yvonne Pullin	
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<i>Web page contact</i>	Martina Burnell		
<i>Face book and Instagram</i>	Luisa Waterhouse		
<i>Ex Officio:</i> Margaret Johnson			

Cynthia Parsons and Joanne Posthuma will share the Kitchen role.

## ***Birthdays for February***

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

***who share a February Birthday***

***Nina Bate, Jenny Millar,***

***Jo Scott, Heather Stafford, Elizabeth Taylor***



### Kitchen Roster 3 Members

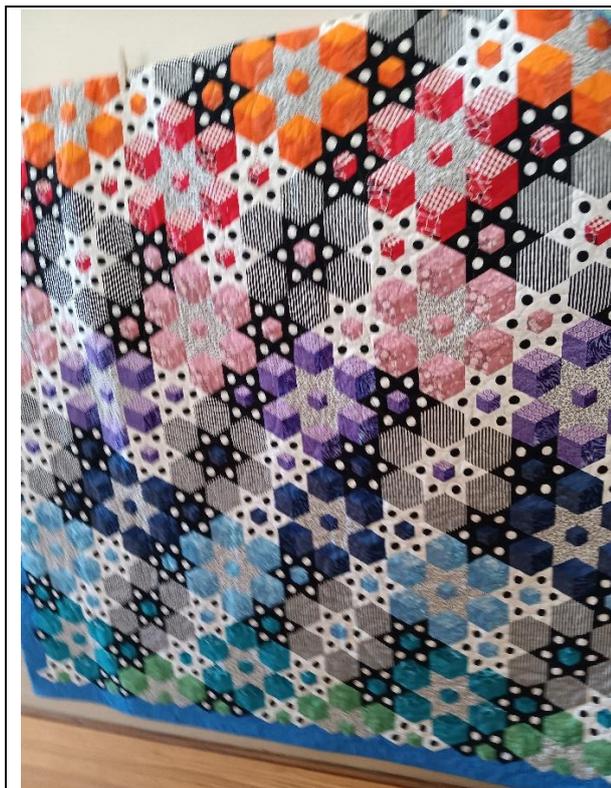
**A big thank you to all the members who have put their names on the Welcome desk and Kitchen roster. We only require 2 more names on the Kitchen Roster and both rosters will be complete for the rest of the year.**

**If you cannot attend on a nominated date please try to find a member to replace you**

January	Raelene Warner Gail Evans Brenda King Pat Seagnoir
February	Carole Dellar Denise Scott Libby Hutchesson
March	Rozlyn Chidgey Mary Stupka Liz Gower
April	Brenda King Licia Lawford -----
May	Leonie Valentine Jenny Allen Glenda Daff
June	Barb Rimington Kay Matthews Beverley Wetherall
July	Deb Hollands Pauline Munro Carol Dellar Dawn Cracknell
August	Barbara Norton Janet Baker Kath Bellington
September	Deb Hollands Gail Evans Margaret Howlett
October	Jenny Allen Glenda Daff -----

**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 Barb Rimington
September	Barbara Morton Glenda Daff
October	Raelene Warner Margaret Johnson
November	Sandra Fisher Judy Beresford

**Show and tell from the January meeting****Mary Stupka****Brenda Dean****Caring Quilts Update for February 2025** *from Carolyn Sweeting***Wheelchairs for Kids**

Some of our members would already be aware that the 2025 Senior Australian of the Year announced in January was Olly Pickett who co-founded Wheelchairs for Kids in 1996 to provide adjustable all-terrain wheelchairs free of charge to children in developing countries. To date they have supplied well-over 61,000 chairs to over 80 countries around the world, and each chair donated is accompanied by a rug or quilt and a toy.

Enter Westernport Quilters Caring Quilts program. We are accumulating quilts and knitted toys, thanks to members and others, and will soon make another of what I hope will be an annual donation.

There is an extremely interesting **video** available – **click on youtube and type in**

**2025 Senior Australian of the Year: Thomas Oliver Pickett/ Australian of the Year/ ABC**

Channel 9 also has a feature on him under Western Australian of the Year

## Drawstring Toiletry Bags for Impact for Women

We have already accumulated 83 bags since our last donation. Thank you to everyone who contributed to this number. We have ready-cut bags and ribbons available at each gathering, and I know many of you are using your own stash to make these much-appreciated bags

## Peter Mac Cancer Centre

Satu Simmonds is our go-between for this Centre. She shared with us at the last meeting that they sell the quilts as much-needed fundraisers, rather than giving them to individual patients. They very much appreciate our support.

## Aged Care Facilities

We are also accumulating quilts ready to donate, we give about 10 at a time.

## Premmie Quilts

These little quilts are needed to cover the isolettes in the Special Care Nursery at Frankston Hospital. Keep them coming! They are very much appreciated.

## 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 are welcome.**

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

## Meeting dates for 2025

### February

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 10am – 3pm
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March 8 <sup>th</sup>	Sat	Saturday Meeting 10am – 3 pm
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March 18<sup>th</sup> Tuesday      General meeting 10am – 3pm

*Payment for bus trip to AQC*

## **April**

April 1st      Workshop Sit and Sew day 10am – 3pm

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 10am – 4pm

April 15<sup>th</sup>      General meeting 10am – 3pm

## **May**

May 6<sup>th</sup>      Workshop and Sit and sew 10am – 3pm

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

May 20<sup>th</sup>      General Meeting 10am – 3pm

## **June**

June 3<sup>rd</sup>      Workshop and Sit and sew 10am – 3pm

June 5<sup>th</sup>      *Bus trip to Drouin to visit Leesa Chandler Bus \$20 Lunch \$15*

June 14      Saturday Sit and sew 10 am – 3 pm

June 17      General meeting 10am – 3pm

## **July**

July 1      Workshop Sit and sew 10am – 3pm

July 12                      Saturday Sit and sew. Soup and Spud lunch 10am – 3pm

July 15                      General meeting 10am – 3pm

## **August**

August 5<sup>th</sup>                      Workshop 10am – 3pm

August 9<sup>th</sup>                      Saturday Sit and sew 10am – 3pm

August 19                      General meeting 10am – 3pm

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

## **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 10am – 3pm

September 13<sup>th</sup>                      Saturday Sit and sew 10am – 3pm

September 16<sup>th</sup>                      General Meeting 10am – 3pm

## **October**

*Seniors Month*

*Suggested skills day and Mini Quilt show*

*De stash Sale*

October 7<sup>th</sup>                      Workshop and Sit and sew 10am – 3pm

October 11<sup>th</sup>                      Saturday Sit and sew 10am – 3pm

October 21<sup>st</sup>                      General meeting 10am – 3pm

**November**

November 4<sup>th</sup>                      Workshop Day              Cup Day 10am – 3pm

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

November 18<sup>th</sup>                      AGM End of year lunch 10am – 3pm

**December**

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

**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>