



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 March 2025

Welcome to the March meeting at Westernport Quilters.

Hello and welcome to our patchwork group for the month of March,

Well, I really got it wrong when I said in February that the hot weather would be finishing soon. The garden is getting drier by the day.

This month our Guest Speaker will be Debbie from the Baxter patchwork shop Sewing Bee. The shop well deserves a visit and has a good supply of materials and sewing machines and sewing equipment.

Debbie will also have a pop-up shop because we all need more supplies.

Please don't forget to pay our Debbie for the bus trips There is a few seats left on the bus to AQC has a few seats left therefore more can go and also friends as well.

Please read your newsletter because a lot of information goes into it and I have probably forgotten things.

Have a great month
take care
Heather

Suggested bus trip first week of July

**If you are interested please put your name on the list at the welcome desk.
Possible cost \$50 for bus and entry to be confirmed**

Frida Kahlo: in her own image

Frida Kahlo: In her own image presents an intimate view of one of the most influential artists of the twentieth century. This exclusive exhibition features Kahlo's personal belongings, clothing, make-up, accessories, and medical items, on loan from the Museo Frida Kahlo in Mexico for the first time in Australia.

WPQ 2025 Committee

President Heather Stafford

Secretary Gaynor Backx 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

Web page contact Martina Burnell

Face book and Instagram Luisa Waterhouse

Ex Officio: Margaret Johnson

Cynthia Parsons and Joanne Posthuma share the Kitchen role.

Birthdays for

March

Happy Birthday to the following members

who share a March Birthday

Margaret Howlett, Jane Lawson,

Marilyn Mengelers



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.

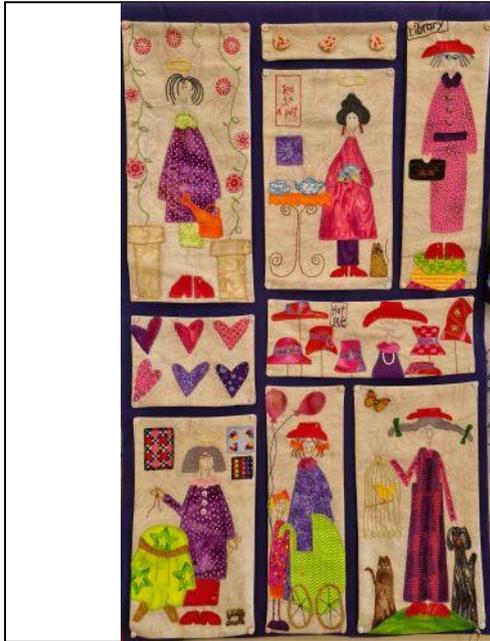
If you cannot attend on a nominated date please try to find a member to replace you

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

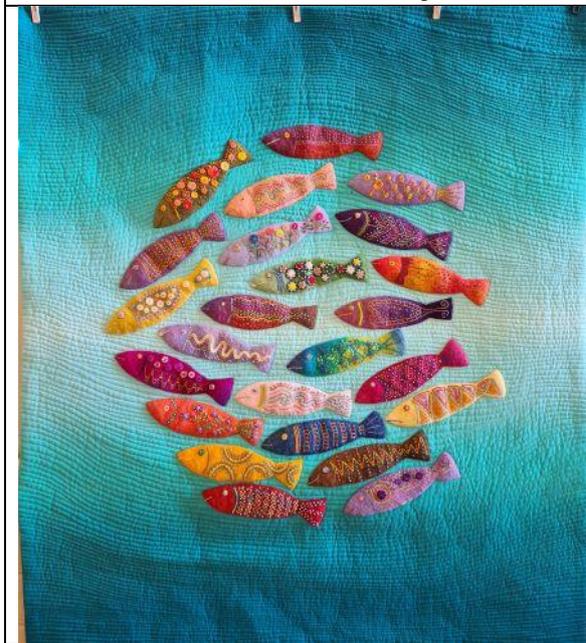
Show and tell from the February meeting



Anne and Judy



Brenda



Beverley



Nadine

Caring Quilts Update for March 2025 *from Carolyn Sweeting*

Some members may not be aware that our Caring Quilts Program is often supported by friends who are not Westernport Quilters members.

Recently our past member Louise Wrangle, now living in Shepparton, visited and she gave us 14 beautiful Premmie Quilts made by herself and several other members of the recently formed Shepparton CWA Sewing Group. Thank you all so much, Louise and Friends. Those quilts will be gifted to premmie babies to protect them from light and noise while in their isolettes in the Special Care Nursery and then go home with the babies when they leave hospital.

We have also been given fabrics and quilts from the stashes of former members, as well as friends, relatives or neighbours of current members, who want to see their stashes put to good use. These quilts and fabrics are converted into quilts, Toiletry Bags for Impact etc, and are definitely used to spread the love one way or another.

Another fantastic donation we receive regularly are knitted teddies and toys which accompany our quilts to support the Wheelchairs for Kids Programme.

Drawstring Toiletry Bags for Impact for Women

Our collection of these has risen to 110. Our next annual donation will be made after our August meeting. I discovered that the Impact for Women committee don't mind when the bags arrive because they and the volunteers have packing days throughout the year. The filled bags are delivered prior to Christmas and Mother's Day (about 2,000 on each occasion).

We make regular donations of quilts to various groups.

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.

We also make occasional donations to various organisations who will raffle them as fundraisers.

As always, thank you for your support, and Happy Quilting,

Carolyn

Meeting dates for 2025March 18th Tuesday

General meeting

Guest Speaker and pop-up shop

Sewing Bee Café Baxter

*Payment for bus trip to AQC***April**

April 1st

Sit and Sew day 10 am – 3 pm

Workshop Wall Organizer, Lesley Kumar

April 11th

*AQC Bus Trip Friday 11th**\$25 the list for names is at the Welcome Desk*

April 12th

Hastings Craft Expo

April 15th

General meeting 10 am – 3 pm

Guest Speaker, Peta Mc Ginley

MayMay 6th

Workshop and Sit and Sew 10 am – 3 pm

*Proposed Workshop Candlewicking*May 10th

Saturday Sit and sew 10 am – 3 pm

May 20th

General Meeting 10 am – 3 pm

*Biggest Morning Tea***June**June 3rd

Workshop and Sit and Sew 10 am – 3 pm

Workshop Stitchery Sampler, Brenda King

June 5th*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 10 am – 3 pm

Guest Speaker Quilts of Valor

Deposit \$50 for Loch retreat due

July

- July 1 Workshop Sit and sew 10 am – 3 pm
Christmas Felt Heart, Caroline Hill
- July 12 Saturday Sit and sew. Soup and Spud lunch 10 am – 3 pm
- July 15 General meeting 10 am – 3 pm
Guest Speaker, Leslie Edwards Quilting Fabrications

August

- August 5th Workshop, Sit and Sew 10 am – 3 pm
Fractured hexagons, Margaret Johnson
- August 9th Saturday Sit and sew
- August 19 General meeting
The Embroidery Den, Highett

September

- September 3rd – 6th **Show Case Craft Show Jeffs Shed**
- September 2nd Workshop Day
Crazy Patchwork
- September 13th Saturday Sit and sew
- September 16th General Meeting
Guest Speaker, Irene Blank

October

- Seniors Month**
Suggested skills day and Mini Quilt show
and De stash Sale

October

October 7th Workshop and Sit and Sew
Irish Quilting

October 11th Saturday Sit and sew

October 21st General meeting
Mornington Wool and patchwork

November

November 4th Workshop and Sit and Sew
Cup Day

November 7th – 9th **Loch Retreat \$50 Deposit to be paid June General Meeting**

November 18th AGM End of year lunch

December

December 13th Saturday Sit and sew
Christmas Morning Tea

Service 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>