



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 July 2025

Welcome everyone to our Patchwork group for the month of July. They may be getting a hot taste of weather overseas but boy are we getting some cold days! Still think the cold is better than the hot weather and fires.

There may be some confusion with the soup and spud days I wasn't on the ball quick enough to get it organised but on Saturday 12th there will be soup and spuds for those attending with the ladies' group from Drouin.

Also, we are having the soup and spuds on TUESDAY 19th AUGUST, either day bring your Plates, cutlery bowls etc. Hope that is as clear as mud.

This month we have Lesley Edwards for our guest speaker.

Next year we may need someone to help with this job as Caroline has some health issues and would like some support, thank you.

It would be nice if members came onto the committee next year, it is very rewarding and one way to get to know our other members, please consider it.

Remember the challenge for our 15th year A4 design featuring 15.

Enjoy the July meeting and take care

Happy quilting

Heather

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 Workshop Glenda Kumar / Yvonne Pullin
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Ex Officio: Margaret Johnson
Cynthia Parsons and Joanne Posthuma share the Kitchen role.

Birthdays for JULY

***Happy Birthday to the following members
who share a July Birthday***

Dawn Cracknell, Caroline Hill, Margaret E Johnson

Raelene Warner, Jenny Spiridis



Workshop update

August workshop cancelled, bring your own project, sit, sew and solve the world problems.

September workshop, CRAZY PATCHWORK.

Please if you have any ideas for 2026 workshops let me know (Lesley) happy sewing.

Kitchen Roster 3 Members

A big thank you to all the members who have put their names on the Welcome desk and Kitchen roster.

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

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| 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

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| 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 |

Caring Quilts Update for July 2025 from Carolyn Sweeting

Just so you know . . .

we often get a lovely thank you letter from an administrator of a group or institution when we donate several quilts through our Caring Quilts Programme, but we don't usually hear from an individual recipient.

A few weeks ago, Yvonne Pullin donated a lovely wheelchair-appropriate quilt suitable for an adult. It was immediately given via a mutual friend to a woman who had recently suffered life-changing injuries in a workplace accident. We received feedback through the friend that ***the recipient was overwhelmed that a group of people who don't know her were kind enough to give her a quilt. She wanted us to know how much such gestures are appreciated.***

Drawstring Toiletry Bags for Impact for Women

We now have 188 of these. At almost every gathering a few, or a lot, of newly completed bags appear on the stage under the sign clipped to the curtain. Thank you to all who have stitched and threaded. There are more cut and ready to go under the same sign, so help yourself if you have time to sew up a few! These are filled with gifts and given to women fleeing extreme domestic violence at Christmas and Mother's Day. I'm sure they would each appreciate that someone who doesn't know her put time and effort into making a pretty bag to hold her gifts.

Aged Care Facilities, Premmie Quilts, and Wheelchairs for Kids quilts and teddies.

These are being gathered ready to donate soon. The standard sizes for these 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 can always find homes for other sizes of quilts, too.

Thank you once again for your support of the Caring Quilts Programme, Happy Quilting, and may your seams always be an exact ¼ inch,

Carolyn

Meeting dates for 2025

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| July 1 | Workshop Sit and sew 10 am – 3 pm |
| 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 5 th | Workshop, Sit and Sew 10 am – 3 pm Fractured hexagons, Margaret Johnson |
| August 9 th | Saturday Sit and sew 10am – 3pm |
| August 19 | General meeting 10am - 3pm Soup and spud lunch \$10 The Embroidery Den, Highett |
| September | |
| September 3 rd – 6 th | Show Case Craft Show Jeffs Shed |
| September 2 nd | Workshop Day Crazy Patchwork |
| September 13 th | Saturday Sit and sew |
| September 16 th | General Meeting Guest Speaker, Irene Blank |
| October | |
| October 7 th | Workshop and Sit and Sew |
| October 11 th | Saturday Sit and sew |

October 21st

General meeting

Mornings Wool and patchwork

NovemberNovember 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

DecemberDecember 13th

Saturday Sit and sew

Christmas Morning Tea

Service directory

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| <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> |