



# ***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 September 2025*

Welcome to our very friendly club.

It is a sad time for Westernport Quilters in the sudden passing of Janet Richardson. We have a lovely tribute from Brenda in this newsletter.

This will be a quiet month but October and November are busy with Seniors Festival month in October and the retreat to Loch then the AGM and Christmas lunch.

Now I am asking a big favour of you, please can more of you attend the first Tuesday or the second Saturday in OCTOBER because we are involved with the Seniors Festival and need to show what we do as a club and bring a quilt to put on the table you are sitting at. Thankyou.

November is the big challenge of the AGM with having new committee members, it would be great to have new faces and ideas and events etc.

Also I forgot our 15th birthday is in October and we are a fantastic bunch of ladies.

Keep well and safe  
Happy quilting  
Heather



### A Tribute to Janet Richardson

A life that touched all those fortunate enough to share in her journey. Friendships woven together by memories, accomplishments, and the warmth of relationships.

Janet has been a friend for more than 40 years. We first met in the workplace, but our friendship became closer after Janet retired.

We were quilting buddies, members of Mornington Peninsula Patchworkers and our friendship group, the Queen Street Quilters. In 2010 Janet and I, together with Bette Smith established Westernport Quilters Inc. which, I'm pleased to say, is still thriving today.

Janet was not a person who sought the limelight. She worked hard behind the scenes organising the club membership list, compiling the newsletter and arranging numerous retreats for everyone to enjoy. She was an expert quilter and shared her skills through popular workshops and demonstrations. She served as president of Westernport Quilters Inc 2012 & 2013.

Friendships too, were treasured. She had the ability to make everyone feel valued, fostering connections that lasted a lifetime. Her loyalty, and compassion inspired those around her, and many can attest to the warmth of her company or the wisdom shared over a cup of tea.

Janet leaves behind her husband David, who is in Aged Care and her daughter Heather.

Janet, we shall miss you but never forget you!

Brenda Dean.

## ***Birthdays for September***

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

***who share a September Birthday***



***Brenda Dean, Nadine Hammill, Carole Hayes, Margaret K. Johnson,  
Cynthia Parsons, Ethel Walton.***

## **Workshop update**

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

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

In August and September we have delivered

- 2 quilts to The Bays Hospital
- 4 quilts to Quilts of Valour
- 8 quilts to The Bays Aged Care Facility
- 21 quilts to Frankston Hospital Special Care Nursery

Both Narelle from The Bays and Helem from Quilts of Valour sent lovely messages of appreciation to us.

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

We now have passed the 260 mark.

I will get them delivered to the Impact for Women headquarters after the September general meeting, and there they will be filled with gifts and distributed by volunteers in time for Christmas.

**Fabric Donations.** As well as the huge donation we received from one quilter, from time to time we receive fabric donations from our own members or their friends. The general rule is that if you use this fabric to

make quilts for us to donate, thank you very much! If you are taking some fabric, kits or patterns for your own quilts, please make a donation to Debbie Higgs, our treasurer. This money will be added to our annual donation to The Cancer Council.

In August we invited a couple of women from Ladies of the Swamp Charity Quilting Group to have a rummage. They were pleased to take a box of fabric which will be sewn up for various charities by their group. There is still a lot of fabric left! Perhaps you know of a group that sews for charity who could use some donated fabric. See Heather or Carolyn if you do.

Thank you once again for your support of the Caring Quilts Programme, Happy Quilting, and may your seams always be an exact  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch,

**Carolyn**

## Meeting Dates for 2025

|   |  |
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| September 16 <sup>th</sup>                                | General Meeting 10am – 3pm<br>Guest Speaker, Irene Blank             |
| <b>October</b>  | <b>Seniors Festival Month</b>  |
| October 7 <sup>th</sup> <b>Seniors Festival Visitors</b>  | Workshop and Sit and Sew 10am – 3pm                                  |
| October 11 <sup>th</sup> <b>Seniors Festival Visitors</b> | Saturday Sit and sew 10am – 3pm                                      |
| October 21 <sup>st</sup>                                  | General meeting 10am – 3pm<br>Mornington Wool and patchwork          |
| <b>November</b>   |  |
| November 4 <sup>th</sup>                                  | Workshop and Sit and Sew 10am – 3pm<br>Cup Day                       |
| November 7 <sup>th</sup> – 9 <sup>th</sup>                | <b>Loch Retreat \$50 Deposit to be paid June<br/>General Meeting</b> |
| November 18 <sup>th</sup>                                 | AGM End of Year Lunch 10am – 3pm                                     |
| <b>December</b>   |  |
| December 13 <sup>th</sup>                                 | Saturday Sit and sew<br>Christmas Morning Tea                        |

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

**Kitchen Roster - 3 Members**

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

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| September | Deb Hollands<br>Gail Evans<br>Margaret Howlett |
| October   | Jenny Allen<br>Glenda Daff<br>???              |
| November  | Committee                                      |

**Welcome Desk Roster - 2 Members**

|           |                                    |
|-----------|------------------------------------|
| September | Barbara Morton<br>Glenda Daff      |
| October   | Raelene Warner<br>Margaret Johnson |
| November  | Sandra Fisher<br>Judy Beresford    |

**WPQ 2025 Committee**

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