



# 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 November 2025*

Hello and welcome to our last general meeting of 2025.

I do hope you have had an enjoyable year with some sad times and good times.

This month is our AGM and also our Christmas luncheon { in November } so please bring with you a PLATE, BOWL and CUTLERY and any Christmas article to display or hang .

Decorating your tables would also add to the festival day so don't be a humbug.

Also to support Carolyn please do a A4 Landmark challenge for a display as well.

This being the last newsletter for the year I do wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, and a safe and healthy New Year as well.

Cheers  
Heather.

## ***Birthdays for November/December***

***Happy Birthday to the following members who share a November/December  
Birthday***

***Beverly W, Catherine B, Judy B, Kay M, Licia L, Martina B, Patricia S, Sue C,  
Val B, Dorothy C, Kathleen C,***



## OUR LOCH RETREAT

How do you put Friendship, great company, good food, lots of stitching, talking, cuppas and more cuppas, lots of laughs, trivia night, op shopping, Sunday market, lovely accommodation and environment - WHY WE GO TO THE 3 DAY RETREAT AT LOCH. Thank you to Margaret Johnson and Jo-anne Posthuma for again organising the Retreat and of course to all the ladies who brought such beautiful foods. We all went home with high spirits and happy smiles after three fantastic days in Loch, leaving with the feeling of wishing there were more. A great time was had by all. Looking forward to next year.

### Gay



## Caring Quilts Summary of Donations 2025

*from Carolyn Sweeting*

**During 2025 we made the following donations in several categories:**

*The following are given to individual people:*

- 274 toiletry bags to Impact for Women
- 49 Premmie Quilts to Frankston Hospital's Special Care Unit, plus some beanies
- 26 Quilts and 9 bags of knitted toys to Wheelchairs for Kids (I didn't count them all!)
- 4 Quilts of Valour

*The next category is for quilts that will mostly be given to individuals, but a very few may be used as fundraisers, eg. Christmas or Mothers' Day Raffles:*

- 27 Quilts to Aged Care Facilities

*The final category is for quilts given to institutions or groups for the purpose of raising funds by sale or raffle. We always specify that the fundraising is to be used for the benefit of their patients or clients:*

- 1 Quilt to Peninsula Home Hospice
- 5 Quilts to The Bays Hospital
- 9 Quilts to the Peter Mac Cancer Centre
- 4 Quilts to Victoria Police Blue Ribbon Foundation
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**That's a total of 125 quilts and around 400 other items. Great work, ladies!**

During the year we passed on fabric from our donated stash to other groups who quilt for donation, and received some quilts (included in our totals) from non-member contributors. I think it's wonderful that other quilters value what we do and choose to add to our donations.

**Moving into 2026, we already have some donations accruing ready to donate.**

The preferred sizes for our regular donations are as follows:

**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.

**Quilts of Valour – at least 50" x 70"** (we are warned off florals, pinks and neon fabrics, but we can donate just quilt tops, rather than finished quilts. Yay!)

We can always find homes for other sizes of quilts, too.

Thank you for your magnificent support of the Caring Quilts Programme in 2025, and I hope we will see similar generosity in 2026.

Happy Quilting, and may your seams always be an exact (or scant) ¼" as required.

**Carolyn**

## 2026 Workshops

3 <sup>rd</sup> February	Wonderful world of crochet
3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Hexagon hip hop
April	
5 <sup>th</sup> May	Kawandi
2 <sup>nd</sup> June	½ square triangles
7 <sup>th</sup> July	Christmas in July. Table runner, candle wreath
August	
1 <sup>st</sup> September	Potato chip
Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup> October	Workshop with Irene Blanck 10am-4pm
If you have any other Workshop ideas please speak to Lesley	

## Meeting Dates for 2025

### November

November 18<sup>th</sup> AGM End of Year Lunch 10am – 2pm

### December

December 13<sup>th</sup> Saturday Sit and sew 10am – 2pm  
Christmas Morning Tea

## Meeting Dates for 2026

### January

January  
January 20<sup>th</sup> General Meeting 10am – 2pm

### February

February 3<sup>rd</sup> Workshop and Sit and Sew 10am - 2pm

February 14<sup>th</sup> Saturday Sit and sew 10am – 2pm

February 17<sup>th</sup> General Meeting 10am – 2pm

### March

March 3<sup>rd</sup> Workshop and Sit and Sew 10am - 2pm

March 14<sup>th</sup> Saturday Sit and sew 10am – 2pm

March 17<sup>th</sup> General Meeting 10am – 2pm

### April

April 7<sup>th</sup> Workshop and Sit and Sew 10am - 2pm

April 11<sup>th</sup> Saturday Sit and sew 10am – 2pm

April 21<sup>st</sup> General Meeting 10am – 2pm

**May**

May 5th Workshop and Sit and Sew 10am - 2pm

May 9th Saturday Sit and sew 10am – 2pm

May 19th General Meeting 10am – 2pm

**June**

June 2nd Workshop and Sit and Sew 10am - 2pm

June 13th Saturday Sit and sew 10am – 2pm

June 16th General Meeting 10am – 2pm

**July**

July 7th Workshop and Sit and Sew 10am - 2pm

July 11th Saturday Sit and sew 10am – 2pm

July 21st General Meeting 10am – 2pm

**August**

August 4th Workshop and Sit and Sew 10am - 2pm

August 8th Saturday Sit and sew 10am – 2pm

August 18th General Meeting 10am – 2pm

**September**

September 1st Workshop and Sit and Sew 10am - 2pm

September 12th Saturday Sit and sew 10am – 2pm

September 15th General Meeting 10am – 2pm

**October**

October 6th Workshop and Sit and Sew 10am - 2pm

October 10th Saturday Sit and sew 10am – 2pm

October 20th General Meeting 10am – 2pm

**November**

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November 14th Saturday Sit and sew 10am – 2pm

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**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**

November	Committee
January	Committee
February	

**Welcome Desk Roster - 2 Members**

November	Sandra Fisher Judy Beresford
January	
February	

**WPQ 2025 Committee**

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|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <i>President</i>               | Heather Stafford                    |
| <i>Secretary</i>               | Gaynor Backx                        |
| <i>Vice President</i>          | Carol Hayes                         |
| <i>Treasurer</i>               | Debbie Higgs                        |
| <i>Guest speakers</i>          | Caroline Hill                       |
| <i>Caring Quilts</i>           | Carolyn Sweeting                    |
| <i>Workshop</i>                | Lesley Kumar and Yvonne Pullin      |
| <i>Newsletter</i>              | Martina Burnell                     |
| <i>Web page contact</i>        | Martina Burnell                     |
| <i>Face book and Instagram</i> | Luisa Waterhouse                    |
| <i>Kitchen</i>                 | Cynthia Parsons and Joanne Posthuma |

## Service directory

### Sewing Machine repairs

Rick Wise  
Tel. 59831878 or 0408 557 606

### Sewing Bee Café

80 Baxter-Tooradin Rd, Baxter  
Tel. 59715737  
[www.sewingbeecafe.com.au](http://www.sewingbeecafe.com.au)  
10% discount for WPQ members

### Treehouse Textiles

64 Main Street, Mornington  
Tel. 0427 570 950  
[www.treehousetextiles.com.au](http://www.treehousetextiles.com.au)  
10% discount for WPQ members

### 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

### Girraween Quilting – Sally Rule

Edge to edge and custom quilting  
Email: [sallyrule286@outlook.com](mailto:sallyrule286@outlook.com).

### Palm Beach Quilting

7/2 Industry Blvd, Carrum Downs  
Tel. 9775 1601  
[www.palmbeachquilting.com.au](http://www.palmbeachquilting.com.au)  
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