



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 February 2026

Welcome to February. I hope you are settling into 2026.

The Sun dying workshop with Jenny went well with a good number of members and visitors, so those who did this workshop do bring your articles along for showing at the general meeting.

Workshops are \$10. Please book, AND pay a month before, AND \$5 on entry with signing in on the day of the workshop, this covers the insurance.

A 24-seater bus has been booked for AQC on Friday the 10 April, leaving Tyabb Hall at 9-30 and for those leaving from Karingal please be there by 9-45am. The bus will be leaving AQC at 3pm to come home. We have now got a sturdy step for getting on and off the bus. \$25 for the bus, buy your entry ticket online or at the door \$25 (Seniors).

We look forward to Rick Wise coming to the February meeting, to give us information on our sewing machines, and don't forget we have several of them in the storeroom if your machines are too heavy to handle plus mats and other equipment when coming to a workshop.

On page 4 of this newsletter are the duties we would like you to undertake when you are on Kitchen or Welcome desk duties. Ask a committee member if you are unsure what to do. Thank you to the members who bring along our morning teas.

Can we all try to remember to wear our name badges as we have many new members over the last few years and its nice to learn people's names.

Please think about being a committee member for the coming year, as several of us will be stepping down and we have to keep this club going because it is a really good one.

Well, take care and happy sewing
Heather

Birthdays for February

Happy Birthday to the following members who share a February Birthday

Nina B, Jenny M, Jo S, Heather S, Liz T, Wendy R,



February 2026 Caring Quilts Update *from Carolyn Sweeting*

Our growing collection of **Toiletry Bags** for **Impact for Women** has reached 60 at the last count.

The Impact for Women Charity delivers about 2000 bags filled with gifts to Victorian women who are fleeing extreme domestic violence each Christmas and Mothers Day. For the past several years Westernport Quilters have made around 300 bags annually, which we donate to the charity in August(ish) so they can be packed by volunteers and delivered by volunteers.

I suspect that if we haven't been personally affected by domestic violence we more than likely know someone who has. I also believe that any woman who has had to flee from such violence would probably really appreciate that their gift arrives in a beautiful bag that someone who doesn't even know her has taken the time to make for her.

What happens to quilts given to us. We were recently given three beautiful large quilts to donate. One of these has already been forwarded to the Peninsula Branch of the Victoria Police Blue Ribbon Foundation, who will raffle it to raise money to support worthwhile non-profit community projects.

Occasionally we receive finished, or nearly finished, quilts from current or past members and friends. These sometimes fall outside the preferred sizes for Aged Care residents, Premmie babies or Wheelchair Kids. Our practice is pass these quilts on to deserving organisations which can sell or raffle them as fundraisers. These organisations include the Peter Mac Cancer Centre, The Bays Hospital and Peninsula Home Hospice. In this way the quilts do double duty – they raise much needed money to benefit a community and end up giving beauty and comfort to the winner or purchaser. If you know of a suitable organisation, please let me know.

Struggle with quilting a large quilt? Recently some of us have been using fabrics from our stashes to make **Quilts Of Valour**. These can be donated as **quilt tops only**, rather than as finished quilts. There are some rules, though. **They must not include florals, pinks or neon colours, and also must be at least 50" x 70"**. We are planning to have a representative from QOV as a guest speaker later in the year, and it would be lovely to have some suitable quilt tops or finished quilts for her to take away.

Happy stitching, and may all your seams be a perfect, or scant, ¼ inch.

Carolyn

Meeting Dates for 2026

February 17th General Meeting 10am – 2pm * **Guest Speaker Rick Wise** about sewing machine service and repairs

March

March 3rd Workshop - **Easy Hexagons** - 10am - 2pm
Sit and Sew

March 14th Saturday Sit and Sew 10am – 2pm

March 17th General Meeting 10am – 2pm * **Guest Speaker Marie Lee** – Very Snuggly Quilts

April

April 7th Workshop - **Crochet** with Jenny M. - 10am - 2pm
Sit and Sew

April 10th **AQC Bus trip**

April 11th Saturday Sit and Sew 10am – 2pm

April 21st General Meeting 10am – 2pm **Guest Speaker Peta** from Paynesville
Creative Retreat – Also Pop-up shop

May

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

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

May 19th General Meeting 10am – 2pm

June

June 2nd Workshop - **½ square triangles** - 10am - 2pm
Sit and Sew

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

June 16th General Meeting 10am – 2pm

July

July 7th Workshop - **Christmas in July. Candle wreath** - 10am - 2pm
Sit and Sew

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

July 21st General Meeting 10am – 2pm - **Soup and Spud**

August

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

August 8th Saturday Sit and Sew 10am – 2pm - **Soup and Spud**

August 18th General Meeting 10am – 2pm

September

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

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

September 15th General Meeting 10am – 2pm

October

October 6th Workshop and Sit and Sew 10am - 4pm

October 10th Saturday **Workshop with Irene Blanck** - 10am – 4pm
Sit and Sew

October 20th General Meeting 10am – 2pm

November

- November 3rd Workshop and Sit and Sew 10am - 2pm
Loch Retreat Weekend
- November 14th Saturday Sit and Sew 10am – 2pm
- November 17th AGM and Lunch 10am – 2pm
- December 12th Saturday Sit and Sew 10am – 2pm

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

JOB DESCRIPTION WELCOME DESK

Volunteers should arrive between 9.15 and 9.30.

- * Assist Members to sign in Sign-In Book for Insurance purposes.
- * Collect \$5.00 entry fee from Members
- * Encourage members to add their names to the Kitchen and Welcome Desk Roster, and Expression of Interest for upcoming events.
- * Hand Newsletters to specific members
- * Membership List
- * Advise numbers of Members present
- * Give names of lucky Door Prize ladies
- * At conclusion of General Meeting give Money Tin to Debbie Higgs.
- * Place Sign-In Book to be put on table near stage.

JOB DESCRIPTION KITCHEN DUTIES

- Volunteers should arrive between 9:15 and 9:30
- It is tradition that volunteers bring a 'plate' to share.
- Put urns on either side of the servery and fill – turn on to 100% to boil. Once boiled turn down to about 50%.

Set up: -

Table 1 - in front of servery with ... tea & coffee/milk jugs & sugar/spoons & bowl for waste.

Table 2 - on side wall for the morning tea foods and serviettes.

- During the morning top up urns and milk jugs as required.
- Check tables are tidy – wash and replace spoons if necessary and dispose of used tea bags etc.

At the end of lunch (approx.. 1.00pm):-

- Put all supplies away in containers and put in kitchen cupboards.
- Wipe down tablecloths and put in cupboard.
- Empty urns, dry and store in back-room cupboard.
- Wash any cups, plates, bowls, jugs etc. store in cupboard.
- Collect all rubbish from inside kitchen and bathroom, deposit in outside bins. (The key for padlock hangs on side of servery wall.) New bags are in bottom of bins.
- Put padlocks on the kitchen cupboards.
- Used tea towels will be collected by a committee member.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP, IT IS VERY MUCH APPRECIATED.

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

| Kitchen Roster - 3 Members | |
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| February | Barb R, Rozlyn C. |
| March | Denise S, Jane L, Libby H. |
| April | Brenda K, Glenda D, |
| May | Mary, Carole D, Lyn H |

| Welcome Desk Roster - 2 Members | |
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| February | Raelene W, Marianne B, |
| March | Dawn C, Rae D, |
| April | Mary, Jenny M |
| May | Kathy C, Liz G, |

WPQ 2026 Committee

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| <i>President</i> | Heather Stafford |
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| <i>Guest speakers</i> | Liz Taylor |
| <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> | Joanne Posthuma and Cynthia Parsons |

MINI QUICHES – Yummy recipe from Debbie

- 2 sheets Puff Pastry
- 250g grated tasty cheese
- 250g finely chopped ham
- ½ cup Cream
- 2 tsp Mustard Powder
- 2 Eggs
- Salt & Pepper

Cut out pastry rounds and place into greased patty pan trays.
 Combine remaining ingredients thoroughly. Spoon mixture onto uncooked pastry cases.
 Bake in hot oven for 15 minutes or until golden.

Service directory

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| <p>Palm Beach Quilting 7/2 Industry Blvd, Carrum Downs Tel. 9775 1601 www.palmbeachquilting.com.au 10% discount for WPQ members Please present 2026 membership card.</p> | <p>Sewing Bee Café 80 Baxter-Tooradin Rd, Baxter Tel. 59715737 www.sewingbeecafe.com.au 10% discount for WPQ members Please present 2026 membership card.</p> |
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