



# Pelican Patch

*The Official Newsletter of the Westernport Quilters inc.  
P.O. Box 163, Tyabb, Victoria 3913*

*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 2026*

Welcome to March-Autumn the best time of the year.

I hope no one was put out last month with the sudden cancellation of our meeting due to a total fire ban day, this is necessary in case the shire need the hall.

We have a bus booked for the 10th April (with a step) to go to the AQC, leaving Tyabb at 9:30am, then Karingal Hub at 9:45am, the cost for bus at \$25. Returning home at 3pm from the show.

It has been mentioned to me that members should wear their name badges at the meetings because we often have brain loss. even if we know the member, and it can be embarrassing to not recall a name.

The Easy hexagons workshop was great with 8 doing the workshop and 10 attending the Sit and Sew.

Our Guest speaker this month is Marie Lee from Snuggly Quilts. There will be a Destash stall. Bring all your money!

Please see below for Kitchen and Welcome Desk duties.

On a sad note, Bev Bolderson passed away mid-January. I am sure she got some comfort from the quilt we sent her, which was made by Carolyn.

So, we need more ladies to keep our club going.

Take care and happy sewing.  
Heather

## ***Birthdays for March***

***Happy Birthday to the following members who share a February and March Birthday***

***Nina B, Jenny M, Jo S, Heather S, Liz T, Wendy R, Margaret H, Jane L.***



### **March 2026 Caring Quilts Update from Carolyn Sweeting**

**Bags of Love for Impact for Women** – these are the bags I've been calling toiletry bags (which is what they were called when I learned about them). They are filled with goodies and given to women fleeing extreme domestic violence every Mother's Day and Christmas.

We currently have **60 bags** ready for our annual donation which we make in August.

**This month I delivered 20 Premmie Quilts to the Special Care Nursery at the now called Peninsula University Hospital (previously Frankston Hospital).**

**We already have more 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 to 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!)

**Those quilts are given directly to individuals.**

We donate quilts that don't fit those specific sizes to various organizations for use as fundraisers through raffles or sales. We choose organizations such as Peninsula Hope Hospice, Peter Mac Cnccr Centre, and The Bays Hospital with the stipulation that the proceeds should be used to benefit patients. If you have any other suggestions, please let me or any other committee member know.

If you make a mistake in your quilting, remember that if it can't be seen from the back of a galloping horse at 30 paces, it doesn't matter.

*Carolyn Sweeting*

### **Meeting Dates for 2026**

March 17th	General Meeting 10am – 2pm * <b>Guest Speaker Marie Lee</b> – Very Snuggly Quilts – Destash Market Stall
<b>April</b>	
April 7th	Workshop - <b>Crochet</b> with Jenny M. - 10am - 2pm Sit and Sew
April 10 <sup>th</sup>	<b>AQC Bus trip</b>
April 11th	Saturday Sit and Sew 10am – 2pm
April 21st	General Meeting 10am – 2pm <b>Guest Speaker Peta</b> from Paynesville Creative Retreat – Also Pop-up shop
<b>May</b>	
May 5th	Workshop - <b>Kawandi</b> - 10am - 2pm Sit and Sew
May 9th	Saturday Sit and Sew 10am – 2pm
May 19th	General Meeting 10am – 2pm – Biggest Morning Tea
<b>June</b>	
June 2nd	Workshop - <b>½ square triangles</b> - 10am - 2pm

	Sit and Sew
June 13th	Saturday Sit and Sew 10am – 2pm
June 16th	General Meeting 10am – 2pm
<b>July</b> July 7th	Workshop - <b>Christmas in July. Candle wreath</b> - 10am - 2pm Sit and Sew
July 11th	Saturday Sit and Sew 10am – 2pm
July 21st	General Meeting 10am – 2pm - <b>Soup and Spud</b>
<b>August</b> August 4th	Workshop and Sit and Sew 10am - 2pm
August 8th	Saturday Sit and Sew 10am – 2pm - <b>Soup and Spud</b>
August 18th	General Meeting 10am – 2pm
<b>September</b> September 1st	Workshop - <b>Potato chip</b> - 10am - 2pm Sit and Sew
September 12th	Saturday Sit and Sew 10am – 2pm
September 15th	General Meeting 10am – 2pm
<b>October</b> October 6th	Workshop and Sit and Sew 10am - 4pm
October 10th	Saturday <b>Workshop with Irene Blanck</b> - 10am – 4pm Sit and Sew
October 20th	General Meeting 10am – 2pm
<b>November</b> November 3rd	Workshop and Sit and Sew 10am - 2pm
<b>November 6-8</b>	<b>Loch Retreat Weekend</b>
November 14th	Saturday Sit and Sew 10am – 2pm
November 17th	AGM and Lunch 10am – 2pm
December 12th	Saturday Sit and Sew 10am – 2pm

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.

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**

<b>Kitchen Roster - 3 Members</b>	
March	Denise S, Jane L, Libby H.
April	Brenda K, Glenda D,
May	Mary, Carole D, Lyn H

<b>Welcome Desk Roster - 2 Members</b>	
March	Dawn C, Rae D,
April	Mary, Jenny M
May	Kathy C, Liz G,

<b>WPQ 2026 Committee</b>	<b>Email:</b> westernportquilters@gmail.com
<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>	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

### Service directory

<p><b>Palm Beach Quilting</b>                  7/2 Industry Blvd, Carrum Downs                  Tel. 9775 1601  <a href="http://www.palmbeachquilting.com.au">www.palmbeachquilting.com.au</a>                  10% discount for WPQ members                  Please present 2026 membership card.</p>	<p><b>Sewing Bee Café</b>                  80 Baxter-Tooradin Rd, Baxter                  Tel. 59715737  <a href="http://www.sewingbeecafe.com.au">www.sewingbeecafe.com.au</a>                  10% discount for WPQ members                  Please present 2026 membership card.</p>
<p><b>Treehouse Textiles</b>                  64 Main Street, Mornington                  Tel. 0427 570 950  <a href="http://www.treehousetextiles.com.au">www.treehousetextiles.com.au</a>                  10% discount for WPQ members</p>	<p><b>Snugglelyn Quilts – Lyn Wright</b>                  0412 263 539                  Computerised long arm quilting                  Special member prices                  Open 6 days                  Fat quarters, wide backing, cutters, templates, mats</p>
<p><b>Sewing Machine repairs</b>                  Rick Wise                  Tel. 59831878 or 0408 557 606</p>	

### Destash

Saturday April 18th 10am - 2pm - St Paul's Anglican Church Hall

Cotton, Linen, Quilting, Bedding, Zips, Craft materials, Buttons, Embroidery, Ric Rac, Wool, Thread, Doilies.

Indoor Market - Table @ \$20 - set up 8am.

Enquiries and Bookings - Marlene 0407 314 616 mekins1954@gmail.com

Food and drink available at reasonable prices

DOOR and RAFFLE prizes

Thanking the 'CITY OF FRANKSTON' for sponsoring this event.

Money raised will be donated to 'MUMS SUPPORTING FAMILIES IN NEED'.