



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 April 2026

Welcome to April. I hope you all had a nice Easter.
We seem to be getting very busy as the year is moving along.

I would like to welcome and thank Margaret H for standing in and taking over as kitchen coordinator. When doing the kitchen roster please ask what you can do to help Margaret and a huge thankyou to Jo-anne for all her hard work as Kitchen coordinator.

We will be asking people to sign an Expression of interest sheet for the Irene Blanck workshop which will be held on Saturday the 10th of October. There is a limit of 15 people for this class, but we will also have a waiting list. Cost will be \$40 for the workshop and \$25 for a pattern payable to Irene on the day. A \$20 deposit to secure your place is needed by the July meeting. Balance paid by the September meeting.

15 lucky ladies with some visitors included had a wonderful time at Jenny's crochet workshop. For those of you who attended Jenny's crochet workshop, please bring along you samples for show and tell.

In November the Loch retreat will be going ahead if members are interested and if there is petrol!

I would like to thank Carolyn for taking the meeting in March while I was in Japan having a wonderful time but coming home to a disaster with plumbers and electricians and a messy house.

With happy sewing
take care
Heather

PS.

April 21st General meeting Speaker

Peta from Creative Connections

Peta has been involved in the world of quilting for only 10 years, however she developed a passion for the world of vintage in the 1980s and has created stories over many years. Maybe it comes from her convict relative who owned a haberdashery store in the 1850s in Ballarat. Or her great grandmother who owned a store in Camberwell in the 1950s? Looking forward to sharing stories and laughter on the April 21st. Peta will also have a pop-up shop.

Birthdays for April

Happy Birthday to the following members who share an April Birthday

Carole S, Robyn H, Sandra F, Yvonne P.



April 2026 Caring Quilts Update from Carolyn Sweeting

During the past few weeks, we have received many quilts from our own members. We have also been given by many quilts by women I like to call friends of our Caring Quilts Program for us to donate to our various regular and irregular charitable causes. Thank you to everyone who has contributed quilts and Bags of Love.

In May our **Wheelchair Kids** quilts and knitted toys will start their journey west and ultimately overseas to the children who will receive them along with their new wheelchairs. Chris Such from Rotary will be our guest speaker in May when he comes to collect them.

If you have any Wheelchair Kids quilts still to come in, now would be a good time, but of course as soon as the current lot goes we start building up the collection for next year's donation.

With the help of Margaret Howlett, we have the opportunity to donate a number of quilts to **Ronald McDonald House** this month.

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. We can, however, donate just quilt tops, rather than finished quilts. Quilts of Valour will also take quilt blocks measuring 8 ½”, 10 ½” or 12 ½”.

We can find homes for other sized quilts as well.

May you never run over a pin with your rotary cutter.

Carolyn Sweeting

Meeting Dates for 2026

April 21st	General Meeting 10am – 2pm Guest Speaker Peta McGinley from Paynesville Creative Retreat – Also Pop-up shop
May	
May 5th	Workshop - Kawandi style quilting - 10am - 2pm See pictures below. Sit and Sew
May 9th	Saturday Sit and Sew 10am – 2pm
May 19th	General Meeting 10am – 2pm – Biggest Morning Tea (Wear Pink) Gold coin donation – Speaker Chris Such from Rotary. Wheelchair quilts.

June

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

June 13th Saturday Sit and Sew 10am – 2pm - **Guest Speaker – Kat from Craftaholic TBC**

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 – **Guest Speaker Sam Kumar** – End of Life talk in, side room. **Soup and Spud Day**

August

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

August 8th Saturday Sit and Sew 10am – 2pm - **Soup and Spud – Guest Speaker in the morning – Jody from Craftaways**

August 18th General Meeting 10am – 2pm

September

September 1st Workshop – **Brenda Dean – How to become a stripper** - 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

November 6-8 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

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	
April	Brenda K, Glenda D, Licia L.
May	Mary, Carole D, Lyn H

Welcome Desk Roster - 2 Members	
April	Mary, Jenny M
May	Kathy C, Liz G,

June	Kathy C, Liz G,
July	Jenny S, Nina B, Jenny A
August	Leonie V, Jo-anne P,
September	Carol S
October	Deb H, Pauline M, Marg H

June	Deb H, Marg H
July	Roz C,
August	Gail E,
September	Barbara M, Judy B
October	

WPQ 2026 Committee	Email: westernportquilters@gmail.com
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<i>Kitchen</i>	Margaret Howlett

Biscuit recipe from Denise who got it from somewhere else. Carolyn taste tested and said they were great.

1 packet cake mix – home brand will do., 1 egg, 125g butter

Mix together and roll into balls. Roll in sprinkles if desired. Squash a little.

Cook at 180 degrees for 10 minutes.

Service directory

<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 off full priced items. Please present 2026 membership card.</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 0412 263 539 Computerised long arm quilting Special member prices Open 6 days Fat quarters, wide backing, cutters, templates, mats</p>

Sewing Machine repairs
Rick Wise
Tel. 59831878 or 0408 557 606

Kawandi Workshop – May 5th - Samples



**LANG LANG
QUILT SHOW
2026**

Saturday May 2nd, 10am - 4pm
Sunday May 3rd, 10am - 3pm

Entry \$8,
children free

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Memorial Hall