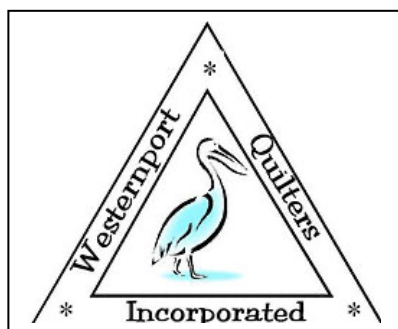




Pelican Patch

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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 May 2026.

Greetings and welcome to May.

I have to mention about the weather we are having this autumn. The days have just been perfect but I think when winter comes we will get a shock.

This month we have our traditional Pink Day Biggest morning tea celebration. A gold coin donation for your cuppa and cake would be greatly appreciated. Please wear pink.



The Sit and Sew days and the Workshops are doing really well this year and also the Saturday meetings have had a good turn out this month.

There was a bit of a mix up with the Saturday meeting with another group in the hall when we arrived, but after talking to the booking team we discovered that the other group was in the wrong place. It's all sorted and we are good for the next meetings.

This month I am pleased to give a fifteen-year badge to Gaynor and Barb. Congratulations.

I have been thinking about a bus trip later and I have one in mind for the 22nd October. More about later.

Well, enjoy the meeting and take care.

Happy sewing
Heather

PS. There will be a trading table at this meeting. Please leave a donation for what you believe the items are worth. The amount you donate is up to you.

The money raised from the trading table and the morning tea will be donated to The Bays cancer unit.

Birthdays for May

Happy Birthday to the following members who share a May Birthday

Barb R, Elizabeth H, Gay B, Glenda D, Lu W, Marianne B, Mary S,



May 2026 Caring Quilts Update *from Carolyn Sweeting*

So far this month we have delivered

- 10 lap quilts to Vasey RSL Care in Frankston South. These arrived in time to be included in the Mother's Day gifts being organised for the residents.
- 2 large quilts to Peninsula Home Hospice, to be used as fundraisers.
- 2 large quilts and 7 beautiful handmade stuffed toys to The Bays Hospital, to be used as fundraisers to benefit patients in the cancer ward.

So far this year we have donated 53 quilts.

Many more quilts and knitted teddies are ready to be sent to the Wheelchair Kids when Chris Such comes to pick them up at our May meeting. We are also nearly ready for our next delivery of Premmie Quilts to the Special Care Nursery at Peninsula University Hospital.

We have accumulated 105 Bags of Love so far for Impact for Women. Each gathering pre-cut drawstring bags and instructions for sewing, and the cords they need, are available. If you can help by sewing up a few, it would be greatly appreciated.

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.

If you think you're no good at choosing colours, think again. Nature mixes them all up, and they look fabulous.

Happy sewing,

Carolyn Sweeting

Meeting Dates for 2026

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
June 16th	General Meeting 10am – 2pm Guest Speaker – Kat from craftaholickat TBC
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 –

- August 18th General Meeting 10am – 2pm **Guest Speaker in the morning – Jody from Craftaways**
- 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	
May	Mary, Carole D, Lyn H
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

Welcome Desk Roster - 2 Members	
May	Kathy C, Liz G,
June	Deb H, Marg H
July	Roz C,
August	Gail E,
September	Barbara M, Judy B
October	

WPQ 2026 Committee

Email: westernportquilters@gmail.com

<i>President</i>	Heather Stafford
<i>Secretary</i>	Gaynor Backx
<i>Vice President</i>	Carol Hayes
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<i>Caring Quilts</i>	Carolyn Sweeting
<i>Workshop</i>	Lesley Kumar and Yvonne Pullin
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<i>Web page contact</i>	Martina Burnell
<i>Face book and Instagram</i>	Luisa Waterhouse
<i>Kitchen</i>	Margaret Howlett

From Peta McGinley

Many of you were kind enough to ask questions about the Christy Craft day
Here is the link

<https://www.trybooking.com/DLSRO>

The date is May 30 10am - 4pm at Dromana College Library [110 Harrisons Road Dromana](#)
\$25 per person

BYO lunch, mug and a project and we will provide a delicious morning tea!

Here are some details about Jo Lovelock our speaker

Amazing guest speaker a friend of mine Jo Lovelock a local Mt Martha gal. " I am a nurse with an interest in global women's equitable care. I have been fortunate to volunteer through a variety of organisations mostly through personal introduction or requests! These include Nursing education, Birthing Kit Foundation Australia, Days for Girls Menstrual Hygiene Kits and since 2019 The Aloia Foundations cancer arm Haliku in Timor Leste. "

How lucky are we?

Any questions please ask away

Kind regards,
Peta McGinley

Patchwork Passion Cranbourne

After 19 fantastic years in business, I have decided it's time to hang up the rotary cutter and retire.

This means that Patchwork Passion will be closing its doors later this year.

It has been an amazing journey - Patchwork & Quilting is about far more than just fabric. - it's about community, creativity, and connection - and I feel so lucky to have shared all of that with you for almost two decades.

I have loved every fabric delivery, every class, every Sit & Sew day and every chat across the cutting table! Most of all I love all of the wonderful friends I have made over the years and I want to thank each and every one of you for the friendship and amazing support you have given me.

I will be clearing stock over the next few months so pop in, say hello, and grab some bargains.

From the bottom of my heart, thank you for supporting my little patchwork shop for the past 19 wonderful years.

With love and gratitude,
Lorraine

Service directory

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.

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.

Treehouse Textiles
 64 Main Street, Mornington
 Tel. 0427 570 950
www.treehousetextiles.com.au
 10% discount for WPQ members

Snugglelyn Quilts – Lyn Wright
 0412 263 539
 Computerised long arm quilting
 Special member prices
 Open 6 days
 Fat quarters, wide backing, cutters, templates, mats

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

Irene Blanck workshop Patterns - October



June Workshop

Half Square Triangles (HSTs)

with Carolyn Sweeting

This workshop is about techniques and possibilities, not a Sit and Sew Equivalent.

You can expect:

Information about **techniques** and examples of how to sew HSTs

- 1 at a time, 2 at a time, 4 at a time, and 8 at a time from squares of fabric
- Several at a time from strips of fabric
- Why you might choose one technique over another

Information about **trimming** to accurate sizes; and showing various specialist rulers, and why you probably don't need them – a variety will be available for you to try out on sample blocks if you wish.

Handouts will include

- Diagrams of Techniques, and Charts of Fabric Requirements for various sizes
- Various HST layouts
- Stuff you can put on your machine to help with accuracy in seams
- Stuff you can put on your rulers and templates to stop slipping

If you wish to bring your machine and some fabric, you can draw up and start making HSTs, or you can get some fabric from "The Stash" and have a go. If you already have a pattern in mind you can get on with it.

If you don't wish to bring your machine, you can have a go at drawing up some blocks on fabric you bring, or from the stash, ready to sew at home.

If you want to practice trimming blocks, there will be some available for you to have a go on. Hopefully most of them will be available to be put into a Caring Quilt at the end!

Requirements: Please bring

A rotary cutter, and a small cutting mat (if you have one) – big ones are available at the Hall, **a marking tool** – e.g. pencil, biro, frixion pen, water soluble marker, **a rectangular and/or a square ruler** with a 45 degree mark (if you have one), **a narrow ruler**, eg 1" x 12", or a special ½ " ruler for marking lines (if you have one). If you don't have any of those rulers there will be some available for you to try out. A sewing machine, if you wish – not essential. Scissors, thread, pins, needles ...

Do not expect to go home with a quilt top half finished.



Friends of Hillview Quilt Show

September 19th & 20th 2026

New Venue
20 Koo Wee Rup - Longwarry Rd,
Longwarry Vic 3816

Entry \$8

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Times:
Saturday 19th September, 2026
9.30am - 4pm
Sunday 20th September, 2026
9.30am - 2.30pm