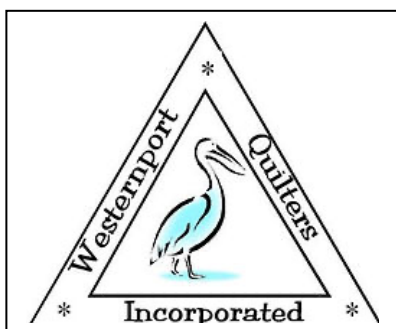




Pelican Patch

*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 June 2026.

Hello and welcome to June.

I hope you were all interested in the talk by Chris Such and his mates.

With this talk about the wheelchairs for kids, we don't often think how fortunate we can be and if big quilts are hard to manage the 40" ones can be an alternative to do. Not so sure about knitting one though.

We seem to be racing through this year and soon it will be time for a new committee to take over and bring in new ideas. You would have help from the current committee. It is an honour to be on the committee and also one way to get to know our members.

Hope you enjoy this month's meeting,

Happy sewing
Take care
Heather

PS.

JULY General Meeting is our Soup and Spud day so remember to bring your MUG, PLATE, BOWL, and CUTLERY. \$10 for a bowl of soup and a spud. Also maybe a tablecloth to dress up our tables.

Would there be at least 3 members who are able to make a pot of soup for the day?
Also could you list the ingredients and keep the receipt to be reimbursed, thankyou.

Birthdays for June

Happy Birthday to the following members who share a June Birthday

Denise S, Doreen J, Joan B, June L, Leonie V, Sue C,



June 16th Guest Speaker

This month's guest speaker is Kat Gray, who shares her makes on Instagram @craftaholickat. Kat has always enjoyed making things and discovered quilting when she became a mother for the first time 13 years ago. She is self-taught, having learned mostly from online videos and blogs and giving it a red-hot go. Kat quickly became addicted to quilting and has since made more than 300 quilts. Kat's quilting style has changed over the years in response to different inspiration and health challenges. She loves to try new things and is currently exploring different ways to use her scraps and how 3D printing can be used to make quilting easier. While she's not a quilt shop owner, she probably has enough fabric to stock one and will have a small pop-up de-stash shop on the day.

June 2026 Caring Quilts Update *from Carolyn Sweeting*

Wasn't it a treat to have Russell Hayes and Chris Such to visit our May meeting to Show and Tell about Rotary's **Wheelchairs for Kids** program? I know I wasn't the only one to be amazed at the difference between knowing in theory that our support for Wheelchairs for Kids program over several years has been "a good thing" but seeing the chair and the videos provided by our guest speakers made it much more real. I also love having the confidence that what we do translates directly into a benefit for individual children.



Russell and Chris took away **52 quilts and 6 bags of toys**, and I heard from Russell that before the end of that week they were on their way to Perth.

Our donations filled two of these drums. They are on a pallet with a forklift

We also donated another **35 Premmie Quilts** since our last meeting, and received back the following message ***"Alison and the Special Care Nursery team would like to thank you and the Westernport Quilters for the lovely quilts you made for the babies. We are very appreciative and so are the babies and their families who will receive these quilts while in our care."***

So far this year we have donated 141 quilts. I was pretty impressed when I reported last November at the AGM that we had donated 125 quilts, and now I'm amazed that we have surpassed that number in May. We already have more quilts accumulating in each category below. 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.

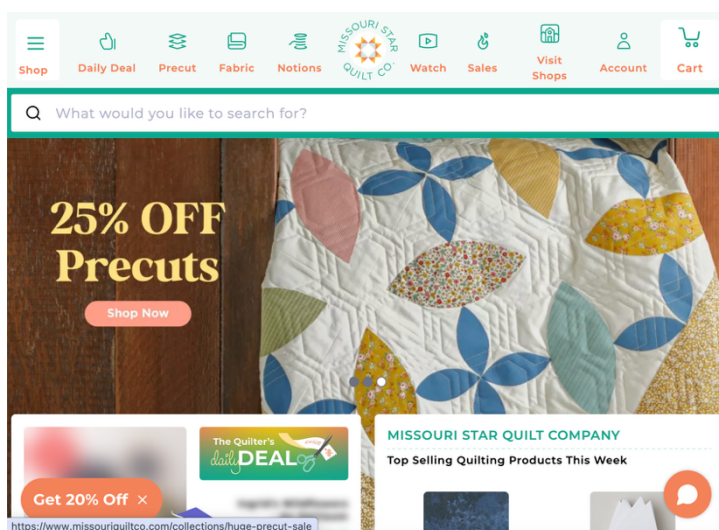
Thank you for supporting these causes. What a fantastic group of women we are!

Happy sewing,

Carolyn Sweeting



July Workshop – Christmas candle wreath – with Debbie



For more examples and information about $\frac{1}{2}$ triangles visit the Missouri Star Quilt Company website. Fabric, patterns, tutorials etc.

https://www.missouriquiltco.com/?srsltid=AfmBOop_FmwtWWFPUJWG35u8LHKwT24xyBCrDT6Y4xhMv8okWXOHJLG1



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The Embroiderers Guild, Victoria
Annual Members Exhibition of
Embroidery + Textile Art

Colour Rhapsody

Design by EGV member Mandy Ginsberg



Embroidery House
170 Wattletree Rd Malvern

17 - 25 October 2026
10am - 3pm daily

Expressions of interest for a bus trip to the Embroiderers Guild exhibition on 22nd October.

And on the way home a visit to the Embroiderers Den in Highett.

Approximately \$25.

Meeting Dates for 2026

June 16th	General Meeting 10am – 2pm Guest Speaker – Kat from craftaholickat
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	
June	Kathy C, Liz G,
July	Jenny S, Nina B, Jenny A
August	Leonie V, Jo-anne P,
September	Carol S, Raelene W
October	Deb H, Pauline M, Marg H

Welcome Desk Roster - 2 Members	
June	Deb H, Marg H
July	Roz C, Jo-anne P
August	Gail E, Marianne B
September	Barbara M, Judy B
October	

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Irene Blanck workshop Patterns - October**Little Blooms****Daisy Daze**