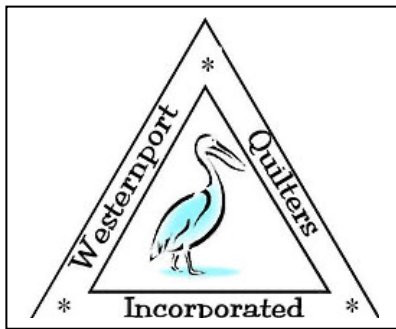




Pelican Patch

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 August 2026.

Hello and welcome to our August meeting.

First off, I would like to wish the members not feeling well at present, all the best and a fast recovery.

At the Saturday meeting there were 17 of us having a wonderful lunch of four different soups and jacket potatoes. Just right for a really cold day. Also, there was a lovely display of quilts. Check out the website Gallery.

Starting from this August, the committee thought it would be an idea to give the charity monies collected over the next 12 months, to the 'Kids in wheelchairs', knowing this will go direct to this cause and not be used up by admins etc.

Payments for the Irene Blanck workshop on **SATURDAY** 10th OCTOBER are due, as well as payments for the Loch Retreat. See Debbie to pay.

If you are shopping at the Quilt shops advertised in our Service directory in the Newsletter, please present your membership card for the discount. This will make it a pleasant experience for all as well saving a couple of dollars to buy something else. All advertised in the service directory have agreed to give discounts.

Members Showcase. This month there will not be a speaker so I would like each of you to bring along your favourite quilt or sewing and we can have a show and tell of these treasures. There will be no prizes or comparing, just a fun day.

Last month the talk with Sam Kumar was really good and informative and not a bit gloomy. Thank you to Sam.

If anyone can think of a bus trip idea within reason, please let the committee know and we may be able to arrange something.

Looking forward to seeing you all
keep well
Heather

PS. Late Notice

September 1st Workshop with Judy. Drawstring Hegie bags. Sign up at the meeting on August 18th.

Requirements for this workshop are on the last page of this newsletter.

**THE MEMBERS IN RED WILL BE STEPPING DOWN FROM THE COMMITTEE IN NOVEMBER
AND NEED TO BE REPLACED FOR 2027.**

WPQ 2026 Committee

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<i>Caring Quilts</i>	Carolyn Sweeting
<i>Workshop</i>	Lesley Kumar and Yvonne Pullin
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<i>Face book and Instagram</i>	Luisa Waterhouse
<i>Kitchen</i>	Margaret Howlett

August 2026 Caring Quilts Update from Carolyn Sweeting

This month we donated 10 quilts to Lyrebird Village Aged Care in Drouin, which were kindly delivered by our Drouin members.

So far in 2026 we have delivered 153 quilts, which is a super effort. Thank you so much to all of you who are stitching for a good cause, and thanks also to non-members who have also contributed to our Caring Quilts programme. We have gained new members from women who have made quilts for the programme even before joining.

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. These can be a bit bigger, but not bed size.

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”.

Ronald McDonald House. We now have a conduit to get quilts to this organisation thanks to Margaret Howlett. These can be bigger sizes, for younger people.

Impact for Women. We now have about 143 Bags of Love ready to go and quite a few cut out ready for sewing.

These are delivered, filled with gifts, to women escaping domestic violence, at Christmas and Mother’s Day each year. It would be much appreciated if anyone could help get them stitched up ready to be delivered by August/September.

As interest in this appears to be waning in this Charity (or at least for sewing bags for it!), I think we will give it a rest after our current delivery. A big burst of enthusiasm to stitch up the already cut bags would be greatly appreciated

Thanks to everyone for supporting these charities.

Happy sewing, and may your quarter inch seams turn out just the way you hope!
Carolyn Sweeting

Birthdays for August

Happy Birthday to the following members who share an August Birthday

Barbara M, Joan H, Lesley K, Marie H, Satu S,



Meeting Dates for 2026

August 18th	General Meeting 10am – 2pm - Member Showcase
September	
September 1st	Workshop Drawstring Hegie bags with Judy Sit and Sew 10am - 2pm
September 12th	Saturday Sit and Sew 10am – 2pm
September 15th	General Meeting 10am – 2pm – Guest speaker – Cindy – Gippsbeary Cottage, Korumburra.
October	
October 6th	Sit and Sew 10am - 2pm
October 10th	Saturday Workshop with Irene Blanck - 10am – 4pm Sit and Sew
October 20th	General Meeting 10am – 2pm
November	
November 3rd	Sit and Sew 10am - 2pm – Wear a race day hat.
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	
August	Leonie V,
September	Carol S, Raelene W
October	Deb H, Pauline M, Marg H

Welcome Desk Roster - 2 Members	
August	Gail E, Marianne B
September	Barbara M, Judy B
October	Raelene W,

Recipe for ageing well

Basic ingredients

1. Once the bed is made the day starts well.
2. Keep your food cupboards 'Up to date', and the fridge too.
3. Always check the cleanliness of the toilet
4. Leave the house tidy if you're away for a while
5. Unworn clothes and accessories – off to the op shop – others may need them
6. Always wash up the dirty dishes before you go to bed in the evening

Other essential ingredients

- Don't put off until tomorrow what you can do today! (My father)
- Don't put it down – Put it away! (My husband)
- Old adage – farm (or garden) as if you will live forever – live as if you will die tomorrow
- My adage – live as if you will live forever – but don't leave a mess – you may die tomorrow.

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 Please present 2026 membership card.	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	Keep Quilting www.keepquilting.com.au Carrum Downs Tel: 0425 790 362 Email: info@keepquilting.com.au 10% Discount for WP members



DRAWSTRING HEXIE BAG *by Judy Beresford*

This project can be completed by hand sewing, or 1st half machined then finished off by hand.

The bag comprises 7 x 5in hexies.

- 6 x 5in hexagons around the sides
- 1 on the base.

Ideal for fussy cut hexies.

Remember, hexies are not square – to cut a

- **5" hexies, fabric cut 5" x 6" (front, can be fussy cut)**
- **7" hexies, fabric cut 7" x 8" (back/inside of bag)**

If you can have all the marking and cutting done prior to the class it will make for a quicker start - however, if you don't have access to the templates, you can do this work on the day - maybe a slightly earlier start can be arranged for you. **Some templates will be available for your use at the workshop.**

REQUIREMENTS

1 x 5in hexagon template and 1 x 7in template (Some templates will be available at the workshop if you don't have or can't make your own).

Scraps of fabric - cut 6 hexies x 5in for sides plus 1 for base - (base can be cut from either fabric).

Enough contrasting or toning fabric - cut 7 x 7in hexies

Thin batting (or fleecy) for 6 x 5in hexies

Cut 1 x 5in hexie for base from small piece of stiff fabric such as bag stiffening or thin plastic (cardboard not suitable as bag may get wet).

Marking pen/pencil

Pins, needles, scissors etc plus quick unpick if machining.

1.5 metres very narrow ribbon or very thin cord.

14 plastic beads. I have bulk supply and can provide for everyone.

Machine if you choose.