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 September 2026.

Hello and welcome to our September meeting. Before we know it Christmas will be here which can be great, okay or? I got pulled over by the police for a breathalyser test on Christmas day, passed thank goodness.

This month the guest speaker is Cindy from Gippsbeary Cottage, Korumburra. She will also have a pop up shop as well. Just heard that Debbie with the Sewing Bee Cafe is shifting to Heatherhill shops, next to the bakers and 2 mins from me, so if I can pick up any orders to save postage please let me know.
Also, we send all our best wishes to Maureen - Palm Beach quilting who is sadly closing down. Go along and pick up some bargains the final day will be 10th October.

Please see Debbie for payments to Loch Retreat, there will be a meeting for the retreat after the general meeting this month.

October is the Seniors month, and we are open for that on TUESDAY 6th so if you can make it that day please, please come and bring a quilt so we can have a good display and maybe grab some new members. Thanking you in advance for this.

There will be forms and information for the AGM and NEW committee on the welcome desk this month

Hoping you have a good month
take care
Heather

PS.

The workshop for Irene Blanck is fast approaching on the Saturday 10th October starting on the dot at 10 am, so come early, and finishing at 4 pm. We have 2 vacancies.

For those of you doing Daisy Daze, the requirements are on the back of the pattern.
For those doing Little Blooms the requirements are at the end of this newsletter or ask Leslie.

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

WPQ 2026 Committee	**Email:** westernportquilters@gmail.com
President	Heather Stafford
Secretary	Gaynor Backx
Vice President	Carol Hayes
Treasurer	Debbie Higgs
Guest speakers	Liz Taylor
Caring Quilts	Carolyn Sweeting
Workshop	Lesley Kumar and Yvonne Pullin
Newsletter	Martina Burnell
Web page contact	Martina Burnell
Face book and Instagram	Luisa Waterhouse
Kitchen	Margaret Howlett

Birthdays for September

Happy Birthday to the following members who share a September Birthday

Brenda D, Carole H, Carolyn S, Cynthia P, Ethel W, Margaret K J, Nadine H, Douwe,



September 2026 Caring Quilts Update *from Carolyn Sweeting*

This month we donated 7 quilt tops to Quilts of Valour. Fortunately, that group has members who are willing and able to complete the quilting, and Helen Combort, our contact person, was most grateful for our contribution of the tops.

We also received a letter from the Fundraising Auxilliary of the Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre thanking us for our continued support.

Impact for Women - Bags of Love. These will be delivered after the September meeting, and then we will give sewing bags for this particular charity a rest for a while.

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

On a separate page, at the end of the newsletter, you will find the number of various blocks of various sizes required to make quilts of the correct sizes for Premmies and Wheelchairs for Kids. As if you couldn't work it out for yourselves!

Thanks to everyone for your continued support of these charities.

Happy sewing, and may your scissors stay sharp, and your quick-unpick never stray from your side!

Carolyn Sweeting

Meeting Dates for 2026

September 15th	General Meeting 10am – 2pm – Guest speaker – Cindy – Gippsbeary Cottage, Korumburra. + Pop up shop
October	
October 6th	Sit and Sew 10am - 2pm - Seniors week
October 10th	Saturday Workshop with Irene Blanck - 10am – 4pm Sit and Sew
October 20th	General Meeting 10am – 2pm – Guest Speaker - Angelia from Upcycle Artistry
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 Christmas 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	
September	Carol S, Raelene W
October	Deb H, Pauline M, Marg H
November	Committee

Welcome Desk Roster - 2 Members	
September	Barbara M, Judy B
October	Raelene W,
November	Carole

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



STEPH DE SOUSA - MAGIC CUSTARD IMPOSSIBLE PIE

1 cup Sugar,
1 cup desiccated Coconut,
1/2 cup SR Flour,
4 Eggs,
1/2 cup Melted Butter,
2 cups Milk,
Lemon Zest

Mix with Whisk.....Mixey! Mixey! Whisk thoroughly until the single batter is completely smooth and well-combined Pour into greased or lined ovenproof dish. Cook 180 degrees for 50 minutes.

It comes out with a base/boiled custard layer/and cake layer on top!!
It Is YUM!!! Supplied by Gaynor



LITTLE BLOOM SUPPLY LIST

PATTERN
You can buy the pdf pattern from my website at www.focusonquilts.com.au
The pattern includes papers (for English Paper Piecing).

Background Fabric
Background for each block is cut at 10 inches x 6 inches

I used an assortment of background fabrics. Check out the photo. I chose low volume with "colour":
Cream with thin green stripes
Cream with yellow stripes
Cream with yellow checks
Newsprint fabric
Cream with spots in various colours

Fat quarters are good – you get a variety of colour.

Vases
I wanted my vases to stand out – so I chose "interesting" fabrics – see photo.
I decided to make my quilt as bright as possible – so there is contrast in every block – particularly between the flowers and the vase. So play around with this and have fun in the process.

Stems
I used one green fabric for all my stems.

Leaves
I used an assortment of green fabrics.

Flowers
I used lots and lots of different coloured fabrics.

For the class please bring:
Background – 10" x 6"
Vase – 4 ½" x 6"
Flowers – small scraps of fabric of the same colour
Stem – 10" square of fabric
Leaves – 5" x 2 ½" piece of green fabric.

Glue
Roxanne's glue - I like this small bottle as it has a small "spout" which is easy to unplug if any glue gets stuck in it.



Needles
I use Jeana Kimball No. 10 straw needles.



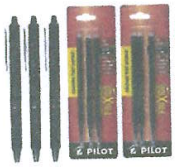
LIGHT BOX
This is essential for the workshop

Circles
Karen Kay Buckley Circles available from most quilt shops



https://www.karenkaybuckley.com/store.php?cat=2

Fabric Markers
Frixion pens are great as they disappear with heat. I usually use the black pens. These are the two that I use. The retractable pens have a fine point. Frixion pens are also available with a felt tip:



https://pilotpen.com.au/?sfid=298151&_sf_s=frixion

White gel pen for dark fabrics
Pencils, Permanent marker

Thread
Cotton thread.
I use Wonderfil Efina 60W but please bring whatever thread you normally use.

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Spray Starch
Best Press - available from any good quilting shops.



Clover Bias Maker
¼ inch Clover Bias Tape Maker and a metal pin (not with a plastic head as it will melt when pressing)



Scissors
Small embroidery scissors for appliqué
Fabric scissors – for cutting larger shapes

Quilt Block Calculations for Different Sized Quilts made by our Caring Quilts Programme

Type of Quilt	Recommended dimensions	Finished Block Size	Number of Blocks	Layout	Dimensions Without Borders	Notes
Premmie Quilts	20"x30" approx..	4" (unfinished 4.5")	35	5 x 7	20 x 28 inches	
These are to go over special cribs in a neo-natal ward, to help reduce light and noise. **They should have darkish backs**, including fleece or minkie or ordinary plainish fabric. The babies take the home, so make them cute.			40	5 x 8	20 x 32 inches	
		4.5" (unfinished 5")	35	5 x 7	22.5 x 31.5 inches	
		5" (unfinished 5.5")	24	4 x 6	20 x 30 inches	
		6" (unfinished 6.5")	15	3 x 5	18 x 30 inches	
		7" (unfinished 7.5")	12	3 x 4	21 x 28 inches	
		8" (unfinished 8.5")	8	2 x 4	16 x 32 inches	Add side borders
		9" (unfinished 9.5")	6	2 x 3	18 x 27 inches	Add borders on all sides
		9.5" (unfinished 10")	6	2 x 3	19 x 28.5 inches	
		10" (unfinished 10.5")	6	2x 3	20 x 30	
		11" (unfinished 11.5")	6	2 x 3	22 x 33	

Type of Quilt	Recommended dimensions	Finished Block Size	Number of Blocks	Layout	Dimensions Without Borders	Notes
Wheelchairs for Kids	36" x 36" approx	4" (unfinished 4.5")	81	9 x 9	36 x 36 inches	
Through Rotary Australia these are given with wheelchairs to disabled little kids (mostly overseas) who are in wheelchairs. This mobility gives them the opportunity for better education, enjoyment and inclusion. Fleece or flannel are good options for the backing.		4.5" (unfinished 5")	64	8 x 8	36 x 36 inches	
		5" (unfinished 5.5")	49	7 x 7	35 x 35 inches	
		6" (unfinished 6.5")	36	6 x 6	36 x 36 inches	
		7" (unfinished 7.5")	25	5 x 5	35 x 35 inches	
		9" (unfinished 9.5")	16	4 x 4	36 x 36 inches	
		9.5" (unfinished 10")	16	4 x 4	38 x 38 inches	
		12" (unfinished 12.5")	9	3 x 3	36 x 36 inches	