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 October 2026

Hello and welcome to our second last newsletter for the year.
PLEASE look at this newsletter and read it while having a cuppa or something stronger.

There is a lot of information. There will be renewal forms and forms for the incoming committee next year coming to you via email.
Please consider going on the committee, maybe you could share a position with a friend or foe? It is a good way of meeting all of our members and putting a name to a face.
There will be Christmas lunch table lists for you to fill out on your tables.

This meeting The Rajah quilt will be on display then presented to Jean. This quilt was started by Janet and some of you may know that Brenda completed it and gave it to June to present to Jean, a friend of Janets for 60 years, this will be done after our meeting at approximately 11-30.

There will be a quick meeting for those going to Loch sometime during the day for final details.

I would like to thank those who came on Tuesday the 6th we had open for the Seniors Festival. We had one visitor who did seem keen, she bought some hand work to sit and sew with us.

Wear a Hat - November Sit and Sew Cup day there will not be a workshop but the hall is booked, and we will be there, and we will be having a prize for the best hat. So come and join the fun.

Well, I hope you are well and enjoying sewing, looking forward to seeing you on Tuesday.

Heather

P.S.

This month's Guest speaker. Upcycled Artistry with Angelia

My upcycling journey began in 2018 when my (late) husband bought home a sewing machine from a garage sale. It was not wanted and I had no idea how to use it. I did not want to make a cushion cover! I did however have a curious nature and fell into the rabbit hole of Pinterest and Op shops and found a wonderful world of inspiration, lots of frustration, an inability to understand patterns, the joy of creating and the complete freedom of not knowing how to do anything 'the proper way'. (I still don't.)
I now have a small youtube channel, a couple of hundred thousand followers across Instagram and Facebook and a few simple skills. I teach workshops, upcycle textiles, and sell curated packs when my stash gets too big again.
I'm happy to share more of my creative journey with you.

cheers Angelia (Upcycled Artistry)

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
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Workshop	Lesley Kumar and Yvonne Pullin
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Kitchen	Margaret Howlett

Birthdays for October

Happy Birthday to the following members who share an October Birthday.

Jenny A, Molly A, Maureen B, Rozlyn C, Liz G, Lyn H, Jo-anne P, Deb H, Kim H, Susan S,



October 2026 Caring Quilts Update *from Carolyn Sweeting*

Our October deliveries so far include 153 Bags of Love to Impact for Women, and 49 Premmie Quilts to the Special Care Nursery at Peninsula University Hospital (formerly Frankston Hospital).

There are also plenty of quilts "out for delivery" as the saying goes. After Show and Tell at the October meeting all the available quilts earmarked for Aged Care homes will be delivered.

We had a lovely thankyou letter from Quilts of Valour for our recent donation of quilts, and I was very pleased to be able to speak with both Lisa from Impact for Women, and a staff member from the Special Care Nursery. Both emphasised how much they, and the eventual recipients, appreciate the work we do to provide the bags and quilts.

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" 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 you will find the number of various blocks of various sizes required to make quilts of the correct sizes for Aged Care facilities. As if you couldn't work it out for yourselves!

Thanks to everyone for supporting these charities.

Happy sewing, and may you never misplace Jack the (Seam) Ripper, just in case!

Carolyn Sweeting

Meeting Dates for 2026

September

October 20th General Meeting 10am – 2pm Guest Speaker - Angelia from Upcycle Artistry

November

November 3rd Workshop and 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	
October	Deb H, Pauline M, Marg H
November	Committee

Welcome Desk Roster - 2 Members	
October	Raelene W,
November	Carole

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