

Geelong Patchwork & Quilters' Guild Inc. No.A6698 www.geelongpatch.org.au

# Common Thread

**October 2024 Newsletter** 







### FLORA AND FAUNA CHALLENGE

These were given out at our October meeting. Inside the bag there is information and a few necessaries to use in creating your challenge. There are a few bags still left and available at our November meeting.

Finished items to be displayed at our December Christmas meeting.

The library has 2 books available to look at or borrow. Hoop Quilts for Beginners and 100 Things to do with Embroidery Hoops.

For more ideas search Pinterest, Google or Instagram.





### October Website Report—Jodie

www.geelongpatch.org.au

We have a new page on our website dedicated to our Hoop Quilt Challenge

http://www.geelongpatch.org.au/index.php?act=viewDoc&docId=876

Here you will find the details for the challenge, how to become inspired about the challenge and information about binding your quilt. I can't wait to see the finished results!!!

Jodie

Geelong Patchwork & Quilters Guild Inc was established in 1985 after a group of 63 women attended a meeting to consider the establishment of a patchwork and quilters guild and was incorporated the same year.

The objectives of our group is to:

Promote the art and craft of patchwork and quilting

Bring together and to encourage the establishment of quilt groups

Encourage and maintain high standards of work and design in both contemporary and traditional areas.

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### TREASURER'S NOTICE

Each month the Treasurer's Report is available to view at the Guild Meeting.

It includes the current bank balance and income and expenditure for the previous month.

Please let me know if you have any queries

Debra Read Treasurer

## 2024-25 Committee

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### FORTHCOMING MEETING **DATES**

Monthly meetings are held on the THIRD Saturday of each month at the Newcomb Hall, 82-84 Wilsons Road, Newcomb.

Doors open from 10 .30am to 3.30pm. Library is open from 11:00am.to 12 midday. Official Meeting starts at 12:45pm.

Entry is \$6.00. Please bring your lunch and mug. Refreshments for morning tea are available from 10.45am. The current COVID expectations are outlined on the biscuit bench, please follow these as best you can.

For insurance purposes all members and guests are required to sign in on the Guild attendance sheet.

ETPOS is now available.

October 19 Veronique Diligent Wattlebird Designs

November 16 **Ruth Nunn** 

December 21 Christmas Meeting

January 18 2025 Sit and Sew

February 15

March 15

April 19

Quilt In-Tania Tanti May 17



### **NEW MEMBERS AFTERNOON TEA**

Saturday 7 December 2024 2-4pm at Judy Bubb's House

1-2 Oakwood Ridge,

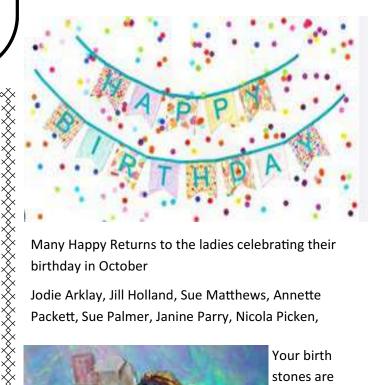
St Albans Park 3219

**RSVP** - Judy Bubb if attending

e-mail: wheatsheaf\_quilting@hotmail.com

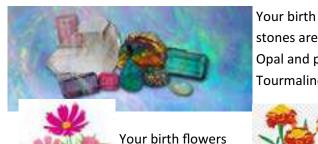
New members and existing members are welcome to attend.

Bring show and tell and some stitching to do on the day.

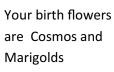


Many Happy Returns to the ladies celebrating their birthday in October

Jodie Arklay, Jill Holland, Sue Matthews, Annette Packett, Sue Palmer, Janine Parry, Nicola Picken,



stones are Opal and pink Tourmaline





### PRESIDENTS REPORT



Hello Ladies,

Can you believe it's only just over 9 weeks until Christmas Day from when this newsletter reaches you? It seems to come around quicker every year, doesn't it?! This also means it is only 9 weeks until our Christmas meeting. If you are interested in getting the catered boxed lunch again this year, please see Sue Palmer or the ladies at the entry desk and give them your name, so we can advise the caterers in November of the numbers. Payment (\$22) will be due not later than the November meeting, and don't forget you can do a direct transfer if you wish or pay by card at our meetings. I am working on some entertainment for you all for the meeting, but if some of you have some novel suggestions for activities on the day, please don't hesitate to tell me about them or put it in the suggestion box for me. I am always open for fun ideas we can all participate in. I hope you've been working on your Hoop Challenge - Flora and Fauna! I am really looking forward to seeing the results of this one – I know we have extremely talented and creative members – there will be some very exciting pieces

on display! There will be a viewers' choice prize as well as a prize chosen by our 'secret'

judge.

Deb Read, our Treasurer, and I visited the One Step Further Exhibition at the Old Auction House Gallery in Kyneton this month. This exhibition, organised by Victorian Quilters, aims to stimulate quilters to think outside the box, and create a 'quilt' that challenges traditional construction methods, that stretches design ideas and tickles the imagination in all directions. The exhibition certainly offered a wide variety of skills, ideas, and creative interpretations of themes. There were all sorts of materials used from greaseproof paper to silk organza, along with various dyeing techniques from ice dyeing to eco dyeing. Designs were largely abstract with the makers' statements telling a story of what had inspired their work. I have to be honest and say not all the pieces appealed to me, but some were fascinating. I particularly loved 'Cicada 2' by Julie-Anne Rogers, a three dimensional work where Julie-Anne had used fabric, woven steel, wire, thread, paint and paint sticks and glue to create the design. (Pictured) Our Guild was heavily represented with four members having their pieces on display – congratulations to Jan Preston, Betty Scott, Lyn Weeks and Judith Oke for their inspiring entries.





I'm sure many of you will remember Lyn Weeks' talk last year, about her workshop in Japan with Brian Whitehead. It has inspired several of our members to participate in this gentleman's workshop in Japan this month. I am very jealous as I'm sure they are all having a fascinating time, learning about traditional Japanese dyeing techniques in a beautiful rural setting. I will miss their presence at our meeting – but no doubt there will be some wonderful show and tell items coming up in the future.

This reminds me, I would love to know how many of you would be interested in a one day workshop on curved piecing - please let me know if you would like to learn more about how to put together beautifully pieced curved blocks. If you have any other ideas of what you would be keen to do in a one day workshop, I would love to hear them.

I am looking forward to this month's speaker, Veronique Diligent, from Wattlebird Designs, and to seeing you all at the meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> October.

In the meantime, keep stitching.....

Anne



### A Request for Help.....

My name is Sue Bell and I live in Shepparton but I have ties to Geelong.

I was recently given an in-progress incomplete block of the month collection from the New hexagon book by Katja Marek. The book is now out of print and my local quilt shop in Rochester could not help me. I am short about five blocks from the collection and there are 52 in all.

I am writing to ask if you might put a request in your news letter and ask if anyone in your guild might have the book and be willing to sell it to me or let me borrow it. As far as I can gather there are two books for new hexagons but it is really only the first one I'm after but would buy the two if I have too.

I would appreciate it if you would put my request out to your members as I would like to make all the blocks and not have to double up some of them.

My phone number is 0409 024 059. My daughter lives in Curlewis so I am regularly back and forward.

Thanking you for your consideration,

Sue Bell.



### Vale

Sadly one of our members, Pam Rosser passed away recently after a short illness. Pam was a member for only a short time.

Our condolences to her family and friends





#### **CHRISTMAS MEETING LUNCH**

WHEN—December meeting—21 December

WHERE: Newcomb Hall

**RSVP**: September /October meeting - Please put your name on the list and don't forget to list any dietary requirements .

COST: \$22

CATERERS: Steampocket Who catered for the 2023 lunch

**PAYMENT:** Required by November meeting

Let's all enjoy a delightful Christmas lunch together, for those not wanting to order in the lunch you are welcome to bring your own. Table decorations are encouraged, placemats from last years challenge can be used.

### One Step Further

### ONE STEP FURTHER

Judith Oke and I attended the opening of the One Step Further exhibition on September 21. This is a Victorian Quilters exhibition, but you don't need to be a member to enter.

The opening was in Kyneton and the exhibition will be hanging until October 13.

Here are photos of quilts by our Guild members,



Betty Scott Indigo Go

Lyn Weeks Camargue Flamigos



Judith Oke

Joy Shines Through Life's Blurred Lines



Jan Preston Shadowed Leaves #3



Winning Entry by Bree Thomas



### **October Guest Speaker**

### **Veronique Diligent**

Our guest speaker this month is Veronique Diligent



A fertile imagination couple with the ability to "draw anything" are the basis of her creative endeavours.

Quilt making is not a traditional craft in Switzerland where she was born. It was not until she first lived in Melbourne that she became aware of quilt making. A neighbour had introduced her to a sewing group where she was initially exposed to teddy bear making and applique. Veronique was smitten and since that time has become immersed in the making of quilts.

She loves fabrics and often finds it difficult to work with a particular range and style, preferring to mix and match.

As an embroiderer Veronique is very attracted to Australian flora and its stunning colours, often using it as a guidance when looking for a specific combination of colours. And her love of the native flora drew the attention of Cottage Garden Threads, a thread company locally based. Their collaboration resulted in a range of 29 calours combinations called "Feathers and Petals".

Veronique will be having a pop up shop at the meeting. She can accept card payments but would welcome cash.









### Show and Tell



 ${\bf Anne\ Clutterbuck} \quad {\bf Cushion\ for\ Geelong\ Show}$ 



Judy Bubb Coolangatta Surprise



Les Clarke Native Animals Oz



Magda Moore My Menagerie

### Show and Tell

Bronwyn Drehlich Forever Mystery Quilt



Sandra Herbert Living in the Seventies

Pam Whitten Kayde's Quilt



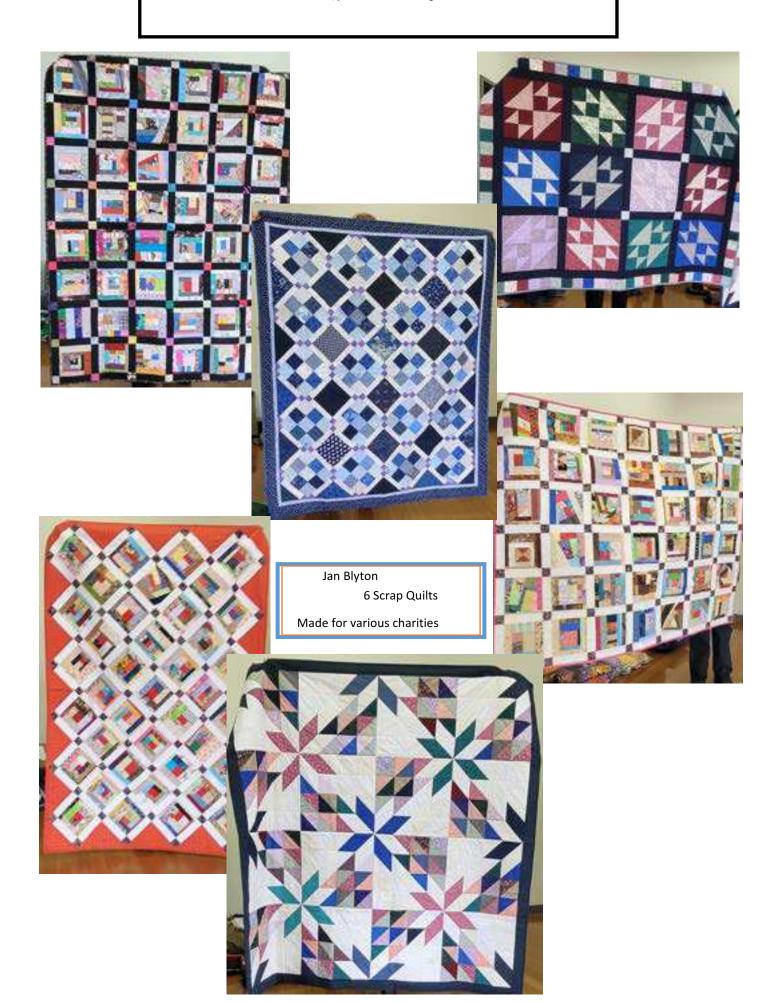






Sue Robertson Quilt as you go baby playmat

### Show and Tell







# Southern Cross Quilters' Retreat Coolangatta

In September several Guild members attended the SQUILTERS Retreat (SQC was founded 30 years agoas an email group and now via Facebook. We have members in Australia and New Zealand.) Wendy, Sue, Marilyn, Pam, Barb, Jean, Sandra, Sue and myself flew up on the Thursday on the Gold Coast and stayed at Mantra Twin Towers at Coolangatta for five nights. We enjoyed various activities. On Thursday night we met at the Grenmount Surf Club for dinner. Registration was Friday afternoon and then we settled in the function room for sewing and catching up. Several successful raffles were held raising \$1260



for Little Nippers. Three stall holders also set up for the weekend to tempt us. Show and Tell was held in this area on Sunday afternoon.

A second room, the dining room, was set up for our lunches and dinners. At dinner on Friday night we wore our pearls to celebrate 30 years since the group started. Pre dinner drinks were set up in the foyer, then onto the dining room.

Saturday and Sunday was more sewing, boosting the traders' sales, purchasing raffle tickets and looking for ducks! (a little

activity organised by someone unknown and a lot of fun)
There were several workshops organised for those interested. And those who ventured outside for walks were lucky enough to spot a whale!

Saturday night theme was "Living in the Seventies" The Geelong girls played up well to this theme.

Our Guest Speaker was Loani Prior. In the past recognised for her knitted tea cosies and publishing three books on the subject, but now known for her quirky applique quilts.





Monday was a bus trip. We visited Fifi's Fabricology in Burleigh Heads, Byron Bay RSL for lunch, attempted walk to the lighthouse and dipped our toes into the sea. Last stop was Fantazia Fabricland at Tweed Heads.

On Tuesday we flew home, very weary after a very busy successful retreat. Next year we are off to Hobart. The theme is "Going Wild!"

Judy



## Mystery Quilt—Instalment 3 Anne Clutterbuck

Now that you have made your 12 Road to Oklahoma and 13 Double X blocks, you will piece them together in 5 rows of 5 alternating blocks.

Using Photo 1 and Photo 2 as your guide, your first row should have 3 Double X blocks and 2 Road to Oklahoma blocks alternating and with alternate 'directions' of the two block types.





Your second row uses 3 Road to Oklahoma and 2 Double X blocks alternating and keeping the direction of each block type constant as per Photo 3



Make 3 more rows, as above, with the final one being of 3 Double X and 2 Road to Oklahoma blocks.



Sew your rows together to create your quilt centre. It should measure 40 ½ Inches square at this point. (Photo 4)

Choose a dark fabric (one you have already used in the blocks if you

have enough, or an alternative one) that you have sufficient quantity of to cut and sew a 2 inch simple framing border around this centre piece. (NO photo for this step).

I will give you my suggestion for the remaining border for this quilt in the final Instalment next month. In saying this, you may choose to add whatever design of border you like to finish this quilt to the size you want. My suggestion will bring the finished quilt top size to approx.. 56 - 60" square. If you want to keep the border cohesive, you may prefer to use the same fabric as in the first 2 inch border for a second later border. Or you could choose to use one or more of your other dark fabrics that are in the centrepiece. I'm keeping you guessing about the border as this 'mystery' quilt .. because so far, it's been an easy construct for you. Plus I will be interested to see if any of you choose (as Rae Sharpe did with Mystery Quilt 1) to create your own interesting border for this one.

Have fun... and contact me if you have any questions or if my instructions are too confusing!

Anne

### Things we do for Others



Geelong Mums ask for all donations to be in excellent, clean condition because they hope that anyone who receives a Geelong Mums package feels like they have received a gift that has been prepared with care and thoughtfulness.

Acceptable items include clothing for babies and children, sizes birth 00000 to size 16 teens—no hoods please
Pyjamas and sleepwear

Gro-bags and sleeping bags for babies

Underwear and socks in new or near new condition Hand knitted or crocheted clothing, beanies, booties and scarves.

Nappies & nappy bags (as new)

Toiletries for babies, children and adults that are new or unopened and within a 3 month expiry date

Maternity pads

Nursing pads

Toiletry bags

Wipes

Drawstring bags in several sizes are also welcome.

Baby/kids toiletry bags 30 x 30cm finished

Craft/toy/book/shoe bags—Small 35x35cm, Medium
40x50cm, Large 50x60cm.





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### Royal Chidren's Hospital

#### What size to Make?

Please note the **smallest ones** we are making for the moment are **30" x 30"** There is wriggle room but these are a guide:

Baby: 30" square 30" x 36" Toddler: 36" square 36" x 42"

Most popular: 40" square 40" x 48"



Snippets from the **KOGO News** website



For this month...We need:

Indigenous blankets in red, yellow and black or Torres Islander colours -: green, blue, black and white

Please note:

Adult blankets (approx. 1.6m x 1.2m)

Cot blankets (1m x 1.2m, SIDS guidelines)
To help our process (and protect our volunteers): Do not wrap items individually Do not include staples in your

### SEXUAL ASSAULT AND FAMILY VIOLENCE REFUGE

I do encourage people to keep making quilts for this refuge. Every quilt goes to a woman or a child who has suffered serious abuse and who will appreciate receiving something made with love and compassion that is theirs alone.

Anne Clutterbuck



### Things we do for Others



### AUSSIE HERO QUILTS Sue Palmer

Aussie Heroes has been up and running since January2012. Aussie Hero Quilts (and Laundry Bags) has continued to grow steadily.

These days quilts and laundry bags are mailed mostly

### **Quilt Size:**

The quilts were designed to be portable and easy to post. Anything posted to the members with an AFPO address and under 2kg is free.

Aussie Hero Quilts are sized to be the width of the fabric so about 42". The length should be 70". I know some of you will think that this size seems a little narrow, but the quilts also have to be small enough for the recipients to fit into their luggage if they are required to move from one location to another unexpectedly. They also need to be the right size to fit on top of a navy bunk at sea and a bunk bed or stretcher on land. If you make the quilts too wide this makes them too big and bulky.

Every Quilt must have an Aussie Hero label on it as follows:

This is an
AUSSIE HERO QUILT
Made for an Aussie Hero .

If Aussie Hero Quilts is something you would like to get involved with speak to Sue Palmer. The Aussie Hero Quilts website is very comprehensive with tutorials available on how to make quilt blocks and also quilt patterns.



BOTTLE CAPS & BREAD TAGS Jodie Arklay
A box will be set up at meetings to collect bottle caps and plastic bread tags.

Jodie will deliver them to a collection point each

### **SHOPS**

Present your current Geelong Guild membership card at these shops for your discount. Please mention your membership prior to finalising your purchases



Heights Sewing Centre (10%) 17 Pakington Street West Gee-



Gails Patchwork Emporium 131 Yarrowee St Sebastopol (over \$20 cash only)









We don't have many library rules but we feel we must introduce a new rule. Books and magazines are not to be removed from the Library Room. If the leave the room they must be borrowed. Thank you for your understanding of us introducing this new rule.

Happy Reading and Sewing

Judy and Pauline

Hope those who attended our demonstration of the Go Cutter enjoyed our show. We cut out birds and hearts for appliqué with iron on fusible web for raw edge appliqué and explored the other dies in the box. 2 members borrowed a die each so I think the venture was successful. I won't be at the October meeting but in November I will be bringing a layer cake pack and using the Drunkards Path die. Demonstration will be at 11.30. Do come along to watch. I work best with a crowd willing to give advice. Worked a treat at the last demonstration. Thank you to Sue Robertson for being my support buddy.

### **The Quilters Companion**

issue 129 is available to borrow. The magazine to inspire you to get quilting. Inside the magazine are exquisite patchwork and quilting projects that both hand and machine quilters will absolutely enjoy. In this issue. See two quilt galleries, dig into your plaid fabric stash and sew plaid squares,



create a stunning Late Lounge Lover quilt and much more.

#### Purchased book.

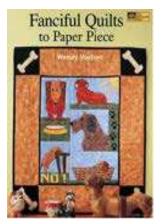
**100 Things to do with Embroidery Hoops by Kirsty Neale.** There are endless practical and decorative uses for the humble embroidery hoop. From pretty wall art and hanging mobiles to functional pin boards.

### 2 donated books from Judy Alcock.

Thanks Judy.

Fanciful Quilts to Paper Piece by Wendy Vosters.

Love the front cover!
Stitch one of a kind, pictorial paper pieced
blocks. Whirling windmills, tulips, animals and other quaint images are sure to charm any paper piecing fan. Get inspired



to make original projects with this book. I just love the delightful dog quilt.

Lucky Spools Essential Guide Modern Quilt Making. Compiled by Susanne Woods. From colour to quilting. 10 workshops by popular quilting teachers sharing their most requested workshops. Detailed instructions and inspiration patterns encourage practice and ensure success.

As I mentioned I won't be at the October meeting but of course Pauline will be there with Pam Billing as her assistant. They will need volunteers to help set out and pack up the books. Thank you.

Happy reading and sewing. Judy and Pauline





<u>Please Note:</u> While all care is taken to be correct, this list is complied from various



Windmill Stitches of Kaniva Quilt Exhibition Kaniva Shire Hall 26th - 27th October 2024

# WINDMILL STITCHERS OF KANIVA QUILT EXHIBITION

26-27 October 10am-4pm Kaniva Shire Hall 15 Baker Street Kaniva



## BELLARINE QUILTERS QUILT EXHIBITION

26-27 October
10 am—4pm
Drysdale Community Hub
21-27 Eversley Street
Drysdale

\$5 entry



## PHILLIP ISLAND PATCHWORKERS INC QUILT SHOW

2nd—5th November 10am—4pm Newhaven Hall \$8 entry

### **QUILTS AT THE ROUND TABLE**

Australian Quilt and Textile Collection
Friday 22 November
Cost \$20 per person
The Pyramid, Millrose Quilting & Gallery, 92 Inglis St
Ballan

For Bookings phone Ruth 0439 395 300

### **SKELLYWAGS QUILT IN**

23rd November 10am—4pm Barnawatha Soldiers Memorial Hall \$15 (Includes morning & afternoon tea)



### **VIC QUILTERS SPRING GATHERING & AGM**

Saturday 23rd November
Waverly Masonic Centre
318—322 Stephensons Road
Mt Waverley







Wheatsheaf Quilting

(also quilt sales)

1-2 Oakwood Ridge

St Albans Park 3219.

Ph: 5248 4057 Mob: 0425 810 203

### **Bellarine Quilters**

**Contact:** Christine Fox Mobile: 0481060909

Email: cmfox@aapt.net.au

Meets: Mondays 10.00 am-

3.00pm.

**Venue:** Drysdale Community Hub 25 Eversley Street, Drysdale

Everyone welcome

#### **Wyndham Patchwork**

**Contact:** Donna Morris

(President) or

Tania Bodger (Vice President)

Meets: 2nd Sat (Mtg); 4th Sat

(Sit & sew)

**Venue:** Community Centre & Library, Manor Lakes Community Learning Centre

86 Manor Lakes Bvd Wyndham

Vale

**Email:** wyndhampatchworkersinc@hotmail.com

### Seachange Quilters

**Contact:** Helen Carruthers

0434 070 211

Meets: Every Tuesday & Wednes-

day and some Saturdays

Venue: Senior Citizens

5A Cliffort Parade, Barwon Heads.

### **Regent Street Stitchers**

**Contact:** Judy Bubb 0425 810 203 Or Dallas Windmill 0409 430 678

Meets: 2nd Saturday 10-2pm, \$

5.00

**Venue:** South Barwon Community Centre, 33 Mount Pleasant

Road, Belmont. All welcome.

### Stitchers at Sea

Contact: Glenys Russell

Ph: 5255 2991

Meets: 1st Wednesday

Venue: Rotating home system

#### **Purple Pixies**

Contact: : Leslie Clarke

5281 3254

Meets: 2nd Monday Time: 10am-3:30pm Venue: Geelong West Oval

### The Applique Guild of Australia Geelong Chapter

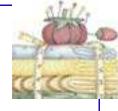
Contact: Dawn Holroyd

Ph: 0419 324 745

Meets 1st Saturday 10.00am—

2pm

**Venue:** Bellarine Sewing Centre 395 Moorabool St Geelong





### **Name Badges**

Please remember to wear your name badge at meetings, it helps people know who you are, especially those who are new to the Guild. You need to wear it to be able to claim your lucky door prize.

If you need to replace your badge please let Judy Bubb know and she will organise this at a cost of \$20





Material for inclusion in the next edition of Common Thread must reach the editor no later than: **Monday** 29 October 2024

Please send all articles to The Editor by email: news@geelongpatch.org.au

The newsletter is printed 11 months of the year from February to December.

### Advertising rates are:

\$10.00 per 1/8 page \$15.00 per 1/4 page \$20.00 per 1/3 page \$30.00 per 1/2 page \$60.00 per full page

Machine quilters listing \$5.00 per month.

Members buy, swap or sell advertisement: \$5.00 without photo \$8.00 with photo (attached to email)

Advertisements must be print-ready and emailed preferably as word doc, publisher (pub) file or pdf.

### **Social Media**

The Guild has two Facebook pages:

Both these pages are a great way to stay in touch with each other between meetings.

Geelong Patchwork and Quilters Guild Inc. for public viewing

Geelong Patchwork and Quilters Guild Forum: for members only





ext Issue :

Have you got something you would like to submit to Common Thread? Feel free to email news@geelongpatch.org.au by Monday 29

October 2024.

All articles will be considered for submission but are published at the discretion of either the Editor and/or President.

Material submitted for publication in Common Thread should not infringe copyright of any kind. If you are not the original author or artist, please include source information for written material or pictures so that every attempt can be made to seek permission for its legal use.

#### **Committee Correspondence:**

Please direct all correspondence regarding your Guild for the Committee's attention to:

PO Box 753, Geelong 3220 email: info@geelongpatch.org.au or alternatively hand the letter to the Secretary at a Guild meeting.



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