

Geelong Patchwork & Quilters'
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Common Thread

August 2025 Newsletter



Notice of The Annual General Meeting of the Geelong Patchwork & Quilters Guild

to be held on Saturday 16th August 2025.

The purpose of the AGM is twofold. First is a review of the year past, with the President delivering her report on the year's activities and the direction for the group, and the Treasurer presenting the Annual financial report. Second purpose is to elect a committee to steer the Guild for the coming twelve months.

We are seeking nominations from members to serve on the committee for the period August 2025 to July 2026. This is not an onerous job and provides members with an opportunity to participate in the running and direction of the Guild, and to get to know more of the members. The Committee generally meets at the close of our regular Guild days, and by and large there is not a lot of business involved. Our major events most years are our Quilt In, the Biggest Morning Tea, and a bi-ennial Exhibition.

Under our Constitution all Committee positions are declared vacant and we are therefore seeking nominations for the following positions:

President

Vice President

Secretary

Treasurer

and up to 5 'ordinary' committee persons.

On the current Committee one of the 5 ordinary committee persons has taken the role of web management, another the role of Newsletter Editor, and a third, Membership Secretary. The final two committee members have been assuming the roles of Assistant Secretary and Assistant Treasurer.

Non-committee positions resolved at the AGM include: (Nominations forms are NOT necessary for these positions).

Assistant Newsletter Editor & Proofreader/ Photographer

Assistant Web master

Newsletter Distributor

Librarian Library Assistant/s

Charity Quilt Programme co-ordinators

*Refreshments Co-ordinator**

Special Occasions Correspondent

Archivist/Historian

We thank those serving in positions this past year. Our Guild cannot survive without the willingness of members to contribute towards its running. Please consider how you could contribute by taking on one of the positions. If you have any queries about what is involved in a role, please feel free to ask a committee member about how much time and effort is required.

Nomination Forms are available on the front desk and on the website.

Proxy Voting forms are available to access on the website or at Newcomb Hall at the August Meeting.

Cheryl Gilbert
Secretary

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 are to:

Promote the art and craft of patchwork and quilting

Bring together and encourage the establishment of quilt groups

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



2024-25 Committee

President: Anne Clutterbuck

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Vice President: Sue Palmer

Secretary: Cheryl Gilbert

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Photographer: Pam Planner

Proof Reading: Jodie Arklay, Lesley Whitlock

Workshops Coordinator: Anne Clutterbuck

Committee Member: Pam Billing

Newsletter Distributor: Janine Parry

Blankets of Love: Contact: Adrienne Hare

Very Snuggly Quilts/ QFO/KOGO Judy Alcock

Sexual Assault & Family Violence Refuge:

Anne Clutterbuck

Geelong Mums: Wendy Evans

Refreshments: Bellarine Quilters

Special Occasions Co-ordinator: Annette Packett

Archivist: Margaret Tembo

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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

MONTHLY MEETINGS

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.

EFTPOS is now available.

FORTHCOMING MEETING DATES

August 16 **Andrea Taylor**

September 20 **Debra McHugh**

October 18 **Jo Grant**

November 15 **Denise Barker**

Royal Geelong Show 2025

Once again, Margaret Tembo is challenging you to enter a cushion In The Royal Geelong Show.

Please Fill in an entry form at the August meeting and give to Margaret along with the entry fee of \$2.50. She will collect your cushion at the September meeting.

Thank you

Margaret Tembo



NEW MEMBERS AFTERNOON TEA

Saturday 3rd December, 2025 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.



July Birthdays



To all of you celebrating a birthday in August

Yetty Barrett, Pamela Billing, Irene Boyle, Jenny Harris, Sandra Herbert, Lisa Hollingsworth, Anne Millward and Kaye Woodhams.



Your birthstone is Peridot
And your birth flower is Poppy



PRESIDENTS REPORT



Hello everyone,

Here we are at another AGM for the Guild – this year for me has gone way too fast. I will write an Annual President's Report separately, which you will find elsewhere in this newsletter. In this one I'm talking about just this past few weeks of activity.

Firstly, may I say a huge thankyou to all the members who came to our July Biggest Morning Tea meeting and, not only brought along a record amount of items for the silent auction, but were generous to a fault in supporting our aim to raise as much money as we could for the Cancer Council to help further that organisation's aims and programmes. We raised the wonderful sum of \$1435, our biggest sum from the past 3 years, and I'm delighted with that result. \$1164 from the Silent auction, \$90 in cash donations from some very generous members, and \$181 from the Raffle. Well done to each and every one of you for all that you contributed to this fantastic effort. I am so proud of you all. I think the decorated bras added a little lighthearted humour to the day and congratulations to those ladies who accepted that challenge and were brave enough to wear their creations in the parade. Congratulations to Sue Palmer for taking out the Judge's choice for best decorated. Thankyou all for participating in my two quizzes – congratulations to the teams who took home the chocolates for those events, and well done to everyone for getting into the spirit with decorating tables or wearing pink or yellow. I hope you all enjoyed the day – it is a bit different and the cause is close to so many hearts.

I distributed a lot of paper patterns for the 40th Birthday celebratory leaf that the committee is hoping most of you will create. If you are going to make a leaf, don't forget to make it very personal – using fabrics you love, embroidering or appliqueing details that make it personal but also reference the 40 figure or the Guild's history in some way. Be creative. I'm looking forward to seeing them all in September and ultimately connected into a bunting that will be used as part of the 'Ruby' Exhibition in October.

Speaking of which, are you all working on a quilt that will be entered or on the Ruby Challenge? Don't forget we need the Challenge entries to be brought to the October meeting so the members and 3 of our Life Members can judge their favourites. There will be 3 individual Judge's Choice winners, and one Members' Choice winner – these will be announced at the opening of the Exhibition in October. Time is flying - it will be September and October before we know it. Come and see me at the August meeting if you need a pattern for the leaf, I will print off a few more just in case.



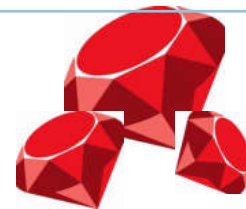
We have just held our second workshop of the year – the Kathy Doughty "Into the Wild" or Organic Applique 2 day workshop. 21 ladies participated, 15 members, and 6 ladies from other quilt guilds. There will be a detailed report on this very popular workshop elsewhere in the newsletter with more photos. I first approached Kathy to do a workshop with us at AQC in 2023, so it has taken over 2 years to get Kathy here to teach her method of applique and enthuse us all with her ideas on fabric and design. Her calendar is always so full it took that long to find a weekend that worked for her. It was a very successful workshop that everyone who attended loved. Because we can't have the Newcomb Hall on Sundays, it was held in Drysdale Senior Citizens Hall, a venue that worked extremely well. I must thank Dianne White who is heavily involved in Senior Citizens and the running of that Hall, most sincerely for her assistance, and a big thankyou also to Chris Fox, Anne Millward, and Jill Ward along with Dianne for getting the hall set up for us on the Friday before. It made such a difference to me to have all this assistance, and made it easy for the participants to just come along and get settled in for 2 days of intense learning and creating.

Of course, this coming meeting is our AGM. So far, I've had no-one submit any nominations for executive positions on the Committee – I really hope that we don't have the situation where no-one is willing to step up and participate in the running of the Guild. It cannot be emphasized enough that the Guild will be shut down if we cannot get an executive together to carry on past this next meeting. I know many of you have been on the committee in the past but that may be a couple of decades ago. Some of you have committee involvements in other quilt groups and are not willing to also take on the Guild and I can understand that. But there must be ladies amongst you who can find a bit of time each month to help form the committee. We particularly need a secretary and a treasurer at this stage, and a Vice President as well. Without those three positions filled we cannot function. It's really time I stepped aside but I will nominate to continue as President if no-one else steps up. Please, I am entreating you, if you love the Guild and want it to continue, that you will come forward at the AGM and nominate to take a role.

I will see you all on August 16th - I'm looking forward to hearing our guest speaker, Andrea Taylor of Bittern by the Bug – a specialist in Japanese Sashiko and Japanese fabrics – don't forget to bring along your Sashiko quilts and items, or quilts with a Japanese theme for Show and Tell. And I'm looking forward to establishing a new committee to carry the Guild into 2026... 🙏

Anne Clutterbuck

40 YEARS



I came, I joined in, I stayed ... Lyn Weeks

I always sewed, making my first dress in grade 5. All my clothes were hand made. I had my own dressmaking and alterations business, Blue Waters, in between having babies. But patchwork and quilting?

In 1980 I lived in England, but disaster was waiting – I did not have a sewing machine for the year. What to do about that - hand sewing it was. Grandma's Garden was the project, naturally. However, making a quilt was a mystery. So, I used the 'I have no idea so will just make it up' plan.

Several years later, I met a lady who was a real quilter. All good. I did much unpicking and re-sewed it the right way. That's when I heard about the GP&QG. I was told to come along and bring something for Show & Tell. So, I did.

I was invited to join the table where other Ocean Grove women were sitting. I had a lovely time and instantly became a Guild member. I also joined Stitchers at Sea which is a perfect friendship group for me.

My first quilt may have been a traditional one but by experimenting and always being keen to try new approaches, I have become an art quilter. There is something for everyone in the quilting world.

I have been a member for more than 20 years. For those of you who are new to the Guild and don't know me, I have been President twice, and convened the Guild Exhibition five times, both at Deakin Waterfront and Geelong West Town Hall.

So why did I stay?

I love the highlights such as the exhibition, quilt in, guest speakers, show and tell, library; and who can forget the fun of the Bus Shopping Trips?

Most importantly, I enjoy the personal friendships I have made, along with the positive vibe of our monthly meetings.

The Quilters



"The Quilters" is a 33 minute documentary available on [Netflix](https://www.netflix.com/title/80114444) about a group of men incarcerated in a Missouri maximum-security prison who design and sew quilts for foster children. The film provides a glimpse into their daily lives within the prison's sewing room, showcasing their creative process and the pride they take in their work. Some of the quilts they make are amazing and I highly recommend sitting down with a cuppa and your friends to watch this moving show.

Jodie Arklay

The Geelong Patchwork and Quilters Guild Inc. (No. A6698)

Agenda of the Annual General Meeting

12.30 pm Saturday 16 August 2025

The Newcomb Hall, Wilson St, Newcomb

Attendees	As per attendance list.
Apologies	

Minutes of the GPQG Annual General Meeting held on Saturday 19 August 2024 be accepted as a true and correct record of the proceedings.

Moved: Seconded: Carried

President's Report	Anne Clutterbuck and as in the Newsletter.
Treasurer's Report: Presentation of Financial Records	Presentation by Treasurer Debra Read of the financial records for the past year (2024-2025) for acceptance, as printed in newsletter. Auditors - Mann Smith & Associates, 3 Harrier Lane, Lara 3212 Moved: Seconded: Carried Moved that the statement be confirmed as a true and fair record of the financial position of the incorporated association during and at the end of its last financial year and that the Secretary submit the statement to Consumer Affairs Victoria within the one month of the date of this meeting. Moved: Seconded: Carried
Appointment of Auditor	Motion to appoint Mann Smith & Associates as auditors of the 2024/2025 Geelong Patchwork and Quilters Guild financial records. Moved: Seconded: Carried
Adjustment of joining and membership fees	A review has taken place and it is proposed that membership and joining fees for the 2024/2025 financial year remain the same as previous year: Full Membership - \$35.00 all members (No concession membership) Junior (under 18) - \$20.00, Joining Fee - \$55.00 for new member's fee includes a name badge. Moved: Seconded: Carried
Election of new Committee Chaired by	All Committee positions declared <i>Vacant</i> <i>Nominations have been received for the following positions –</i> President: <i>Vacant</i> Vice President: <i>Vacant</i> Treasurer: nominated <i>Vacant</i> Secretary: <i>Vacant</i> <i>Five Committee member positions</i> Website Manager: nominated <i>Jodie Arklay</i> Newsletter Editor: nominated <i>Bronwyn Drehlich</i> Assistant Secretary: nominated <i>Vacant</i> Assistant Treasurer: nominated <i>Vacant</i> Membership Secretary: nominated <i>Judy Bubb</i> <i>Nominations for non-committee positions are:</i> Newsletter distribution: <i>Vacant</i> Assistant Website Manager: <i>Vacant</i> Librarian: <i>Judy Bubb</i> Assistant Librarian <i>Vacant</i> Assistant Newsletter Editor: nominated <i>Vacant</i> Quilts of Love: <i>Vacant</i> Very Snuggly Quilts, KOGO: <i>Vacant</i> Special Occasions Correspondent: <i>Vacant</i> New Member Coordinator: This will be filled by Membership Secretary Go-Cutter Bookings will be handled by the Librarian Historian/Archivist: <i>Vacant</i> Refreshments Coordinator: <i>Vacant</i> Introduction of new Committee.
Change of Signatories	Moved by that any two of the following committee positions: President Secretary Treasurer Be required as signatories to the GPQG bank account. Seconded: Carried The new President will then preside over the general monthly GPQG meeting.

President's Report from August 2024 to July 2025 inclusive.

The Geelong Patchwork & Quilters' Guild Inc has prospered again this past year. We can say that we have recovered financially from the devastating effects of the Covid Pandemic and have maintained a healthy bank balance while at the same time expanding our events and making the year full of interest. Some of the important points to note for this past year:

1. Membership was kept to the same cost as it has been for over a decade now, and meeting costs were also kept to the same level as the past few years.
2. We have had more paid speakers than we have had for a few years, which has given the members a lot to learn, to enjoy, to talk about. The list of speakers in the past 12 months is:
 - a. Gail Jorgens, Geelong Show Homecraft Co-ordinator.
 - b. Shirley Drayton – Textile Artist with thread painting and involvement with the Aussie Hero programme.
 - c. Veronique Diligent – in October and also as our much admired Guest Speaker at our May Quilt In – lovely applique, loves Australian plants.
 - d. Ruth Nunn – of the Lions Club of Quilters, Victoria – Australian Quilt Collection – showed us some of the main pieces and how they're stored for permanency
 - e. Irene Blanck – with her wonderful applique quilts and Kawandi techniques
 - f. Sonya Else – brought her extraordinary mandala quilts and landscape quilts featuring Australian animals, birds and plants.
 - g. Tara Glastonbury – with a selection of her modern quilts and a very professional presentation touching on, among other things, repurposing clothing

You would have to agree, that is a very diverse list of speakers with special talents – and the members need to thank both Margaret Tembo (23-24 Vice President) and Sue Palmer, (24-25 Vice President) for this list. It is the role of the Vice President to organise the monthly speakers. Sue has already arranged the next few months with some exciting speakers to come.

3. We have held 2 very popular workshops – very different in nature.
 - a. Irene Blanck's Kawandi technique workshop -a one day affair held at Newcomb Hall and very much enjoyed by those who attended it. Some excellent examples of that workshop should be available for the upcoming Exhibition.
 - b. Kathy Doughty's Organic Applique workshop – a 2 day affair held at Drysdale Senior Citizens and very highly rated by the 21 participants - hopefully some of those pieces will be ready for the exhibition as well.
4. In place of a speaker we had the Shared Skills meeting in June - where 5 members talked about one particular skill that the members could watch in demonstrations, ask questions, add to their skill repertoires. This is a different day for members, but always well received and quite often asked for.
5. Our annual Quilt In at Geelong West Town Hall attracted the biggest attendance we've had since pre-pandemic times and was a great success. Veronique was heavily praised for her work, her humour and her generosity of time to those who wanted answers to their questions about her work. We had an appearance by representatives of the Blue Bird Foundation choir sing to us. We raised \$1183 in fundraising for that Foundation through raffles and the guessing competition, which was most appreciated by the people at Bluebird Foundation. As in the previous 2 years, there were over 30 Challenge blocks made with the Bluebird theme, which will be made into 2 quilts, one of which will be given to the Bluebird Foundation for them to raise further funds. The traders were very popular and also very happy with their day – a good day was had by all, except those stuck at the back of the hall!!
6. The July Biggest Morning Tea meeting – another fund raising day – this time through the silent auction and special raffle. A happy day – very relaxed with a couple of quizzes, and the noteworthy decorated bra parade giving rise to some giggles. With \$1435 raised for the Cancer Council's work, it was our biggest donation for the past 3 years and a testament to the generosity of the members.

The Christmas meeting had Judy Bubb's annual challenge where we were given a hoop to decorate with a Flora and Fauna theme. The display of hoops was so absorbing – so many ideas, such a lot of talented workmanship.

Of course, members have continued to be so giving of their time and talents in making quilts for others - the Snuggly Quilt Programme, and Sexual Assault and Family Violence Centre receiving dozens of quilts. My thanks to all of you who quietly go along making quilts for these two services, with special thanks going to our irreplaceable matriarch of the Snuggly Quilts – Judy Alcock.

President's Report (continued)

Later this year we will be staging our Biennial Quilt Exhibition at the Geelong West Town Hall – to that purpose a special sub-committee was set up to organise the event, and my thanks go to Nicola Picken for agreeing to be the Convenor, and to all those committee members, most of whom organised and ran the previous Exhibition – Pam Planner, Bronwyn Drehlich, Heather Grant, Carole Bosna, and Deb Read. We wish them every success with the Exhibition and remind all members to work on the Ruby Challenge project, which will be part of the display.

We congratulate all of our members who had had success in the past year, with entries into Showcase or staging their own exhibitions (Lyn Weeks, Jan Preston, Judith Oke,, Margaret Tembo, Carole Bosna, Pam Planner and Bronwyn Drehlich) Apologies to anyone I have overlooked here. Our Guild holds so much talent within the membership and I encourage all members to push their boundaries with their work – to keep learning and trying different techniques.

Of course, it is our 40th birthday as a Guild coming up in September, and the members have been reminded regularly that this year is a special one for that reason – hence the Ruby Challenge. We plan to celebrate with a birthday party in September - with the planning for that well underway.

This year we have sadly lost some of our older members, which always hurts, but we have also been fortunate to have gained some new members that we welcome very willingly. The Guild will need to constantly renew itself to stay relevant and contemporary. To those who have joined us this year, I hope you have found it rewarding and will find it easy to make new friends and enjoy your time spent in our quilting community.

I cannot finish this report without thanking my brilliant committee –

Sue Palmer, Vice President – for someone who thought she didn't know enough contacts to do the job – you have done a phenomenal job of organising our speakers.

Cheryl Gilbert, secretary extraordinaire – so good with the agendas and minutes – so comprehensively presented and the person who keeps me on my toes best.

Deb Read – the best treasurer I've ever worked with on any committee (and believe me I've been on quite a few –not all guild ones!) – such wonderful attention to detail, such cleanly kept records.

Judy Bubb – our librarian and membership secretary - two jobs that she does so very well – always has time to talk to me, always so willing to give of herself to this Guild.

Jodie Arklay - our Web site manager - dealing with external pressures, child raising, studying and yet still doing so much to keep our website up to date and keep the members informed with special emails.

Bronwyn Drehlich - took on the role of newsletter editor from the previous excellent editor in Cheryl, and has done a wonderful job, I am sure you will all agree.

Anne Thompson – our very cheerful assistant Treasurer, and so helpful to Deb especially on meeting days at the front desk,

and finally, Pam Billing – very willing to step in and help where help is needed, such a desirable attribute in a committee member.

Of course, there are many others who have contributed to the running of the Guild - Pauline Lorenz, our 2nd librarian, so necessary for that to function well, Margaret Tembo for her work as our archivist, Pam Planner for her great photography, the Bellarine Quilters for their work with our refreshments, Lesley Whitlock for proof reading the newsletters and Janine Parry for picking up and distributing the printed copies of the newsletter. Plus a general thankyou to all of you who quietly pitch in and help when the need arises. You have all made this year so easy for me to do my job. I can't thank you enough or tell you how much I appreciate everything you have all done for me and given to me in support and advice. Bravo!!

Here's to another bright and brilliant year for the Guild ahead.

Anne Clutterbuck

The Geelong Patchwork and Quilters Guild Inc. (No. A6698)

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

Saturday 19th August 2024

The Newcomb Hall, Wilsons Road Newcomb

In Attendance	As per attendance list
Apologies	Sandra Herbert, Irene Boyle, Lyn Weeks, Ann Key, Lyn Holz, Marilyn Davidson, Jill Holland, Rae Sharp, Bronwyn Drehlich, Heather Grant, Kaye Woodhams

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Moved: Anne Clutterbuck Seconded: Margaret Tembo Carried: Yes

President's Report	President read out at meeting (Copies of report in newsletter and there are copies printed on tables).
Treasurer's Report: Presentation of Financial Records	Presentation of the financial records for the past financial year (2023 -2024) for acceptance and passing by the members as available on tables. (published in newsletter.) Auditors – Mann Smith & Associates, 3 Harrier Lane, Lara 3212 Moved that the statement be confirmed as a true and fair record of the financial position of the incorporated association during and at the end of its last financial year and that the Secretary submit the statement to Consumer Affairs Victoria within the one month of the date of this meeting. Moved: Deb Read Seconded: Chris Fox Carried: Yes
Appointment of Auditor	Motion to appoint Mann Smith & Associates as auditors of the (financial years 2024 -2025) Geelong Patchwork and Quilters Guild financial records. Moved: Deb Read Seconded: Jodie Arkley Carried: Yes
Adjustment of joining and membership fees	Proposed that membership and joining fees for the 2024 – 2025 financial year be as follows: Full membership - \$35.00: All members (No concession membership) Junior (under 18) - \$20.00 Joining Fee - \$55.00 for new members fee includes a name badge. The next review of the membership fees will be due at the AGM in 2025 Moved: Anne Clutterbuck Seconded: Wendy Evans Carried: Yes

Election of new Committee Chaired by Judith Oke	All Committee positions declared vacant. <i>Nominations have been received for the following positions</i> – the nominated people were elected unopposed. President: Nomination Anne Clutterbuck Declared elected Vice President: Sue Palmer Declared elected Treasurer: Nominated Deb Read Declared elected Secretary: Vacant, <i>Five Committee member positions</i> Website Manager: Jodie Arklay Newsletter Editor: Assistant Secretary: Assistant Treasurer: Anne Thompson Committee Member and Membership Secretary: Judy Bubb Committee Member: Pam Billing <i>Other non-committee positions:</i> Newsletter distribution: Janine Parry Assistant Website Manager: Librarian: Judy Bubb Ass Librarian: Pauline Lorenz Workshop Convenor: Anne Clutterbuck Assistant Newsletter Editor, Proof reader, photographer: Claudia Welter Very Snuggly Quilts, KOGO: Judy Alcock SJOG Oncology Quilts: Sue Palmer SA&FV Refuge Quilts: Anne Clutterbuck Special Occasions Correspondent: : Annette Packett New Member Co-ordinator: Judy Bubb Go-Cutter Bookings will be handled by the Librarian(s) Historian/Archivist: Margaret Tembo Refreshments (Sub group to organize for year) Bellarine Quilters Introduction of new Committee to members in attendance.
Change of Signatories	Moved by: Judith Oke that any two of the following committee positions: President: Anne Clutterbuck Secretary: Treasurer: Deb Read Be required as signatories to the GPQG bank account Seconded: Judy Alcock Carried: Yes

The new President then presided over the general monthly GPQG meeting.

The AGM for: 2024

closed at: 12:58pm

AGM Reports

MANN, SMITH & ASSOCIATES

CPA

Public Accountants - Registered Tax Agents

Reg. Tax Agent Number 76229006

15th July 2025

GEELONG PATCHWORK AND QUILTERS GUILD INC

OPINION

To the members of the Geelong Patchwork and Quilters Guild Inc,

Scope

I have reviewed the financial records and reports of the Geelong Patchwork and Quilters Guild Inc for the year ended 30th June 2025. The Committee of Management is responsible for the preparation and presentation of the financial statements and the information they contain. I have conducted an independent review of the financial reports in order to express an opinion on them to the members of the Guild.

Findings

The Guild's financial statements, computer records and supporting documentation have been maintained in a clear, systematic, comprehensive and reliable manner. All records examined by me were materially accurate and in order.

Opinion

In my opinion, on the basis of the records provided to me, the attached financial statements present a true and fair view of the income and expenses of the Geelong Patchwork and Quilters Guild for the year ended 30 June 2025 and its net assets as at that date.



Richard Sykes
Mann, Smith & Associates

AGM Reports

Geelong Patchwork and Quilters Guild

Statement of Profit and Loss

For the Financial Year ended June 30th 2025

		<u>2024</u>
Income		
Advertising	415.00	505.00
Badges	50.00	73.50
Christmas Lunch	1,276.00	1,200.00
Donations	95.00	85.00
Donations for Charity	2,529.20	3,679.40
Door Takings	5,784.00	9,150.00
Exhibition Entries	0.00	160.00
Exhibition Raffle	0.00	2,284.00
Go Cutter Hire	0.00	10.00
Guild Trading Table	40.00	1,442.50
Insurance Credit	0.00	87.70
Library Sales and Fines	342.95	350.40
Membership	3,230.00	3,207.50
Raffle	846.10	844.00
Test and Tag	104.50	0.00
Workshops	5,175.00	4,030.00
Total Income	19,887.75	27,109.00
Expenditure		
Audit Fees	264.00	264.00
Advertising	130.33	330.00
Assets written off	631.50	0.00
Badges	533.00	180.27
Bank Fees	90.79	74.79
Christmas Lunch	1,162.60	1,214.14
Computer Hardware	0.00	34.98
Computer Software	139.00	0.00
Consumer Affairs	49.00	63.60
Depreciation	215.45	0.00
Exhibition Hall Hire	0.00	2,112.00
Exhibition Printing	0.00	97.54
Exhibition Sundries	0.00	1,268.00
Gifts/Donations	2,979.23	3,284.12
Hall Hire	4,787.50	4,031.20
Insurance	1,080.00	1,013.00
Library	402.69	254.78
Membership Refund	20.00	0.00
Postage	60.60	31.20
Post Box Renewal	159.00	154.00
Printing Forms/Newsletters	444.19	106.49
Raffle Prizes	92.78	204.00
Refreshments	430.18	679.73
Showcase sponsorship	250.00	0.00
Speakers	1,750.00	3,250.00
Stationary	207.40	166.95
Storage	1,650.00	1,500.00
Subscriptions	259.00	0.00
Test and Tag	275.22	0.00
Website Expenses	143.40	195.35
Workshop Refund	260.00	0.00
Total Expenditure	18,466.86	20,510.14
Profit/Loss	1,420.89	6,598.86

AGM Reports

Geelong Patchwork and Quilters Guild

Balance Sheet as at 30th June 2025

		<u>2024</u>
Assets		
Cash At Bank	18,220.52	16,970.65
Fixed Assets		
Lap Top Computers	0.00	384.00
Go Cutter Equipment	0.00	247.50
Lenovo Ideapad Slim 5	1,017.97	0.00
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	-215.45	0.00
Total Assets	19,023.04	17,602.15
Members Funds		
Retained Earnings 30th June 2025	17,602.15	11,003.29
Add Net Profit/Loss Current Year	1,420.89	6,598.86
Balance as at 30th June	19,023.04	17,602.15

Committee Roles (Revised July 2023)

Committee duties are elected and roles stipulated as per the Model Rules.

PRESIDENT: Is the "Face" of and sets the direction of the Guild.

Oversees the year's activities and proposes special activities.

Chairs the monthly Guild meeting and all committee and special meetings.

Represents GPQG at functions where the Guild is involved.

The President or a nominated committee member is automatically included in all subcommittee structures such as the Exhibition or Quilt-In subcommittee.

VICE PRESIDENT: Assists the President in all areas and represents GPQG when the President is unable to attend.

Looks after the arrangements for Guest Speakers.

SECRETARY: Attends to all the correspondence directed to the registered post office box.

From the correspondence - Records all inwards mail on a correspondence list.

Then gives - To the President – items appropriate for announcing on Guild meeting day.

To the Treasurer – all invoices and financial papers.

To the Librarian – magazines (keep; the address page with the magazine) and any other relevant material.

At the monthly meetings puts any relevant material eg newsletters and notices of interest to Guild members on the notice board.

Prepares the Agenda for the committee meetings and emails it out several days in advance together with the correspondence list.

Takes the Minutes for the committee meeting and circulates them preferably within the next week.

Collects any items from the Suggestion Box for committee consideration.

Provides administrative assistance to subcommittees when needed.

TREASURER: Manages all finances of GP&QG, keeping accurate records and attends to the functions as stipulated by accounting standards for the AGM process.

Liaises with the insurance brokers to keep policies up to date.

Is responsible for collecting, accounting and receipting all monies for the Guild

August Guest Speaker

Andrea Taylor



My name is Andrea Taylor and I have been stitching and teaching in the "Japanese" style of Sashiko and "Boro" for about 20 years and have been a dressmaker for around 40 years. I also indigo dye using an organic recipe vat.

Sashiko and Boro seem to be the techniques which I find I can create and be my most creative in. I have always tutored the traditional way of transferring Sashiko patterns with Chaco paper to fabric, as I have always believed that it has given me the most creative freedom with my designs. Many of my designs are developed by myself from copyright free Japanese books my son brought back from his many visits to Japan. I was lucky enough to visit Japan in 2015 to see the Tokyo Quilt Show, an amazing spectacle.

Recently I have branched out and have included my own screen printed and Lino cut printed designs to incorporate with Sashiko and Boro, giving another dimension to my work.

Now with the inclusion of slow stitching on everyone's "radar", Sashiko, the ultimate and most elegant of slow stitching styles, can hopefully take its rightful place as a technique to learn and love as I have for many years.

***** Andrea will be having a pop up shop at the August meeting. *****



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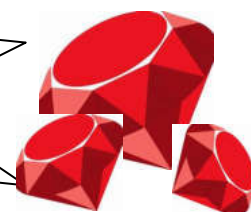
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Ruby Celebration Exhibition News



Quilt Entries



Quilt entries are due by **Saturday 20th September**. Entry forms will be available at Guild meetings.

Your entry form is to be accompanied by a colour photo of the quilt

Every quilt needs to be in its own quilt bag that is labelled with your name and phone number as well as the name of the quilt.

Your entry quilt needs to be labelled on the back with your name and the name of the quilt

Please make sure all of your quilts have a 10cm hanging sleeve attached.

Only quilts completed in the last two years are eligible for entry

If needed instructions for making a quilt bag can be found on the VicQuilters website.

Challenge

Our Committee would love you to create a quilted piece with your interpretation of our theme **RUBY!**

It's up to you how you use the theme of Ruby. We have very creative members so I look forward to seeing your completed pieces.

So here's what you need to know: Finished size 40 x 40 centimetres.

3 layers quilted together.

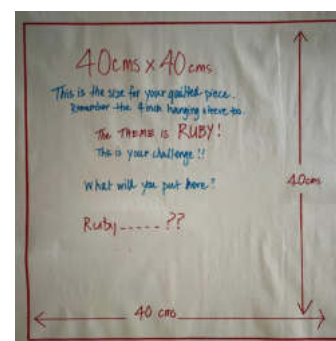
Edges can be bound, raw or faced.

10cm hanging sleeve on the back.

Name and title of your piece on the back.

Bring them to our October meeting on **Saturday October 18th** in a **quilt bag**.

Following this meeting the Challenges will be collected and kept for display at our Exhibition the following week.



Pam Planner

Members' Stall at the Geelong Patchwork & Quilters Guild Exhibition

The Exhibition Committee invites members to make and sell items at the Exhibition. The items will need to be priced beforehand by the creator and the appropriate form to be filled in. The items need to be patchwork/craft related. Members who wish to sell items will be required to help on the stall during the Exhibition. The Guild will retain 10% of the sale price of the items sold. Same applies if you wish to place a "for Sale" sign on a quilt on display at the Exhibition.

Items to be dropped off the same time as quilts are delivered to the venue on Friday 24th October.

If interested please let me know.

Judy Bubb

Members' Stall Convenor.

Kathy Doughty - Organic Applique Workshop.

Saturday 26 and Sunday 27 July 2025

21 eager Quilters poured into the Drysdale Senior Citizens Hall at 9.30am on Saturday 26th July to begin the 2 day Organic Applique workshop taught by Kathy Doughty of Material Obsession in Sydney. We had waited many months for this workshop so expectations were high and not one of us was disappointed. 15 Guild members, and 6 ladies from other groups were set up with a table each in the very well lit hall. Eight ironing stations were set up in a room behind the kitchen which made it very convenient for all. The generous people of the Senior Citizens supplied tea/coffee and an unexpected bonus of cake, fruit and some brownies to make morning tea very appealing!



Kathy began by talking about her history in quilting and her preferred methods of designing, and fabric choices, whilst showing several examples of her applique quilts. She then moved on to her method of creating applique pieces using wash away paper and fabric glue pens or 'Best Press' (or equivalent) with demonstrations using both that we could all gather round and see.

After this initial talk and demonstration we all began to create leaves or flowers using the wash away paper and stems using the 'Best Press' method – both so simple yet so useful - forget those bias tape makers and even the Roxanne glue that sets as plastic! The level of concentration and enthusiasm in the room was very catching – everyone so buoyed by learning a new and easy technique... Progress on many applique pieces for budding quilts was rapid. Kathy was impressed with the amount of progress

being made by our committed group. After the lunch break, Kathy showed us her two methods of creating perfect circles for her quilts using Applipops or cardboard or mylar templates with alfoil – both new to me at least! The ladies were more excited again about seeing these techniques demonstrated. Then back to work on our own pieces until 4pm.



Sunday saw everyone pile into the room and immediately set about setting up their quilts on design walls or on their tables using the pieces created the day before, or continue making pieces. One more demonstration from Kathy of her stitching technique before a brief Show & Tell, lots more work on individual projects and lots of chat. Kathy was always moving around the room, encouraging us, talking about choices, ideas, improvements etc. Around 3pm most packed up and prepared to leave, being tired but exhilarated by all that we had seen and learnt in 2 days. It will be interesting to see how many of those projects will be finished in time to be shown at our October Exhibition. A great workshop – worth waiting so long to have! Kudos to Kathy Doughty for being such a good teacher and so generous with her time and ideas.

Anne Clutterbuck



Biggest Morning Tea

How lovely it was to see so much pink and some touches of yellow at our Biggest Morning Tea. Everyone got into the spirit of the day by either dressing in pink or yellow or decorating tables, with Seachange taking the prize for best dressed table. Ultimately, the aim of the day was to raise money for the Cancer Foundation and I'm pretty sure that a decent amount would have been reached.

Firstly, there was the silent auction. So many wonderful items were donated and bundled up to tempt our members, with many items being hotly pursued by some of you.

Then there was the raffle with all proceeds going to the cause as well. It was indeed a wonderful little basket of goodies, which I'm sure any of us would have liked to win. Unfortunately, I missed out on taking that home but the lucky winner would certainly have been happy with it.

Show and tell was wonderful and inspiring as usual, with some beautiful quilts and projects displayed. Snuggly quilts were plentiful as well, some completed, some tops and some just needing the binding done by some of our wonderful members.



Anne's trivia quizzes had us all thinking and guessing once again, and the re emergence of the decorated bra parade gave us all a bit of a giggle. Sue Palmer was the winner with her sparkly little number. It was wonderful to see so many members attending, and a few new members and visitors too. Everyone deserves a round of applause for their contribution to making the day a success.

Sue Robertson

EMBELLISH ISSUE 62 – with Inspiration from Egypt

Artist Profile – Shirley Drayton

Shirley is a local textile artist. Currently her focus techniques are free motion machine embroidery, painting with stitches and confetti quilting. Shirley belongs to several textile groups and enjoys exhibiting her work.



The Bush



Ian Shearing



Inverleigh Railway



Cloth, Clothes and Coverings Rachel White

Many photos accompany this article. Fabulous beading, the importance of linen and ancient knitting.

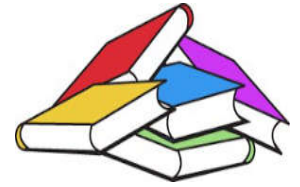


Streetscape Lynda Worthington

Lynda explains how to use complementary colours as highlights. This can be a great design feature of your work. Her photos of some practical examples look great. Certainly, a bit of 'less is more' in her work.

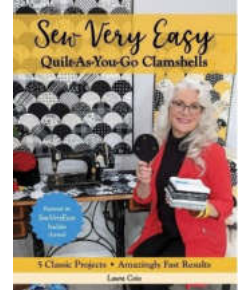


Lyn Weeks – Library Patron for Embellish

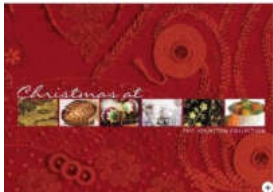


August Library Report

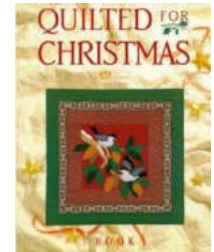
A new book purchased: Sew Very Easy. Quilt-as-you-go Clamshells by Laura Coia. I think this is a good addition to our library. There are 5 classic projects with amazingly fast results. The technique is simply using fusible applique paper, (like Kathy Doughty in her recent Guild applique workshop) start cutting and stitching and follow along as Laura walks you through the QAYG technique and easy applique stitching to finish the quilt. Annette Packett is the first to borrow the book and I am looking forward to her opinion about the technique.



Although Quiltmania no longer publishes a magazine we still have a box full of older magazines for you to borrow. It's my favourite magazine and I love browsing through the pages.



Feature books this month: I think we will have our Christmas books on the front table. Time to start planning and stitching Christmas gifts you wish to make. Lots of ideas in the library. Quilted for Christmas, Hooley Dooley Christmas, Christmas at the Johnson Collection and more.



Happy Reading and Sewing

Judy and Pauline.

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 they leave the room they must be borrowed. Thank you for your understanding of us introducing this new rule.

Happy Reading and Sewing

Our Quilt of Hexagons



Have you noticed the Hexagon quilt on the front round table as you walk into the hall? Have you made a hexagon with your name and commencement year and had it stitched to this unique historical quilt?

If you haven't, please see me for instructions and a piece of cream hexagon. I have gone through the membership list and there are a few who haven't made a hexagon. I know who you are and will be seeking you out.

Judy Bubbs

Membership Secretary

Show and Tell



Regent Street Quilters

Challenge

Boho Heart (Jen Kingwell)



Sue Robertson

Backpack



Magda Moore

Hexi Rug



Sue Larsen

Christmas



Pam Planner

Purse

Debra Read

Playing With Colours



Margaret Tembo

Daffodil Scarf





Tegan Craske

3 crochet blankets

(designed by Janie Crowe)



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Things we do for Others



Our Village, formerly known as Geelong Mums, can help get them to a family or child in need. We ask for all donations to be clean, in excellent condition, and within Australian safety standards.

Our goal is that anyone who receives an item or package from Our Village feels like they have received a gift prepared with care and thoughtfulness.

Acceptable items include clothing for babies and children, sizes birth 00000 to size 16 teens

— no hoods on any clothing up to size 1.

- ☑ 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.

We are always in need of toiletries for babies, children and adults, toiletry bags as well as many other things necessary for babies and children. Please check out our website at <https://www.ourvillage.org.au>

Donations can be brought to the meetings.
Wendy Evans is the contact person

It's time to be kind!
2024 marks the 20th anniversary of KOGO
and we are planning a host of wonderful ways to celebrate



For this month...We need:

Adults and Children's Garments Indigenous blankets in red, yellow and black or Torres Islander colours -: green, blue, black and white

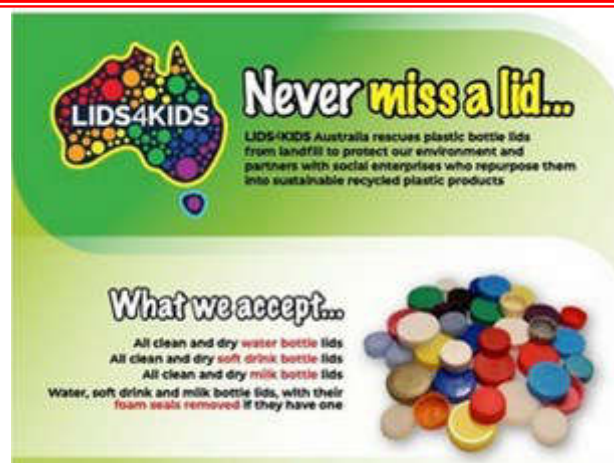
We would also love some more knitted toys

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 packaging.

Check out our website at <https://www.kogo.org.au>



BOTTLE CAPS & BREAD TAGS

I will no longer be collecting bread tags, as there are too many paper tags coming in with the plastic tags. I will continue to collect lids. Please see the updated flyers as to what is acceptable. Thanks. Jodie



Quilts for the Royal Children'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"

Biggest: 50" square, 50" x 60"

We are in need of quilts for boys at the moment. These should be the biggest size to accommodate teenagers.

For more information please go to

<https://www.vsq@victorianquilters.org>

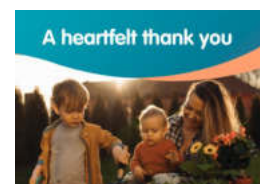


I do encourage people to keep making quilts for this refuge. Every quilt goes to a woman or a child who has suffered serious abuse and who will appreciate receiving something made with love and compassion that is theirs alone.

For more information about the centre go to

<https://www.safvcentre.org.au>

Anne Clutterbuck



Calendar of Events

Please Note: While all care is taken to be correct, this list is compiled from various sources. You should verify the details of events.

QUILTS AT THE ROUND TABLE

Australian Quilt and Textile Collection

Entry \$25 per person

The Pyramid, Millrose Quilting & Gallery, 92 Inglis St Ballan

For Bookings phone Ruth 0439 395 300



Strictly Quilts 2025

Uniting Church Hall

Rowan Street, Wangaratta

Oct 31—Nov 3 10am—4pm

Entry : \$5

Annemieke Mein Exhibition

Whitehorse Artspace

Box Hill Town Hall

1022 Whitehorse Road

Box Hill

11th July - 30th August

10am - 4pm



Art Quilt Australia 2025

Yarra Ranges Regional Museum

9th July - 12th October

Wednesday - Sunday 10am - 4pm

Spring Quiltfest!

Come and celebrate this beautiful exhibition of members works by the Patchworkers and Quilters Guild of Victoria.

13th—14th September

10am—4pm

Waverley Masonic Centre,

318—322

Stephensons Rd

Mt Waverley, Vic



Mornington Peninsula Patchworkers Quilt In

Peninsula Community Theatre

91 Wilson Road, Mornington

4th October 10am-2pm

Entry \$20



Kilmore Quilters Inc Quilt In 2025

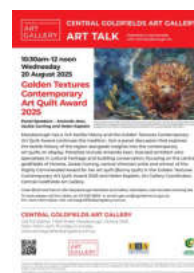
11th October 10am—4pm

Kilmore Soldiers Memorial Hall

14 Sydney Street,

Kilmore

Entry \$10



Golden Textures Contemporary Art Quilt Award

Central Goldfields Art Gallery

1 Neill Street

Maryborough

28th June - 12th October

Thursday - Sunday 10 am - 4pm Free Entry



Goulburn Valley Quilter Inc Quilt In

Shepparton Harness Racing Club

7580 Goulburn Valley Hwy

Kialla, Shepparton

20th September 10am - 4pm

Entry \$8



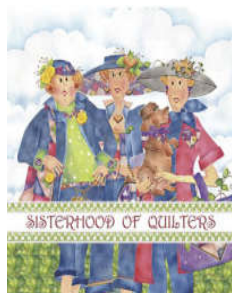
Cobram & District Quilters Inc Quilts On The Murray 14th Exhibition

Yarroweyah Hall

1st November 10am - 4pm

2nd November 10am - 3pm

Entry \$6 No EFTPOS



FRIENDSHIP GROUPS

<u>Bellarine Quilters</u> Contact: Christine Fox Mobile: 0481060909 Email: cmfox1351@outlook.com Meets: Mondays 10.00 am-3.00pm. Venue: Drysdale Community Hub 25 Eversley Street, Drysdale Everyone welcome	<u>Wyndham Patchwork</u> 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: wyndhampatchwork-ersinc@hotmail.com
<u>Seachange Quilters</u> Contact: Helen Carruthers 0434 070 211 Meets: Every Tuesday & Wednesday and some Saturdays Venue: Senior Citizens 5A Clifford Parade, Barwon Heads.	<u>Regent Street Stitchers</u> 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.
<u>Stitchers at Sea</u> Contact: Lyn Weeks Ph: 0425 739 744 Meets: 1st Wednesday Venue: Rotating home system	<u>Purple Pixies</u> 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 of the Month 10.00am—3pm Venue: South Barwon Community Centre 33 Mt Pleasant Road Belmont	

SHOPS

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



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176 Pakington Street
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1-2 Oakwood Ridge
St Albans Park 3219.
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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

DEADLINE & ADVERTISING RATES

Material for inclusion in the next edition of Common Thread must reach the editor no later than:

Monday, 1st September, 2025

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

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Advertisements must be print-ready and emailed preferably as word doc, publisher (pub) file or pdf. Photos to be attached NOT embedded in an email.

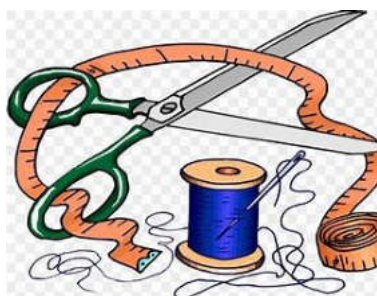
Social Media

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



Next Issue :

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

Monday, 1st September, 2025

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

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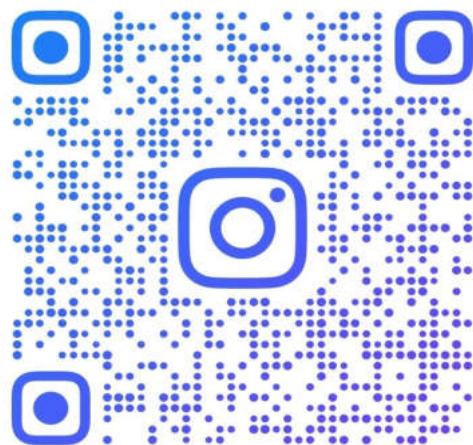
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