

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

Celebrating 40 Years Common Thread November 2025 Newsletter



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.

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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

Pam Billing Treasurer

MONTHLY

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

November 15 Denise Baker

February 21 Bronwyn Walkley

March 21 Di Ellis

April 18 Lynne Stone

May 23 (Quilt In) Tania Tanti

June 20 Mary Hitchens

July 18 Biggest Morning Tea

August 15 Melinda Keily

September 19 Carolyn Murfitt



Welcome to new member, Kelly Smith



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.



October Birthdays



To all of you celebrating a birthday in November:
Heather Anderson, Anne Clutterbuck, Janet Couchman,
Maureen Devlin, Jill Falconer, Lyn Holz, Jan Preston, Jen Smith,
Anne Thompson and Dianne White

Your birthstones are Topaz and Citrine

And your birth flowers are Peonies and Chrysanthemums







PRESIDENTS REPORT

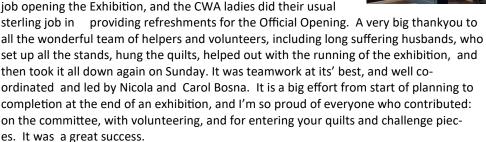


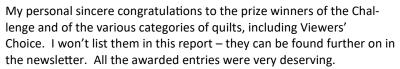
Hello Ladies,

Well I'm back and feel like I've been away for over a month, not just 3 weeks. I arrived early Saturday 25th morning, had a few hours sleep and made it to the Opening of the Exhibition at the right time, but very woolly headed with jetlag. My thanks to Carole Bosna for running the October meeting. I hear she did a great job.



But what an exhibition it was! Huge congratulations to Nicola Picken and all the Exhibition Committee for putting together such a varied and engrossing display. I keep saying we have such talent in our group, and you've all shown that once again with your quilts, your challenges, your workshop items and the items for sale on the traders' table. I thought Linda Steele did a great job opening the Exhibition, and the CWA ladies did their usual





Having not seen the Challenge quilts at the October meeting, it was a wonderful surprise to see them all displayed at the Exhibition. Well done to all the members who participated – I loved all the various interpretations of the Ruby theme. You certainly 'rose to the challenge', pardon the pun.



So what's next? Well, there's the Christmas challenge – hopefully as many of you as possible will participate in that. Judy Bubb always comes up with something intriguing for you to tackle and we will find a prize for the best Christmas challenge piece. Find out what you need to make/do further in the newsletter. Hard to believe it's only a few more weeks to our Christmas luncheon meeting. Don't forget you need to book and pay for your boxed lunch at the November meeting. I will be working on what I can come up with to amuse you all at that meeting - be sure there will be at least ONE quiz to stimulate your brain neurones. Maybe we need to have some more carol singing as well??

We will have a few 40 Year badges to hand out at the December meeting – that will be special. Start thinking about how you're going to decorate your tables, what Christmassy clobber you can dig up to wear, and what Christmas themed quilts you can put into Show & Tell.

PRESIDENTS REPORT..... Continued

I had a fascinating time cruising the Rhine River from Amsterdam to Basel (Switzerland), and then the Rhone river from Lyon (what a great city that is!) to Avignon in Provence. I've seen some extraordinary World Heritage Sites on both – including the awesome Gothic Cathedral in Cologne, the equally awesome Basilica in Lyon, where the interior is all mosaics made of tiny little half inch tiles, inspirational art at the Rijksmuseum in Amsterdam, and life as it was in a working windmill in Kinderdijk. It was fabulous cruising the castle topped hills and steep vineyards of both rivers.

I saw so many decorative designs that could be inspirational for designing a quilt – some were mosaics, some stained glass, some were painted, many were plaster mouldings. Here is a small photo essay of some that I thought were inspiring – what do you think??



Basilica interior, Lyon



Ancient Roman mosaic at Vienne



Rose window, Strasbourg Cathedral



Wall design, Beau Jeu Church



Section of tiled floor, Basilica, Lyon



Roccoco wall moulding

I'm glad to have seen all these things, and equally glad to be back in my own bed and getting back into routine, including writing this report.

I look forward to seeing you all at the November meeting. Til then, keep stitching.

Anne Clutterbuck



Mosaic, Cologne Cathedral floor

Exhibition Raffle Prize Winners

A big thank you to **Heights Sewing Centre** who sponsored our raffle.

The winners were:

1st Prize Jill Ward

2nd Prize Brigitte Lee

3rd Prize Heather Condie

upcoming Workshop...

Veronique Diligent Embroidery for Book

14th March 2026

Cost: \$80 \$25 to be paid on booking

Balance by February 22nd

Venue: Newcomb Hall

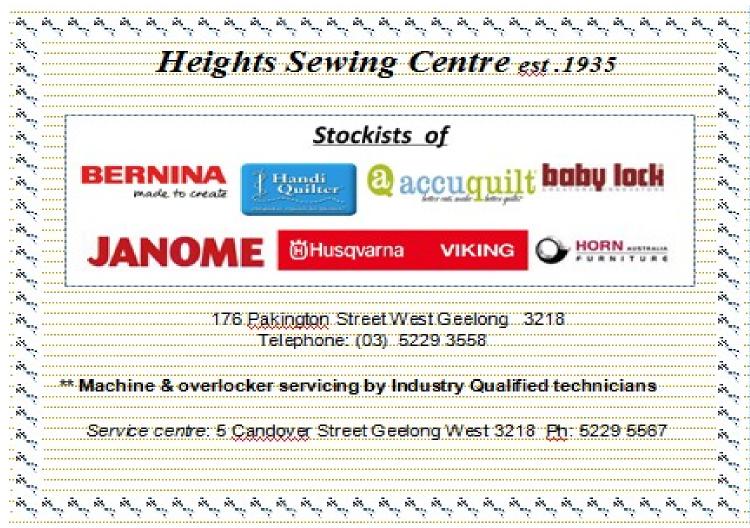
Please Remember.....

Christmas is fast approaching. We have engaged Steampocket to, once again, provide a boxed Christmas lunch. Cost is the same as last year: \$22 Dietary options are available.

Numbers need to be finalised by the November meeting so please let Pam or Anne at the entry table know if you wish to order a boxed lunch. Payment can also be made at this time or by direct deposit.

Account details: BSB 633-000 Account # 161085014







Well it's been a pleasure to have been entrusted with organising our Ruby Celebration Challenge 2025.

Thank you so much to all those who participated and for their enthusiasm- especially those who were excited enough to submit two entries!! The display of the 28 Challenge entries at Geelong West Town Hall looked fabulous. So much talent and creativity amongst our members!!

Thank you to the three Life Members who did the judging: Jodie Arklay, Annette Packett and Jan Preston. Their awards went to Carole Bosna, Bronwyn Drehlich and Robyn Jost. Our Members who voted at the October meeting chose Robyn Jost as the winner with Nicola Picken as runner up. It was terrific to have them all present at our opening event with Linda Steele on Saturday morning, to receive their prizes.









Carole Bosna

Bronwyn Drehlich

Robyn Jost

Nicola Picken

Most importantly everyone please keep your Challenge in a safe place.

Each year Vic Quilters invite member Groups to volunteer to display a special workshop or challenge their members have completed. One or two groups will then be chosen to have a display at Showcase.

The Geelong Guild has been invited to exhibit our Challenges as part of Vic Quilters Showcase at Jeff's Shed

9th - 12th September 2026!

So our Challenges will be on display once more!

To everyone- keep inspiring each other and pushing your creative boundaries!

Pam Planner Challenge Coordinator Guild Exhibition 2025.





Ruby Celebration Exhibition





1st Viewers ChoiceDawn Holroyd

Celebrating Mary



Robyn Jost Little Baskets



3rd Viewers ChoiceHeather Anderson
Jenny's Trip Around The World



Best Art Quilt
Lyn Weeks
Audacious Gumnuts



Best Use of Colour

Tegan Craske

Pickle Orange Peel



Best Use Of Colour Highly Commended
Sue May
Star Gazing



Convenor's Choice
Robyn Jost
Three Chinese Vases

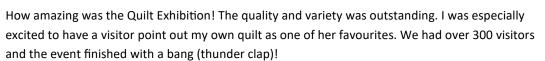


Best Hand Quilting
Meg Pyburne
Tumblers

Ruby Celebration Exhibition













Congratulations to the committee for all their hard work and commitment to creating such an amazing event. It was fabulous to see so many people come together to create this Quilt Exhibition. As a first time helper, I was so impressed with the number of members (and husbands) involved in helping throughout the weekend. Well done to all involved.













November Guest Speaker

Denise Baker Craft, Cooking and Knitting Interests

My interests in sewing, knitting, cooking, preserving and needlework began when I was taught by my mother as a child/teenager growing up in the country. Apart from a year of Year 7 sewing, plus smocking and several classes in making a small quilt etc, I am self-taught.

Originally, I made most of my own clothes; a number of my children's clothes, especially smocked dresses for them. When first married, I made all of our curtains for our home.





Eight years of sewing Rock Eisteddfod costumes resulted in a different set of rules for finishing off costumes.

My interests now include: Christmas sewing and cross stitch; soft toys; knitted pram blankets; bags of various sizes; knitting for the grandchildren; jams and preserves; gardening including roses. I enjoy trying some new patterns, experimenting with some new fabrics; sharing ideas; visiting some Exhibitions; and enjoy seeing the work of very talented people.

Denise Baker

FOR SALE:

Handi Quilter Sweet Sixteen quilting machine. \$4,000 (or near offer)

Model: HQ Sixteen Sit-down. 16-inch stationary long arm machine. **EXCELLENT USED condition**.

Extra Items Included: Handi Quilter bobbin winder AND HQ Table on castors (3 feet x 3 feet) WITH table overlay for smooth surface (RRP \$148) PLUS side table extension (L H) (RRP \$423).

As this is an earlier model with fixed sewing foot a *Handi Feet Conversion Kit* (unopened) (RRP \$165) is included in the price. Other accessories available for purchase.

INTERESTED? PLEASE CONTACT - Judith 0448388872 - Geelong location





Trip to the Royal Geelong Show

Doreen and I went to the show on the Friday. We skirted around Showmen's Alley. Doreen was tempted but with a bit of nudging we continued to the Homecraft Pavilion. We celebrated our Guild members'

successes. Congratulations to all our Guild members who entered.

We had a few winners:



Bronwyn Drehlich 1st prize and Best Exhibit for her pillow.

2nd Prize for her pillow. 3rd prize for her pillow.

1st for a quilt in the recycled section Highly Commended for a tea cosy

3rd prize for a table runner.

Sandra Herbert won Highly Commended for her pillow.

Judith Oke won Highly Commended for her pillow.

Sue Robertson won a 2nd for her pillow in the patchwork section.

Pam Planner also had a pillow entry.



After viewing the Homecraft we visited the Crafty Corner where several crafty organisations had set up displays. Then onto CWA for a cuppa and scones, jam and cream which was delicious. Especially with the good company and conversation with 2 crafty acquaintances. Actually we did a lot of chatting during the morning as we met several fellow quilters.

Onwards to the Sheep Pavilion to visit the sheep and the knitting/weaving display. We watched a Jersey cow judging. Neither of us picked the winners. What do we know about cows? We observed the horses and their riders prancing around the arena while having a rest on a bench and then visited the W.H. Simpson Pavilion and admired artworks. Walking through the Hall of Agriculture was a must to admire the fruit, vegetable and flower displays. Of course we checked out the Pigeons. They are truly impressive birds with their remarkable flying abilities!

When leaving Doreen was once again tempted by the rides and once again I nudged her on. So we had a lovely day, pleased that we were able to resist the temptation of the rides and show bags, staying focused on all the other delights the show has to offer.

Judy



Christmas Challenge

Just when you thought the challenges this year were over....think again! Sorry. (Well, not really)

We have a little challenge for you. At our November meeting, small parcels will be handed out, each with instructions included.

The task is simple:

Using the contents of your parcel, create something that you know will be used on Christmas Day. Bring your finished creation to our December Christmas meeting. There will be a Member's Choice Prize awarded to the best entry.

Get ready to spark your creativity and make this Christmas extra special!



October Guest Speaker Jo Grant "Coordinated, Colourful and Convenient"



A colourful display supplied by These Clever Hands greeted our members as we entered the October Guild meeting.

Jo and her husband John were set up to tempt us with their collection of "Coordinated, Colourful and Convenient" packs and bundles.

These packs and bundles were created by Jo as a result of wanting to spend more time stitching and quilting and less time searching for fabrics for her projects.

Jo spoke of her love of paper and machine piecing and vibrant colour quilt making which, she felt, contributed to a positive impact of one's wellness.

We were shown some of Jo's beautiful, bold coloured quilts such as "Sweet Something" and "Maybe Make This". Quilt patterns were available for purchase.

Anna Schroeter









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There are no new books or magazines this month but I'm sure you will find a book or magazine you haven't read yet in the library.

This month we will be featuring books on Appliqué in honour of Dawn Holroyd, who won 1st prize Viewers' Choice for her beautiful applique quilt at our Exhibition.

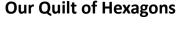
Each year at our Quilt In event, we have a table or two of pre-loved books. These are either older library books or donations from those who are downsizing or decluttering their home libraries. If you are planning to do either, please consider donating your books to our Quilt In book sale. Money raised helps us purchase new books and magazines for your library. Thank you for your support.

Judy and Pauline Happy reading and sewing

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

Judy and Pauline





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 Bubb

Membership Secretary

Show and Tell



Jo Wembridge



Robyn Jost
Bamboo or Birch Trees?

Jo Wembridge

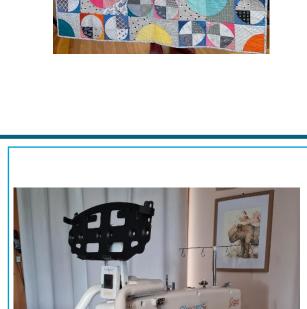


The Secret Garden

Sharon Schueler



Judy Bubb



For Sale

Longarm Quilting machine- as new condition.

Q'nique 15R with a "Continuance Frame" (8ft/247cm) with 4 rails and snappers. Original packaging and set up instructions available.

Quilters Creative Touch software.

\$10,000.00 or ONO.

Please email: debbiefrench24@gmail.com for enquiries.

Very Snuggly Quilts

















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.
- ② 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



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@victorianguilters.org

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2024 marks the 20th anniversary of KOGO
and we are planning a board weaderful ways to obtain.

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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

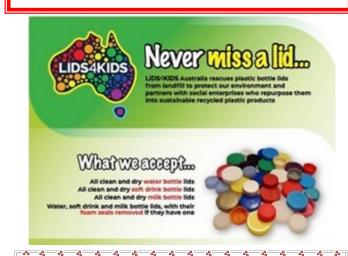
We would also love some more knitted toys

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



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





<u>Please Note:</u> While all care is taken to be correct, this list is complied 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 Street, Ballan
For Bookings phone:
Ruth 0439 395 300





Australian Quilts In Public Places

13th November - 17th December 10am - 4pm Whitehorse Artspace Box Hill Town Hall 1022 Whitehorse Road, Box Hill





Australasian Quilt Convention

9th - 12th April 10am - 4pm Royal Exhibition Building Melbourne



Braidwood Airing Of The Quilts Festival

22nd - 23rd November 9am - 3pm Braidwood National Theatre 100 Wallace Street, Braidwood NSW

Quilting

Quilting - sewing two pieces of cloth together with a layer in-between, was brought back to Europe by the Crusaders when they noticed the Muslim armies did not wear armour, but instead wore canvas quilted shirts filled with straw. This was quite an improvement over the chafing that resulted from the metal armour the Crusaders were wearing. Quilted shirts also provided a good deal of insulation and warmth – and hence quilting became very popular in colder regions of Europe like Britain.



Bellarine Quilters

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

Seachange Quilters

Contact: Helen Carruthers

0434 070 211

Meets: Every Tuesday & Wednes-

day and some Saturdays

Venue: Senior Citizens

5A Cliffort Parade, Barwon Heads.

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: wyndhampatchwork-

ersinc@hotmail.com

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.

entie, 33 Mount Fleasant Noa

Belmont.
All welcome.

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

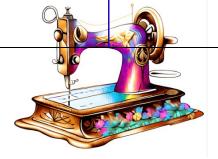
Purple Pixies

Contact: : Leslie Clarke

5281 3254

Meets: 2nd Monday Time: 10am-3:30pm

Venue: Geelong West Oval



SHOPS

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



Gails Patchwork Emporium

131 Yarrowee St Sebastopol

(over \$20 cash only)



Heights Sewing Centre (10%)

176 Pakington Street

West Geelong



Wheatsheaf Quilting

(also quilt sales)

1-2 Oakwood Ridge

St Albans Park 3219.

Mob: 0425 810 203



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, 1st December, 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 \$8.00 with photo (attached to email)

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

Instagram Page the QR code opposite is for the page

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

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

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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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