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# Common Thread

April 2026 Newsletter



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## Geelong Patchwork & Quilters Guild Inc

### Quilt In

**Saturday 23 May 2026**

**10:00am - 4:00pm**

**Geelong West Town Hall**

153 Pakington St, Geelong West  
(Entry and parking available at rear)

**Admission: \$15**

For group bookings or cancellations:  
Please email Judy Bubb: [wheatseaf\\_quilting@hotmail.com](mailto:wheatseaf_quilting@hotmail.com)

**Guest Speaker:**

**Tania Tanti**

**In support of:**



**Challenge Theme:**

**"With All My Heart"**

Create a block 12½ inches unfinished using the colours blue & purple.  
Blocks will be collected, displayed at Quilt In and made into a charity quilt.

**An exciting variety of raffle prizes**

**Please bring your lunch, a mug,**

**your stitching & show and tell**

**Tea & coffee provided**

**Cafes within walking distance**

**Guess the number of 6.5 inch squares**

**Traders in attendance**

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 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

**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**

**October 17 Skill Sharing**

**November 21 Lorraine Rogers**

**December 20 Christmas meeting**

**January 17, 2027 Sit & Sew**

**March 20, 2027 Donna Hughes**



### NEW MEMBERS AFTERNOON TEA

**Saturday 6th June, 2026, 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](mailto: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.



*March Birthdays*

To all of you celebrating a birthday in April:

Alison Chittock, Teagan Craske, Robyn Jost, Brigitte Lee, Sue McBride and Magda Moore

Your birthstone is Diamond



Your Birth flowers are Daisies and Sweet Pea

## PRESIDENTS REPORT



Hi Ladies,

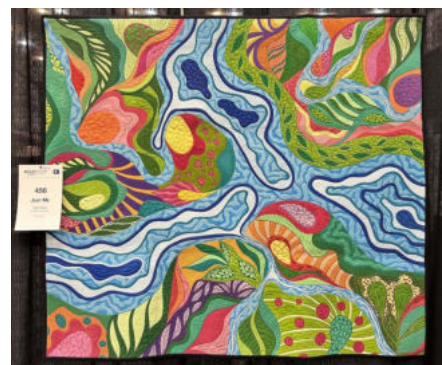
As I write this it is gently raining outside, and I can only hope that it continues to do so for some time. My garden is still needing significant rainfall to get down deep and revive the soil. With all the warm weather we've been having lately, my plants are still wilting if I don't water them, and trust me, my most recent water bill was HUGE... the highest I've ever had.

By the time this newsletter comes out we will have had our Easter 'break' - I hope you all had time spent with family and friends. I have an annual 'event' where I make my Mum's Smoked Cod casserole for my family on Good Friday - keeping a tradition we've had for over 40 years. Do you have similar long standing family traditions?



Talking about traditions, we have a Quilt In tradition of members making a Challenge block that can be then turned into a quilt for fundraising - be that by raffling ourselves or by donating the quilt to the charity that inspires the Challenge, so they can fundraise with it however they choose. This year, as you must now be fully aware, the Challenge is "With all my Heart" using Wombat Wish logo colours of blue and purple. **If you choose**, you can bring your challenge block (12 ½ square) to the April meeting and give it to Margaret Tembo, or Jodie Arklay, as they will be taking care of the Challenge at Quilt In. I know Margaret already has 2 blocks - given to her at the March meeting.

I understand that bookings for Quilt In are really heavy, which is great - looks like we will have another very busy meeting. If you haven't booked yet I would encourage you to speak to Judy Bubb, who is co-ordinating the bookings, you may need to be waitlisted if we have already reached capacity. Judy will be checking a couple of weeks ahead with all those who have booked, to try to get a firm idea of just how many people will be attending. We don't want to turn people away, if, in the end, there are large gaps because people just don't show up. If you've booked a table, please double check with your people that they are definitely coming. Of course there will always be some last minute cancellations due to illness or family issues.



*Quilts by Tania Tanti - our Guest speaker for Quilt In*

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT *continued*

Don't forget, all those of you who are participating in the Rainbow Stash project, we need all your 8" square blocks brought to us at the April meeting, so we can work out the best way to hang them at Quilt In in May. This would be : Aqua and Royal Purple Circles, Kelly Green and Lemon Yellow Flora, Hot Pink and Rusty Brown Festive, Indigo and Burnt Orange On the Slant and Forest Green and Scarlet Shapes ..... If you only made one or two of them, that's fine. Just bring along what you have made. Because a number of you indicate that you would like to continue this project beyond Quilt In, I can advise that your June colours are : Cerulean Blue and Golden Yellow – theme: Season

As winter approaches, spare some thought for those who have lost all their possessions this year so far, with bushfires and with floods. If you have the energy and feel you'd like to help, OZComfortQuilts are collecting quilts, knitted rugs, beanies (especially for boys) to disseminate to those in great need. Jan Ebbott MacFadyen is the co-ordinator and your gifts can be sent to her at: OzComfort Quilts, 4 Stockdale Close, Ferntree Gully, 3156. I am still collecting also for the Sexual Assault & Family Violence Centre, and of course, we are always making for Snuggly Quilt programme, and KOGO..

I look forward to seeing you all on Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup> April ...in the meantime, happy stitching.

*Anne Clutterbuck*

### April Guest Speaker Lynne Stone



3 dimensional Botanical study  
Hand and Machine embroidery by Lynne Stone

Lynne Stone tries to convey her delight in Australian native plants by creating realistic models using machine embroidery as well as many other techniques. During 10 years of wandering Australia in her converted Toyota Coaster bus, Lynne collected specimens that became her models for the pieces she creates.



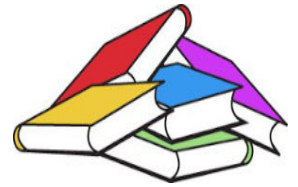
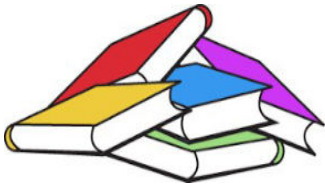
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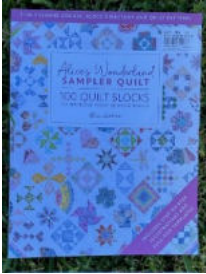
3 dimensional Botanical Study  
Machine and Hand Embroidery



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## April Library Report



We have 3 new books this month.

**Alice's Wonderland Sampler Quilt** by Alice Caroline. 100 quilt blocks to improve your sewing skills. I purchased this book when visiting Colac last month. They have the best Newsagency, Blanes, 164 Murray Street, Colac. And across the road a fabric store, Fabrics@123. 2 books have been donated by Sue Palmer. Thank you.

**Its Quilting Cats and Dogs** by Lynette Anderson. This endearing collection of cat and dog designs from Australian-based quilter Lynette

Anderson will charm and delight to bring you hours of stitching pleasure. There are 17 stitchery and patchwork projects.

**Patchwork Gifts** by Elise Baek contains 20 charming patchwork projects to give and keep: an assortment of charming patchwork projects that incorporate different sewing techniques like traditional piecing, foundation paper piecing and applique.



### A list of missing books and magazines.

Please check at home to see if you have them.

- 1066 250 More Continuous Line Quilting Designs
- 1068 250 Continuous Line Quilting Designs
- 1072 Quilted Gifts by Universal Magazines
- 1127 Log Cabin Fever by Evelyn Sloppy
- 1128 Inches by Peggy Donda-Kebert
- 1169 Heart to Hand by Kathy Campbell
- 1174 Bargello Quilts with a Twist
- 1185 Applique by Alison Glass
- 1186 Wanderlust by Amanda Leins
- 1189 Another Season of Beautiful Blossoms
- 1214 Strata Various Quilts by Barb & Mary Hooverara Perains

### Magazines

- 831 Quilters Companion No. 43
- 890 Quilting Arts Issue 52
- 974 Quilt Mania Issue 92
- 989 Quilt Mania Issue 94
- 1106 Quilters Companion Quilts from Precut Fabric No. 4
- 1124 Quilters Companion No. 76
- 1138 Quilters Companion No. 77
- 1234 Quilters Companion Machine Embroidery No. 1
- 1292 Quilters Companion No. 118

### Is it time to declutter your collection of quilting/patchwork books?

The Guild is looking for books to sell at our May Quilt-In. Funds raised will go to purchasing new books and magazines for our library. Contact Judy Bubb to arrange drop off or bring them to the Quilt-In on Saturday May 23. Thank you.

Happy Reading and Sewing  
Judy and Pauline

# Quilt In News

**Quilt In is on May 23rd at Geelong West Town Hall,  
Packington Street, Geelong West 10am - 4pm**



## Quilt In '26 Raffle Quilt

*The blocks for this quilt were part of the Quilt In Challenge in 2025.*

*They were assembled by Margaret Tembo and quilted by Judy Bubb*

So just a couple of house keeping tasks to keep us on track:

**Rosters** will again be circulated at the April Meeting. Many thanks to all those who put their name on the rosters. There are still a few places to be filled so if you missed seeing a roster please look for them at the next meeting or speak to a committee member.

**Six and a half inch squares:** We are once again looking for donations of six and a half inch squares for our "Guess the Number of Squares" competition. All donations gratefully accepted. Please give them to Carole Bosna or Bronwyn Drehlich.

**Challenge:** Create a 12 1/2 inch block to be used in a quilt with the theme "With All My Heart" and relating to our chosen charity Wombat's Wish.

**Pre loved books:** Time to declutter your collection of quilting/patchwork books? The Guild is looking for books to sell at our May Quilt-In. Funds raised will go to purchasing new books and magazines for our library. Contact Judy Bubb to arrange drop off or bring them to the Quilt-In on Saturday May 23.

**This year's Traders:** Tanya Tanti, Gum Valley Patchwork, Serenity Glen, The Old Mill, Pickled Pig, Chrissie's Timeless Treasures and Heights Sewing

## Rainbow Stash Project

A new challenge was announced at the November meeting. It will run for 6 months with the option of being extended if popular. The challenge is each month to make an 8" finished block consisting of 3 layers (top, batting and backing) Each month a two colour combination and a word prompt for the theme will be given. The challenge was inspired by a similar one at AQC Melbourne in 2026.

So far we have had: Block 1 - Colours: **Royal Purple & Aqua** Theme: **Circles**

Block 2 - Colours: **Fuchsia (hot pink) & Rusty Brown** Theme: **Festive**

Block 3 - Colours: **Lemon Yellow & Lime or Kelly Green** Theme: **Flora**



**Block 4 - Colours: Burnt Orange & Indigo**



**Block 5 - Colours: Forest Green & Scarlet** Theme: **Shapes** Due at the April Meeting

**Block 6 - Colours: Cerulean Blue & Golden Yellow**

Theme: **Season** Due at the June Meeting

**Please bring all the blocks you have created thus far to the April meeting so we can display the whole collection at Quilt In. Don't forget to put your name on the back of each of your pieces.**

Show and Tell



Judy Bubb  
Indigo Op Art



Mirrabelle



Magda Moore  
Hexi Knitted Rug



**Thank You from The Bluebird Foundation**

A huge thank you to the talented members of the [Geelong Patchwork and Quilters Guild](#) who have created and donated a truly beautiful quilt for Bluebird. 🧵💙

At their annual Quilt-In last year, quilters were invited to create a block inspired by a bluebird theme. The result is a stunning collaborative quilt..

We are so grateful for this generous gift. The quilt will soon be offered as a Bluebird fundraiser, giving someone the chance to become its very proud owner while supporting the work we do in the community.

Bronwyn (Events Co Ordinator for the Bluebird Foundation)

Well done to all our members who contributed a block to this quilt or to the one we will be raffling at Quilt In.

*Events Co Ordinator Bronwyn received the quilt on behalf of the Foundation*

Anne Clutterbuck

Upcoming Workshop...

**Gloria Loughman Landscapes with Rhythm**

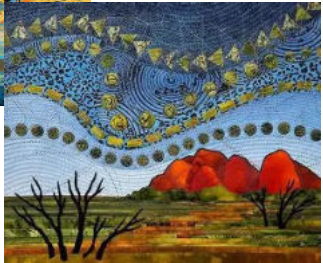
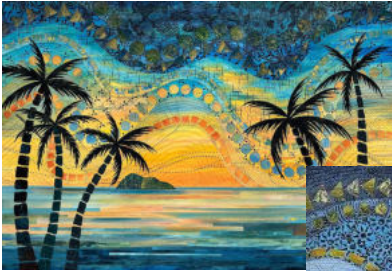
October 24 & 25

Cost: \$180 (members)      \$200 (\$200 non members)

Venue: Drysdale Senior Citizens Centre  
25 Eversley Street, Drysdale

Please let Anne Clutterbuck know if you are interested.

More information about the workshop at [www.glorialoughman.com](http://www.glorialoughman.com)





**Claudia Welter**  
Sashiko Bag  
VAS 1st Place

**Jill Ward**  
Embroidery Quilt  
1st Place



**Pat Avent**  
Embroidery Wall Hanging  
3rd Place



**Claudia Welter**  
Geisha Quilt  
2nd Place



**Karen O'Callaghan**  
Wall Hanging  
3rd Place

## *Bellarine Agricultural Show*

I am very proud of the Bellarine Quilters who took out many prizes at the recent Bellarine Agricultural Show in Port Arlington.

There were a lot of 1sts, 2nds and 3rds in different categories. Claudia Welter won the VAS Award (Victorian Agricultural Society) with her lovely bag which will now go on to the Colac show in May.

It was a very exciting day for all who participated and well worth the effort.

Magda Moore



**Alison Lacy**  
Craft Bag  
1st Place



**Carol Holden**  
Machine Quilting  
1st Place

**Mary Wilson**  
Senior Citizens Award  
3rd Place



**Magda Moore**  
No Waste Knitting  
1st Place

**Alison Lacy**  
Knitted Shawl  
Best Exhibit



**Christine Fox**  
Machine Quilting  
3rd Place



## Veronique Diligent Workshop – Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March.

Eighteen Guild members attended a delightful workshop led by Veronique Diligent on Saturday, 14 March. Veronique’s gentle and soft-spoken manner inspired everyone in attendance to push their embroidery skills further, encouraging us to experiment and enhance our work.

The day began with a demonstration on how to turn small embroideries, appliqués, and patchwork pieces into a beautiful book. The technique, which can be completed with or without sashing, is straightforward and produces a charming book perfect for showcasing your work to family and friends. Full instructions for this method are available for \$10 as a PDF download from Veronique’s website: [https://wattlebird.com.au/products/fabric-book?\\_pos=&apos](https://wattlebird.com.au/products/fabric-book?_pos=&apos).



We each received an orange-peel pre-printed embroidery square to use as a starting point. Veronique primarily uses five embroidery stitches: blanket stitch, stem stitch, chain stitch, lazy daisy stitch, and French knots. By combining these stitches, we were able to embroider lavender, daisies, pansies, and hollyhocks. We were shown two options for the lavender, bullion stitch or double chain stitch.



Throughout the workshop, Veronique provided both individual and group lessons focused on various embroidery stitches and techniques for combining them creatively. A group session on making a tiny, fluffy rabbit tail was especially popular—very cute! There was also a demonstration of needle-turn appliqué, including a clever approach for turning under the fabric at a point.

Veronique recommended the Royal School of Needlework (<https://rsnstitchbank.org/>) as an excellent free resource. The website offers information on over 500 stitches, with each entry including the stitch’s history, practical uses, structure, and detailed, step-by-step instructions featuring photographs, illustrations, and videos.

Whether participants were seasoned embroiderers or less confident in their abilities, everyone found the workshop to be an enjoyable and valuable learning experience.

Our thanks to Veronique for generously sharing her expertise, and to the Guild and Anne for their organisation and for providing the opportunity to learn and develop our embroidery skills.

Marilyn Davidson





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Large range of cotton quilt fabrics including Australiana, batiks, plains, stripes, spots, Red Tractor, Peter Rabbit, Large range of Panels.

### **Upcoming classes and tutors:-**

**Pauline Rogers from Pauline's Quilters World** - Trunk show April 14

1 day Hands on class - April 15 

**Kate Marra - sew into overlocking** - Flatlocking class April 19

**Heather Hopkins** - May 2 Wild Bloom Grace Tote class

May 3 Nature's Stitch free motion panel and applique.

**Sophie Standing textile artist** - June 25-28 - Kangaroo textile art canvas



# Very Snuggly Quilts



## March Guest Speaker Di Ellis

As a schoolgirl, Di Ellis did not like needlework. Like most of us way back then, the first thing she had to embroider was her name onto her apron and cap for home economics. Unfortunately, her maiden name of Braithwaite was far longer than a lot of other students in her class so took much longer to stitch. She left it all in the past when she left school. It wasn't until after she married her husband that her Mother-in-law taught her to love textiles again. Fast forward to after children arriving and starting school, Di eventually found herself in charge of the craft and baking stalls for school fetes and fairs.



This all led to her opening a cake shop using all real ingredients, no powdered eggs in sight. There were pastries and tarts galore and designer birthday cakes for those special occasions. After 20 years, Di enrolled in an arts course at TAFE. While there, she also loved watching what the textile students were doing. In 2006 she went to university. As a mature age student, she would watch the younger ones as they chose their tattoos, horrified at the ease of which they chose to adorn their bodies...forever. Di often accompanied these students to the tattoo parlours and would stitch while they were getting inked. And so, her fascination with tattoos and her tattoo themed embroideries had begun.



Di has also been involved in some collaborative works, one of which was the Adani protests. She was working with the disabled at the time and together they produced a five-metre-long banner to send to the prime minister. She has had numerous exhibitions and has created many works to be displayed, bullet proof vests for one and embroidered shoes for another. Her 3D



art works have also included cars, one of these was the good old sandman panel van complete with a surfboard on the roof racks. Along with the 3D cars, Di has also embroidered many different cars onto psychedelic fabric.



After all these beautiful embroideries, Di has created what she calls her "piece de resistance". It is a sheer body suit covered in the most amazing embroideries. The piece was inspired by Le Moyne's image of a young Pictish woman covered in floral tattoos. This carried on from her university days and her fascination with tattoos. It truly is a work of art.



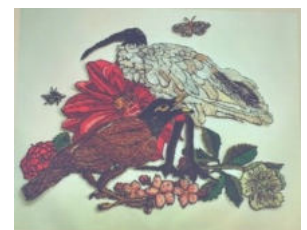
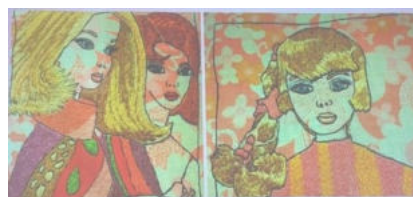
I'll leave you now with a couple of movie recommendations from Di, apparently some wonderful needlework examples in both.

A Common Thread – a French movie but I couldn't find a streaming service showing it in Australia.

Bright Star – about the love interests of poet John Keats and his dressmaker. This can be rented on Prime video.



Sue Robertson



## Special Request

Cate Folvig or Suzanne Crook (Associate Nurse Unit Managers, Special Care Nursery, SJOG) have requested donations of baby cot sized Christmas themed quilts and/or Christmas stockings to gift to The Special Care babies for 2026.

Cot sized quilts should be about 100 x 120cm (39" x 47"). Items can be given to Jo Wembridge, Secretary when complete.

Thanks  
Jo Wembridge

## Also...

I mentioned that Oz Comfort Quilts is a Facebook group that are collecting and distributing quilts and also knitted items like beanies, babies blankets etc to people who lost their homes and all their belongings in recent bushfires. The address you can mail items to is:

Jan Ebbutt McFadyen, Oz Comfort Quilts, 4 Stockdale Close, Ferntree Gully. 3156.

Anne Clutterbuck



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# Things we do for Others

## kogo

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

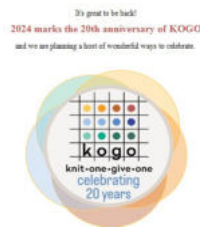
We would also love some more knitted toys

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>



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



We are still making and collecting quilts of **any** size for this centre. Each refuge occupant receives one quilt they get to keep beyond their stay, so I look to deliver a good quantity at least twice a year. Your commitment to making quilts for less fortunate people is very much appreciated by these women as they try to get their lives back together. The SAFVC thanks you for your generosity.

For more information about the centre go to

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

A heartfelt thank you



Our Village, formerly known as Geelong Mums, can help get donations 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

## Very Snuggly Quilts

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>

# 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 Street, Ballan

For Bookings phone: Ruth

0439 395 300



## Oz Quilt members Exhibition on Tour

Louis Joel Arts & Community Gallery

4th - 29th May

10am - 4pm

5 Sargood Street, Altona

For further information on other venues see the website at

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

## Waverly Patchworkers Quilt Show

Mulgrave Community Centre  
355 Wellington Road,  
Mulgrave

2nd - 3rd May

Sat: 9 - 5 Sun: 9 - 4



**One Step Further 2026**  
Old Auction House Gallery  
52 - 56 Mollison Street,  
Kyneton, Vic  
28th May—22nd June  
Entries open 1st April  
close 30th April

## Spa Quilters Daylesford Bi Annual Quilt Show

Theme: Peace

6th June - 7th June

10am - 4pm

St Peter's Church & Parish Hall  
Central Springs Road,  
Daylesford



## Bendigo & District Quilters Inc. Biennial Exhibition

**New Beginning**

Prince of Wales Showgrounds

Holmes Road,

Bendigo

11th June - 13th June

9.30am - 4pm

Stitch & Yarn  
Walking Foot Quilting Workshop  
with Tara Glastonbury  
Saturday, 2nd May  
10am - 4pm

For further information:

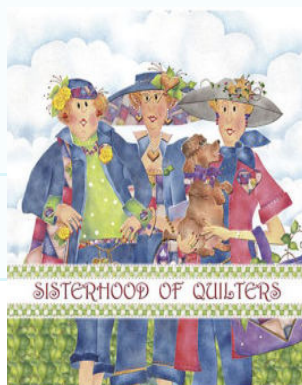
[www.stitchandyarn.com](http://www.stitchandyarn.com)



St John's Quilters  
Cranbourne  
Quilt In  
Saturday 16th May  
10am - 3.30pm

# FRIENDSHIP GROUPS

<p><b>Bellarine Quilters</b></p> <p>Contact: Christine Fox Mobile: 0481060909</p> <p>Email: cmfox1351@outlook.com</p> <p>Meets: Mondays 10.00 am-3.00pm.</p> <p>Venue: Drysdale Community Hub 25 Eversley Street, Drysdale</p> <p>Everyone welcome</p>	<p><b>Wyndham Patchwork</b></p> <p>Contact President: Julie Melbourne 0419 306 949</p> <p>Vice President/Newsletter: Laura Warren 0455 435 280</p> <p>Secretary: Natalie Dunn 0423 770 741</p> <p>Meets: 2nd Sat (Mtg); 4th Sat (Sit &amp; sew)</p> <p>Venue: Community Centre &amp; Library, Manor Lakes Community Learning Centre 86 Manor Lakes Bvd Wyndham Vale</p> <p>Email: wyndhampatchwork-ersinc@hotmail.com</p>
<p><b>Seachange Quilters</b></p> <p>Contact: Helen Carruthers 0434 070 211</p> <p>Meets: Every Tuesday &amp; Wednesday and some Saturdays</p> <p>Venue: Senior Citizens 5A Clifford Parade, Barwon Heads.</p>	<p><b>Regent Street Stitchers</b></p> <p>Contact: Judy Bubb 0425 810 203</p> <p>Or Dallas Windmill 0409 430 678</p> <p>Meets: 2nd Saturday 10-2pm, \$ 5.00</p> <p>Venue: South Barwon Community Centre, 33 Mount Pleasant Road, Belmont.</p> <p>All welcome.</p>
<p><b>The Applique Guild of Australia</b> Geelong Chapter</p> <p>Contact: Dawn Holroyd Ph: 0419 324 745</p> <p>Meets 1st Saturday of the Month 10.00am—3pm</p> <p>Venue: South Barwon Community Centre 33 Mt Pleasant Road Belmont</p>	<p><b>Purple Pixies</b></p> <p>Contact: : Leslie Clarke 5281 3254</p> <p>Meets: 2nd Monday Time: 10am-3:30pm</p> <p>Venue: Geelong West Oval</p>



## 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%)  
26—28 Milton Street,  
Bell Park



# MACHINE QUILTER

### 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

# DEADLINE & ADVERTISING RATES

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

**Monday, 27th April, 2026**

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:** there is an Instagram account for public viewing called geelongpatch. The QR code opposite is for the page .

**N**ext Issue :

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

**Monday, 27th April, 2026**

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.

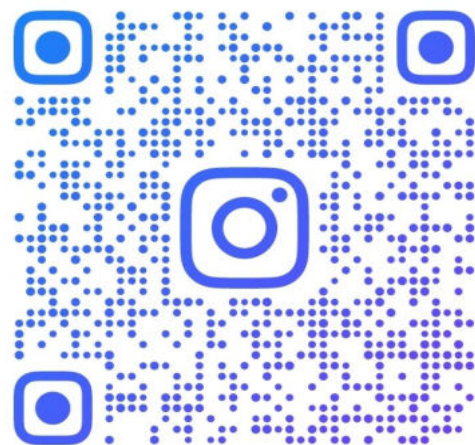
### Committee Correspondence :

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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## Positions Vacant

Our monthly newsletter "Common Thread" is an integral part of the Guild. It contributes to the smooth operation of the Guild by keeping everyone informed about what's going on within our group as well as a little of what's happening in the wider quilting community.

After two years as Newsletter Editor I have decided that it is time to pass the baton on at our next AGM in August '26 and as such I will not be renominating for the position. If you are interested in taking on this position please come and chat with me so I can show you how I go about publishing the newsletter.

Bronwyn Drehlich  
Newsletter Editor

## The Role of the Newsletter Editor

The newsletter editor receives, selects and collates articles for The Common Thread each month except January, attends monthly committee meetings and reports to the committee. They are the contact person for businesses wanting to advertise in the Guild Newsletter.

Although it is only April, time is moving very quickly these days and August will be upon us very quickly. All committee positions will be declared vacant so please consider what you can offer to the smooth running of our Guild.

## Reminder

Annual Membership fees are due on March 1. These may be paid directly to the Treasurer or by Direct Deposit into the account shown on the form. Below is a Membership form for your convenience. Please fill in and return to Judy Bubb so your details can be checked and updated if necessary. This is particularly important if you have moved recently.



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### Geelong Patchwork & Quilters' Guild Inc. A6698 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM 2026

*The Membership Secretary requires a hard copy for her records.*

Annual Fees fall due on **1 March 2026**

Payment for membership will be accepted at meetings, via direct debit or a cheque can be forwarded to:

Geelong Patchwork and Quilters' Guild Inc  
PO Box 753, Geelong 3221

***I wish to renew my membership and I agree to be bound by the rules of the Guild***

Name: .....

Address: .....

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Postcode.....

Phone: (BH) ..... (AH) .....

Mobile: .....

Email: .....

**I prefer to read the monthly newsletter: (circle choice)**

In colour on the Guild website      **OR**      a black & white printed copy (for a cost of \$10 per year) collected at monthly meetings

Month & Year of Birth:.....(for insurance purposes)

Signature: .....

*Please circle the amount and method of payment, and then return your form to the Membership Secretary*

**Adult fee: \$35.00    Junior fee: \$20.00**  
**cash /efpos/cheque /direct debit:**

**Account Name:** Geelong Patchwork and Quilters Guild Inc.

**Bank:** Bendigo Bank **BSB:** 633-000

**Account Number:** 161085014

**Please use your name as reference**

If undelivered, please return to:  
PO Box 753,  
Geelong Victoria 3220

