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Common Thread

May 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: wheatsheaf_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

Guest Speaker

Tania Tanti

Tania's proficiency in fabric and stitchwork, combined with her ability to create diverse artworks such as portraiture, vibrant floral abstracts, geometric compositions, and pieces with a touch of humor, showcases her range and artistic flexibility.

Her unconventional approach of simultaneously working on different artworks, employing techniques like piecing alongside painting, reflects a dynamic and spontaneous artistic process. This method allows her to explore multiple ideas concurrently, infusing her creations with a sense of depth and multidimensionality.

Tania's adventurous spirit in experimenting with diverse mediums, bold color schemes, and the incorporation of tongue-in-cheek self-portraits reflects her ongoing creative evolution. This exploration showcases her artistic versatility and signifies a continual quest for new expressions and artistic depths.

From Studio Art Quilts Associates



The Beginning by Tania Tanti
2020

Wombat's Wish

Wombat's Wish is a grassroots not-for-profit organisation based in Clifton Springs, Victoria. We are community focused and offer therapeutic and evidence-based programs and services.

Our mission is to support children and young people after the death of their parent/carer, with our outreach encompassing the entire state of Victoria, Australia.

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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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

May 23 (Quilt In) Tania Tanti

June 20 Mary Hitchens

July 18 Biggest Morning Tea

August 15 Melinda Keily

September 19 Claire Saxby

October 17 Skill Sharing

November 21 Lorraine Rogers

December 20 Christmas meeting

January 17, 2027 Sit & Sew

February 20, 2027 Deb Layt

March 20, 2027 Donna Hughes

April 17, 2027 Christine Lethlean



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

New members and existing members are welcome to attend.

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



April Birthdays

To all of you celebrating a birthday in May:
Julie Alsop, Helen Carruthers, Suze Del Papa, Heather Grant, Cheryl Gilbert, Claudia Welter, Jo Wembridge, Lesley Whitlock and Pam Whitten.

Your birthstone is Emerald



Your Birth flowers are
Lily of the Valley

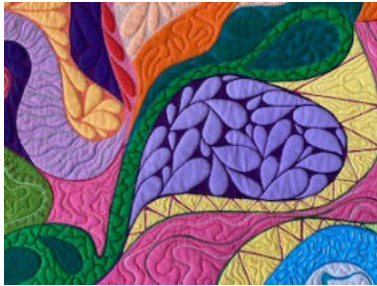
and Hawthorn



PRESIDENTS REPORT



Hi Ladies,



Well here we are again – on the ‘eve’ of Quilt In... I’m looking forward to the day and I hope you are too, and will all be coming along. Judging from the bookings that Judy Bubb has received we should have a very full hall again. I’m keen to hear our guest speaker, Tania Tanti. Her work is becoming more and more widely known, and is very unique. I am fascinated by her piecing and the intricate quilting she does to emphasize the unusual shapes that are her signature. I wish I was so innovative and imaginative!

Detail from quilt by Tania Tanti

One of our members has suggested that perhaps we could hold the president’s part of the meeting prior to lunch – around 11am to 12pm and then have the guest speaker immediately after lunch – so around 12:45 – 1pm . I would like to get the members’ thoughts on this suggestion, so I will be following up on this at the June meeting. Please give some thought to the subject, so I can have considered opinions. Feel free to email me at pres@geelongpatch.org.au with your thoughts in the meantime. I would ask that you think about the number of people who come quite late to meetings because of distance or family reasons, when forming your opinion. Also think about how this would impact your time with your friends, time for the library, time for pop up shops when happening, time for judging challenges etc.



*Detail of
Rainbow Stash Project
2026*



Runner Up and Best in Show

I don’t know how many of you went to AQC this year. I thought it was an exciting exhibition with some wonderful work from quilters all over Australia, along with displays of quilts from the South Korean Quilters, and a different stand showing modern works from QuiltCon America. There was also this year’s version of the Rainbow Stash project – where quilters were invited to produce squares in just one colour with a theme. That provided me with a lot of interest, as did this year’s collection of Challenge quilts. So many different interpretations of the theme ‘Connections’ – one of which, a beautiful tribute to a much loved dog who had passed, was my favourite. If you went, what impressed you the most??



Connections

The Best in Show and the Runner Up quilts were breathtaking!



*Runner Up—Best in Show
Best Pictorial Quilt*

We have been given a number of donations of fabrics and other items this year. Thankyou to those of you who took pieces of that large donation that we laid out on a table at the April meeting. I do hope that some of it will end up in charity quilts, as that was the intention of the couple who gave us all that fabric. I’m looking forward to seeing what you create and where you use that fabric. As mentioned at the last meeting, please know that we don’t expect you to produce endless quilts for others – only do what you feel compelled or comfortable doing. We are grateful for any quilts, or knitted items you make for our various charities. You are good people!!

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT *continued*

We are only a couple of months away from our Biggest Morning Tea meeting in July. Please give some thought to what you might be able to donate to the silent auction. We are going to raffle one of the prettiest quilts from that massive donation of 52 quilt tops (this one is now fully finished – and trust me, it is beautiful!). If you were lucky enough to win the quilt, it would be either an exceptional gift for someone you love, or a treasure to keep for yourself. I don't know about you, but I give nearly all my quilts away, so I know I would love to win it! Make sure you come well cashed up or ready to use the fantastic plastic in our efforts to raise significant funds for the AntiCancer Council's endless great work. Let's beat last year's amount which was \$1435. Don't forget we will be looking for the best decorated table in either pink or yellow (cancer research colours), and we look for you to dress in those colours too, if you can.

In the meantime, don't forget to bring your Quilt In Challenge blocks, something to work on, something to eat, your money for those wonderful traders and your good humour, and I will see you all at Quilt In 2026!

Anne Clutterbuck



Upcoming Workshop...



Gloria Loughman Landscapes with Rhythm

October 24 & 25

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

\$50 Deposit to be paid as soon as possible preferably by direct deposit to:

Bendigo Bank

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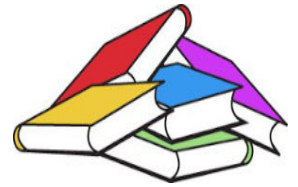
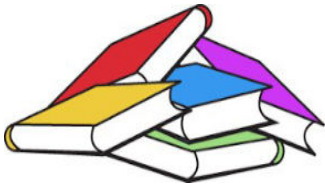
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Venue: Drysdale Senior Citizens Centre

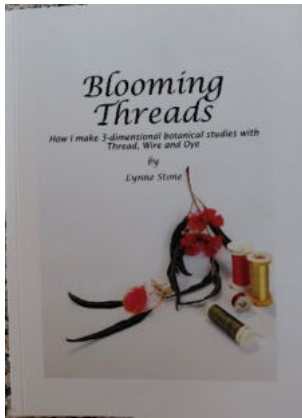
25 Eversley Street, Drysdale





Library Report

We have 1 new book and 1 magazine this month. But there will be no Library this month due to the Quilt In. But if you would like to borrow either let me know and I will bring them to the Quilt In for you to borrow.



Our April speaker, Lynne Stone donated a copy of her book to the library. **Blooming Threads** is all about how to make 3-dimensional botanical studies with thread, wire and dye. The back cover blurb is by Lynne: "I spent years experimenting with machine embroidery, textile dyes, wire and a weird and wonderful collection of tools, gadgets and gizmos to evolve ways to create models of Australian native plants that look like the real thing. Now I can call myself a Botanical Artist even though my drawing skills are almost non-existent. This book documents my methods, not as projects for the readers to follow, but as an explanation of the results of my experiments, in the hope that others might build on them and discover even better ways to create 3-dimensional botanical studies. Beware: You may well find that the process is addictive." Remember you can watch Lynne on ABC iView in Gardening Australia, Series 32, Episode 03

Quilters Companion Issue 138.

Articles include: "Meet our Textile artists: Tania Tanti, (our guest speaker for the Quilt In) and Michelle De Groot."

Using foundation piecing and curved piecing skills to create a Jo Avery design, Pinball Wizard.

Celebrating the winners from QuiltCon 2025.

Reviews of This Patchwork Girl installation at the Art Gallery of NSW.

Tracey Browning's Guide to machine quilting the iconic feather design.



This is the last time I am posting the list of missing books and magazines. But I'm not giving up that they will be returned. Please check at home if you have them.

Books

- 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

- 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

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. Bring them to the Quilt In on Saturday May 23. Thank you.

We are collecting some wonderful books for you to purchase so bring along some change to grab some bargains!

Happy Reading and Sewing

Judy and Pauline

Quilt In News



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

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

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

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. Please bring your challenge to Quilt In and give to Margaret Tembo or Jodie Arklay

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.

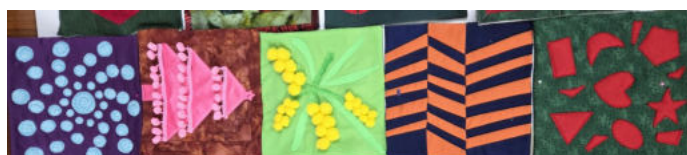
Please bring your donations to the Quilt-In on Saturday May 23.

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** Theme: **On The Slant**



Block 5 - Colours: **Forest Green & Scarlet** Theme: **Shapes**

Block 6 - Colours: Cerulean Blue (sky blue) & Golden Yellow
Theme: **Season** Due at the June Meeting

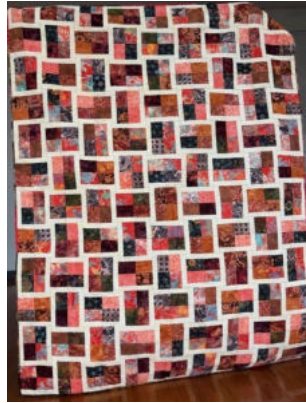
Show and Tell



Deb Read
Cot Quilt & Bag



2 Quilts for charity



Bev Christie
ANZAC

Jodie Arklay
Kwandi Quilt



Lesley Whitlock
3 Quilts for charity



Lisa Schirmer
Little Bluebird Hexies

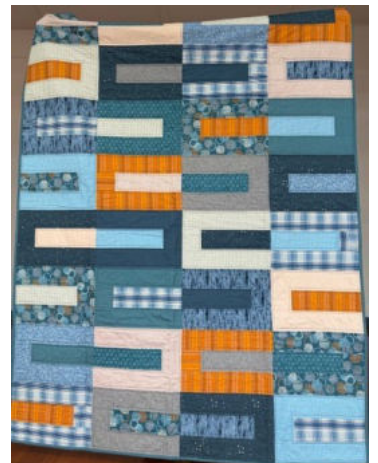
Bronwyn Drehlich
Dancing Diamonds



Madi Norwood
All Around
the Town



Sandra Herbert
Charity Quilt
Pipeline



Lynne Stone

Botanical Artist - 3 dimensional Embroidery

Guest speaker for April meeting

We were fortunate that Lynne could make it to our April meeting, as her car broke down on her way from Castlemaine. But she did make it, and so we were treated to an interesting and visually gorgeous presentation.

In a nutshell, Lynne creates realistic models of Australia's native plants by using machine embroidery. Her work is botanically accurate.

But there is so much involved in the process. She builds the three-dimensional pieces from fine wire and organza, heavily machine stitched with white rayon and/or polyester threads. These are then painted with dye and restitched with hand-dyed threads to add veins and special features.

After selling her computer business in the mid 1990s, Lynne undertook a two-year course at Box Hill TAFE in "Certificate of Art & Design (Embroidery).



Lynne was inspired by an image of a branch of pink eucalypt blossoms. That took her in the direction of making 3 dimensional models of Australian native plants. What a wonderful focus for her artistic skills! However, working all the daylight hours every day, for 10 days, she had managed to produce one useable gumnut!

In 1997 Lynne left Melbourne to travel Australia in a converted Toyota Coaster Bus, exploring and collecting the fascinating diversity of the countryside and its flora and fauna.



Lynne was generous in sharing her technical knowledge with us, such as:



- Wires - using Nickel/Chromium which is strong and flexible. Great for stems, veins and making spirals. Fishing line is also used.
- Dyes - disperse dyes for synthetic threads, used for stamens; fibre reactive dyes for viscose rayon, used mostly for other plant parts.
- Fine details are painted.

We were invited to have a close look at her work. It is exquisite.



Lynne has written two books, details are available at

<https://www.bloomingthreads.info/index.htm> and are a record of the methods she uses to create her Botanical Studies using machine embroidery, wire and hand dyeing.

Lyn Weeks



A Very Busy April

This month was so busy I and my quilting buddies didn't go to our Regent Street Stitchers monthly meeting as well as some not attending the Guild meeting!

What we got up to was.....**A Day trip to Melbourne** to see the quilts at the Australasian Quilt Convention (AQC) and a bit of shopping.



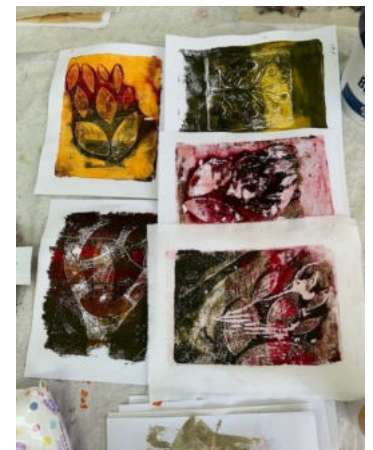
Chrissie's Sit and Sew Retreat at Sovereign Hill. This was two days of stitching and socialising with our favourite people. The retreat was held within the grounds of Sovereign Hill with stitching in The Charles Napier Hotel and enjoying two course lunches served in The New York Bakery. The weather was beautiful and we enjoyed walking around and exploring the History of Sovereign Hill.



A visit to Montsalvat, Eltham with some of the girls who attended the 10 day workshop in the mountain region of Japan in 2024. We checked out the exhibition of Jane Suffield in The Residents Gallery: **Vanishing /Hope, Repair and the Threads that Bind Us**. We had lunch and wandered around the grounds. Once again the weather was beautiful and it was a very enjoyable day.

Anzac weekend saw Marilyn and I attending a 2 day workshop at the Colac Makers Space. The workshop was with Gaye Nieuwenhof. **"Gel Prints with Stitching"** Gaye is a mixed-media artist and educator based on the Bellarine Peninsula. It was an amazing 2 days with a lovely group of ladies. We now have a better idea of how to use that Gel Plate we purchased awhile ago but are still a little unsure of some aspects of it. We still need to experiment a bit more but are quite happy with what we achieved.

Judy Bubb



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Very Snuggly Quilts



ONE STEP FURTHER 2026



VICTORIAN QUILTERS INC.

OPENING EVENT

WORKS ON DISPLAY 28TH MAY - 22ND JUNE

**SATURDAY
6TH JUNE @ 2PM**

Participants and others are invited to attend the exhibition opening and award announcements.
Light refreshments will be served.

**OLD AUCTION HOUSE GALLERY,
52-56 MOLLISON ST, KYNETON**

RSVP by 28th May 2026, to Lee Vause,
onestepfurther@victorianquilters.org



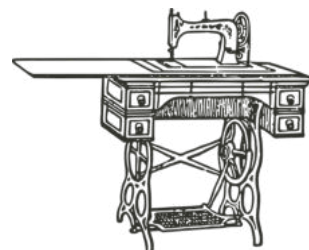
QUILTS AT THE ROUND TABLE
AUSTRALIAN QUILT & TEXTILE COLLECTION

Please join us at Millrose Cottage in Ballan for this exciting "Quilts at the Roundtable" event, offering a close up experience of a selection of quilts from the Australian Quilt & Textile Collection. There is also a surprise guest artist at each session!

Bookings are essential as each session is designed to create an intimate context for a maximum of 12 participants.

Please contact the Lions Club of Quilters Victoria if you wish to make a group booking.
0439 395 300

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Seachange Quilters Biggest Morning Tea

Seachange Quilters held their annual Biggest Morning Tea at the Barwon Heads Senior Citizens' hall. About 50 guests attended. There were door prizes and raffles, a trading table and an amazing array of delicious treats for guests to enjoy.



Raffle quilts (made from donated blocks and completed by Seachange members and other raffle prizes)

Taking a step away from the more traditional line of having someone to speak about an aspect of cancer and its treatment, Susie Struth was our guest. Susie was involved in the film industry for 45 years, starting at the ABC. In 1977 she moved on to the film industry where she eventually became a script supervisor. In 1996 she was working in small productions when she made a breakthrough to large productions. Over the following years she worked on films including "Red Dog", "The Man From Snowy River", the series, "Marco Polo" and "The Dressmaker".



There were many aspects to her job from making sure the right costumes were being worn at the right time, coordinating scenery, sequences of filming and most importantly, making sure there was catering available at the appropriate times among many other responsibilities.

Susie enjoyed the travel that her job afforded her as well as working with many of the big names we see on our screens today.

A lovely morning was enjoyed by all and most importantly we were supporting research into cancer.

By Helen Carruthers



Things we do for Others



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.

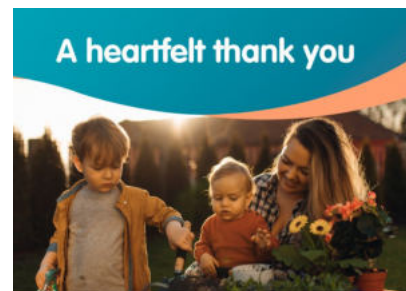
Wendy Evans is the contact person



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>



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>

Things we do for Others

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

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



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>



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



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.



One Step Further 2026
 Old Auction House Gallery
 52 - 56 Mollison Street,
 Kyneton, Vic
 28th May—22nd June

VicQuilters Inc.
Autumn Gathering
 Thursday 28th May 10am - 4pm
 St Mark's Anglican Church Hall
 303 Canterbury Road
 Forest Hill
 Entry \$10



Spa Quilters Daylesford
Bi Annual Quilt Show
 Theme: Peace
 June - 7th June
 10am - 4pm
 Peter's Church & Parish Hall
 Central Springs Road,
 Daylesford



6th St



Stawell Quilters Show
 9th Oct - 11th Oct
 10am - 4pm
 Stawell Entertainment Centre
 65 Main Street
 Stawell
 Entry \$5



Bendigo & District Quilters Inc.
Biennial Exhibition
New Beginning
 Prince of Wales Showgrounds
 Holmes Road,
 Bendigo
 11th June - 13th June
 9.30am - 4pm

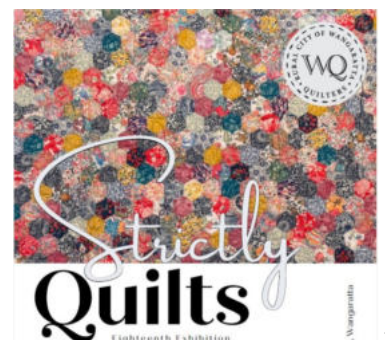


12th Biennial Quilt Exhibition
 17th Oct—18th Oct 10am - 4pm
 Kaniva Shire Hall
 Baker Street, Kaniva
 Entry \$5

Mardi Bra Exhibition
 30th—31st May
 10am—3pm
 Entry \$25
 Lorraine Bedella Seniors Centre
 60 Walker Close
 Altona North

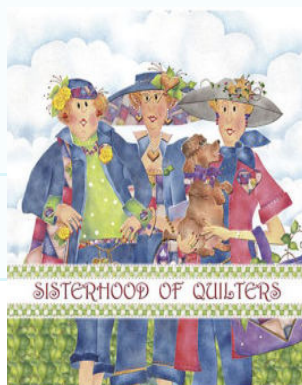


Strictly Quilts
18th Exhibition
 30th Oct - 2nd Nov
 10am - 4pm
 Uniting Church Hall
 Rowan Street
 Wangaratta



FRIENDSHIP GROUPS

<p>Bellarine Quilters</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>Wyndham Patchwork</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 & sew)</p> <p>Venue: Community Centre & Library, Manor Lakes Community Learning Centre 86 Manor Lakes Bvd Wyndham Vale</p> <p>Email: wyndhampatchwork-ersinc@hotmail.com</p>
<p>Seachange Quilters</p> <p>Contact: Helen Carruthers 0434 070 211</p> <p>Meets: Every Tuesday & Wednesday and some Saturdays</p> <p>Venue: Senior Citizens 5A Clifford Parade, Barwon Heads.</p>	<p>Regent Street Stitchers</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. All welcome.</p>
<p>The Applique Guild of Australia 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>Purple Pixies</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, 1st June, 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 .

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 June, 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.

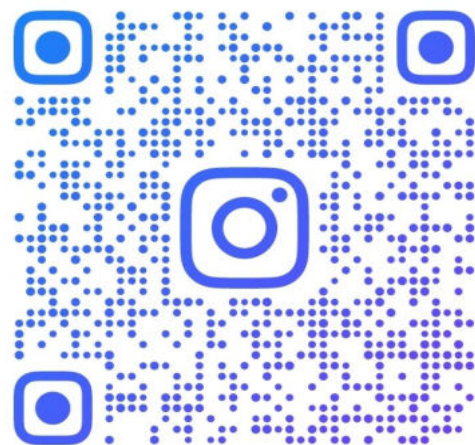
Committee Correspondence :

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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Housekeeping

Library

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

Lids for Kids

As drop off points are becoming less available and more demanding in what they will accept it has been decided that we will no longer continue with this programme.

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 Bubb

Membership Secretary

Position 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

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