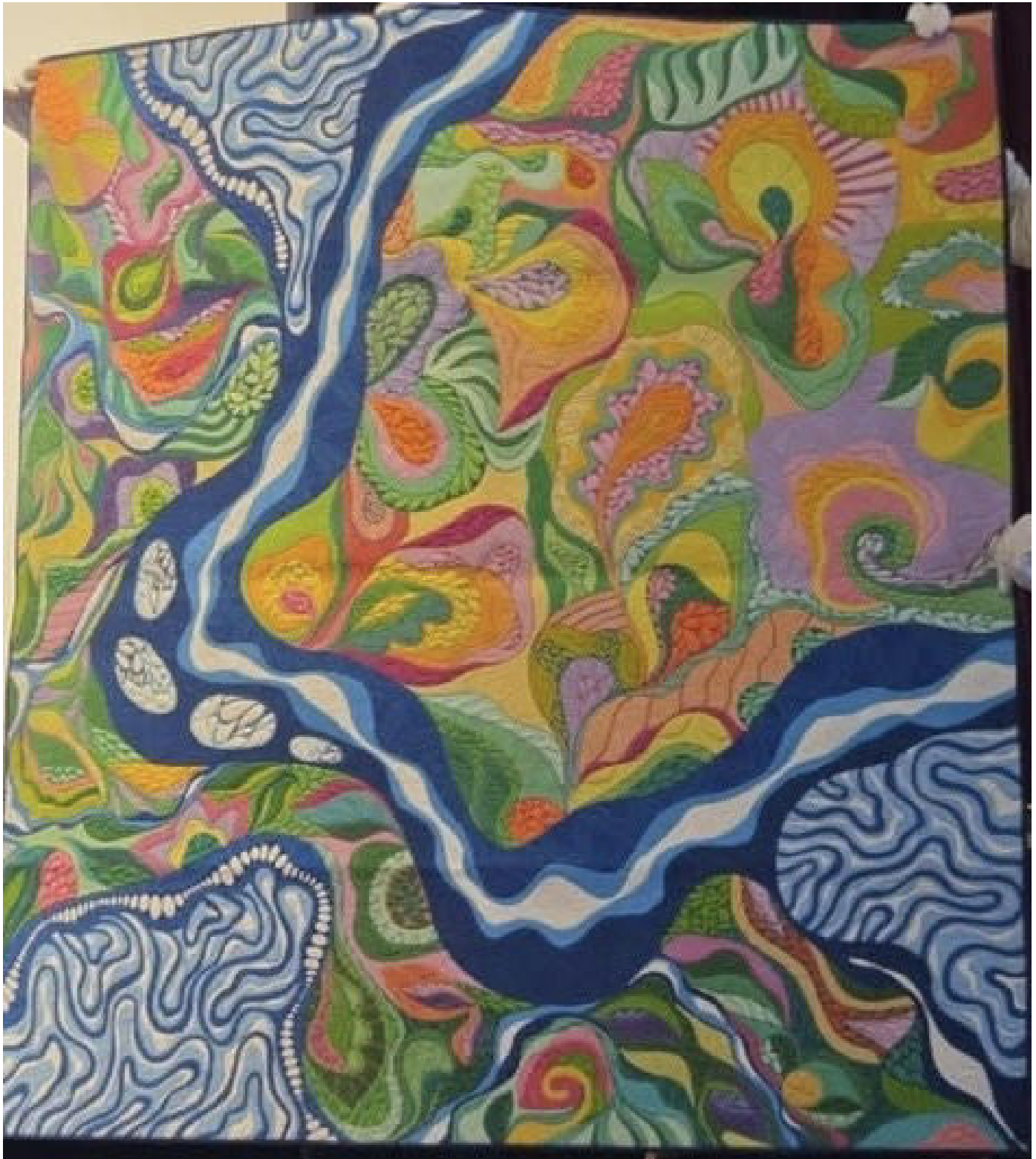




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June 2026 Newsletter



The Naughty Corner by Tania Tanti

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

- June 20** Claire Saxby
July 18 Biggest Morning Tea
August 15 Melinda Keily
September 19 Skill Sharing
October 17 Linda White
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
May 15, 2027 (Quilt In) Sue deVanny



NEW MEMBERS AFTERNOON TEA

Saturday 5th December, 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.



Welcome to our newest members, Chris Mackey, Susan Gray and Lynne Bryant. We hope you enjoy being part of our quilting community.



To all of you celebrating a birthday in June:

Rhonda Elms, Lisa Shirmer and Sharon Schueler



Your birthstones are Pearl and Moonstone

Your Birth flower is the Rose



PRESIDENTS REPORT



Hello Ladies,

Quilt In is now behind us for another year, and I hope that you all enjoyed the day as much as our visitors did. We had 298 people in the Geelong West Town Hall, which was a remarkable result, and the biggest 'crowd' we've had in the past 5 years. Of course, it meant the Hall was packed and it was a bit of an exercise moving around. The committee had a debrief after the event and made a commitment to improving the entry system next year and hopefully finding a way to make it easier to get around. It might also be time to limit the number of bookings so things are more manageable. The traders were happy with the large attendance – they were kept very busy, and there was plenty to entice one to open the purse strings!



Tania Tanti, our guest speaker, was really popular. So many people came up to us after her presentation to say how much they enjoyed it. It was certainly very professional, and had some clever animatronics that added humour to her story. I can't believe she's only been doing her textile art and quilts for such a short time. Must say, I love her use of colour, and her quirky designs.

I congratulate all the winners of the many door prizes, the raffle prizes, and the guessing competition. The monies raised from the two raffles and the 6 ½ " square competition is our donation to our chosen charity, Wombat's Wish – and amounted to a wonderful amount of \$1733.60, thanks to the generosity of all of you, and our visitors in supporting those three activities, financially. A huge thankyou to Chrissie of Chrissie's Timeless Treasures, for her donation of the Brother Sewing Machine – that was so unexpected, and certainly made the raffle very attractive.



*Helene Humphreys
winner of Quilt Raffle*

I have to apologise to all those who volunteered on the day to man the refreshments, the raffle tables, the 6 ½ " squares, the entrance table and the Challenge... I failed to publicly thank you all for your efforts on the day. I felt bad when I got home and realised that I hadn't acknowledged you all to the crowd, and to say how much I appreciated how you all gave up some of your day to help us run the event. We can't do it without you. I am so very grateful that we have so many members who are willing to step up and assist the committee when it matters. Thankyou to each and every one of you.



Some of the many volunteers

I will also thank my committee again for all the hard work they put in, before Saturday and for the long hours they worked on Saturday. We were there at 8am and didn't leave til 5.30. They are indispensable!

Just a reminder that I will be away for the June meeting so give Carole Bosna lots of support in my place.... We have had a change of speakers. Mary Hitchens is unwell and unable to attend, so you will be hearing from Claire Saxby. We have also altered our Skill Sharing meeting to September, so we can hear from Linda White of Gum Valley Patchwork in October. Keep an eye on your newsletter to know who the monthly speaker will be, as we do occasionally have to change the program through unforeseen circumstances.

PRESIDENTS REPORT CONTINUED



Biggest Morning Tea Raffle Quilt

I will be with you for the July Biggest Morning Tea meeting – where you will be decorating your tables, wearing the colours of pink or yellow, and decorating a scarf (prizes for best decorated table and best decorated scarf, so do give it some thought!). We will be raffling a gorgeous quilt made from one of the 52 donated quilt tops from Jenny Nichol – this will be worth winning. I wish I could guarantee that I would get it!! Don't forget the biggest fundraising activity is the Silent Auction – so give some thought to what you can offer for that.



Beyond that, August is AGM time.. and I am letting you all know now, that I will not be renominating to be President for the next year. Please, please, please give some thought to taking on a role in the Committee for '26- '27... Bronwyn, our current newsletter editor, myself as President and Carole as Vice President are not re standing, so the executive will be severely depleted. We need some new faces to step up and lead the Guild for the next year and further. If we don't get nominations for those positions at the AGM, the Guild will be forced to shut down, as it is a rule for our Incorporation that we have those executive positions filled. Sorry to be so 'heavy' but that is the position we face. Know that the current executive are all very willing to help anyone stepping into the role, and also, know that these roles are not so onerous. I have greatly enjoyed my time as president, and know that anyone taking on that role can too.

I will leave you with that thought – and will send photos from Africa.

Stay warm, and keep stitching.

Anne Clutterbuck

The Role of the President

Main role of the president is:

To conduct the monthly meetings- both the general meetings with all members, and the committee meetings, which are normally held immediately after a general meeting.

To submit a President's Report to the Newsletter editor by the required deadline each month.

To receive and respond to emails sent to pres@geelongpatch.org.au address.

To be the Principal key holder who opens the Hall and locks it after meetings and organises set up.

Organises AGM – ensuring Presidential report , Annual Treasurer's Report, Auditors statement, minutes of previous AGM are all printed and made available to all members on the day.

Key role in organising the annual QUILT IN , and usually also sets up and participates on the Exhibition Committee for biannual exhibitions (does not have to be the Convenor!).

Acts as Liaison between GPQG and VIC Quilters.

Responsible for overseeing development role of the Guild – liaise with Workshop Convenor and assist with setting up work shops.

Be the "last word" in decision making if no clear 'vote' on motions/suggestions.

Be encouraging and welcoming to all members – foster open communication and friendly attitude amongst members at all times.

This might sound like a lot – but it is not as arduous or demanding as you might think – and if you have the right attitude towards the role, it is a very positive and mostly enjoyable experience.

Please give some thought to putting your hand up to take on this essential role – I will be there to assist in any way necessary, to make it easier for the new president.

Anne Clutterbuck

President

The Role of the Vice President

The role of the Vice President is a fairly simple one. It is to assist the President where needed and to source and contact speakers for our monthly meetings. I usually reserve a parking spot for them and meet them on arrival, check if they need any assistance with setting up for their talk or if they are having a pop up stall and introduce them to the audience at the appropriate time.

At this time almost every meeting date has a speaker for 2027 so it would mean that the new Vice President would have quite some leeway in looking for speakers for 2028. I have found suggestions from members have been invaluable in sourcing speakers.

It is important in our group to have new members on the committee each year as it brings fresh inspiration and new techniques to the group.

Carole Bosna

Vice President

The Role of the Newsletter Editor

The purpose of the newsletter is to keep everyone informed about what's going on within our group, future events and what's happening in the wider world of quilting.

For the computer literate among us the newsletter is available in digital copy and we now have both Facebook and Instagram accounts to keep us up to date thanks to our tech gurus. But some of us find technology hard so the newsletter is available in a hard (printed) copy for a nominal charge as well.

Editing the newsletter is a necessary job that someone needs to take on as it would be a shame for the Guild to lose this important form of communication. After being newsletter editor for the past two years, it is now time for me to pass the baton to the next person. If you value how you are kept informed by the newsletter please give some serious thought to taking over the position. I am happy to work through the process of putting the newsletter together with anyone and will be available for help if the need arises.

Bronwyn Drehlich

Newsletter Editor

TREASURER'S NOTICE

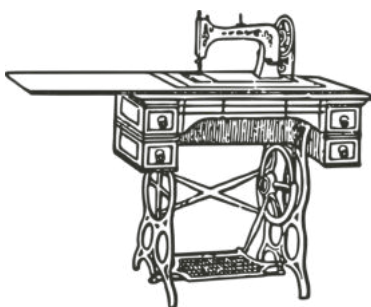
Each month the Treasurer's Report is available to view at the Guild Meeting.

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



Simple Guide:

Types of Pins & Clips
& When to Use Them

Glass Head Pins

- ✓ **What it's for:**
All-purpose, works well on most fabrics
- ✗ **When NOT to use it:**
Heat-sensitive fabrics (the heads can melt)



Ballpoint Pins

- ✓ **What it's for:**
Knit fabrics, jerseys, delicate stretch fabrics
- ✗ **When NOT to use it:**
Tightly woven fabrics, heavy materials



Quilting Pins

- ✓ **What it's for:**
Thick, layered fabrics, quilting, crafts
- ✗ **When NOT to use it:**
Silk, delicate or lightweight fabrics



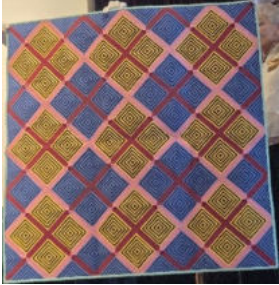
Wonder Clips

- ✓ **What it's for:**
Thick, layered fabrics, binding, hard to pin areas
- ✗ **When NOT to use it:**
Fine, delicate or sheer fabrics (can leave marks)



Tania Tanti

Tania's mother and sister were long time quilters, but quilting was not a passion for Tania. Yes, she had made a couple of quilts but that was it....until 2018. Spotlight were having a competition and the prize was a trip to Houston. This was a chance to maybe travel to Houston to the quilt show. So she set out to make her quilt to enter the competition, and designed and made the quilt she called "Consequences". And she won her trip to Houston! This opened her eyes to art quilting and new techniques. She returned home with a case full of fabric paints which are now part of her quilting signature.



During the COVID-19 pandemic lockdown, Tania closed her photography business and threw herself into creating a series of works. She had decided that she wanted to have an exhibition and contacted the Louis Joel Centre in Altona. They agreed to house the exhibition there, and Tania's husband made frames for all the quilts so they could be exhibited properly. It was a very successful exhibition and half the displayed pieces were sold. In 2022 Tania and another quilter (Robyn Cuthbertson) combined to hold another exhibition at the Louis Joel Centre. One of the pieces exhibited used wool felting done on her needle punch machine. This sold at exhibition.



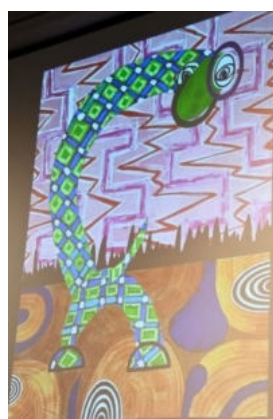
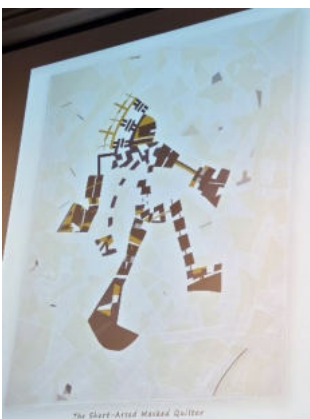
In 2022, Tania also entered a small quilt, "Today's Tale", in the Nebraska-Lincoln International Quilt Museums "Modern meets Modern" challenge. Her quilt was chosen as one of the 10 finalists and now hangs in the permanent collection at the museum. Another honour for Tania was to be chosen to exhibit in France at Carrefour European Patchwork, winning another prize and having her quilt on the cover of their souvenir

catalogue. She has exhibited at many international forums and won many accolades for her wonderful quilts, including Houston International Quilt Show. She has not gone unnoticed back home either, winning many prizes for her bright and colourful quilts, one of which was Best of Show at Sydney Quiltcon.

Tania became slightly emotional when bringing up the topic of her health diagnosis but recovered quickly to tell how throwing herself into her quilt making helped her through the difficult times. Her amazing journey has taken her across the globe and won her many prizes. And she is generous with sharing her techniques, teaching classes both here and abroad.

Lastly, Tania kept us amused with the animation of some of her quilts. Pieces of the quilts moving up, down and around the quilts and one quilting character jumping off her quilt to go visit another. Tania definitely was an inspiring and amusing speaker, keeping our attention and wowing us with her talent.

Sue Robertson



Show and Tell



Jill Falconer
Single Irish Chain
Un named



Dawn Holroyd
Whig Out



Frances Wignall
Big Blooms Pattern



Heather Anderson
Time for a
Seachange



Robyn Jost Embrace of the Wild



Judy Alcock
Crochet Chevron Rug



Dragonfly

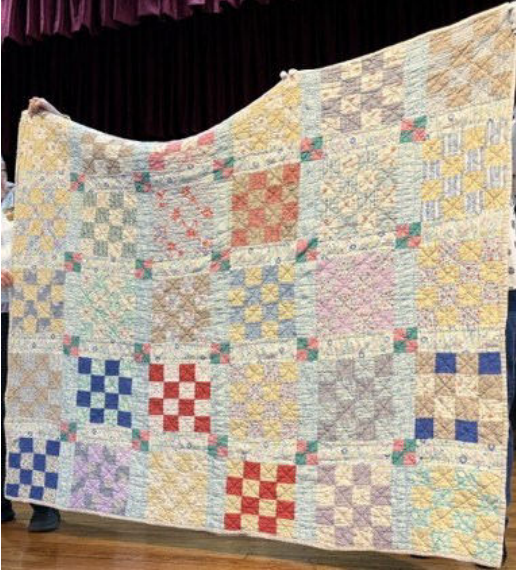
Sunrise



Diane Whittall
Mrs Miller's Journey



Show and Tell



Jennifer Smith
Antique 12 Patch Quilt



Injeanious



Zig Zag

Jo Wembridge
Chequered View

Judy Bubb
Turtles in my Garden



Sue Larsen Hearts
The hearts were made for Sue as a memorial for her husband, Denis



Judy Bubb
Coverlet of Comfort



Contours



Sandra Herbert
When Hannah Meets Jane



Heather Grant
Laura Jacket

Show and Tell



Nicola Picken
Tom's Quilt (Double sided)



Bev Christie
Golly
Blue & Yellow
Dinosaur



Japanese Windows
One of the many quilt tops
donated by Jenny Nichol
Quilting & binding completed
by Guild members



Marie Lee
Un named
Raffle Quilt for
Vasey Care



Simone Schnabel
Peacock Garden



Lorraine Holst
Owl & Hare Hollow



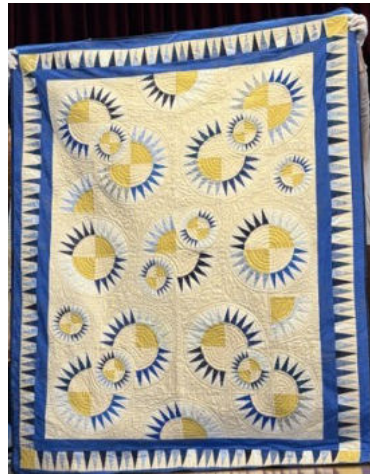


Pat Worsley

Memories

Somewhere, many years ago, I saw a quilt made of blocks like these only the quilt was very large and the blocks were much smaller. It was one of those quilts you always say you will make ONE DAY! With recent efforts to use up what is in my stash—HAHA!! - I finally decided to have a go using the quilt as you go method by Monica Poole. When finished it was intended to be a Quilt for Others but I suddenly realised it was a great memory quilt with so many pieces of fabric that I have used in quilts made over the years and given away to family and friends. So if I have a title for this quilt it would have to be something like “ Thanks for the Memories!!!”

Sue May Stargazing



Helen Carruthers American Beauty



Magda Moore Give Me Liberty



Cecilia Lassett All Star Elephant



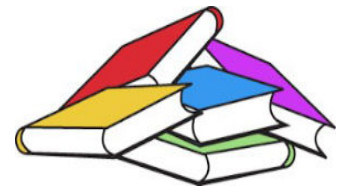
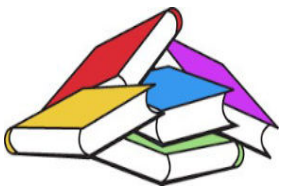
Susan Gray Underwater Fun

Pam Whitten Zoe's Quilt



Wendy Evans Quilts for Others





June Library Report

No new books or magazines to report.

A big thank you to all those who donated unwanted books and magazines to our book sale at the Quilt-In. We raised \$378 to purchase new books and magazines. If you think there is a book or magazine needed in our library, let us know.

There were a few books that were just too good for the sale table so they were presented as door prizes. I am sure the winners were happy with their prizes.

Are you asking what happens to the leftover books and magazines? Pauline packed up the magazines and was about to take them out to her car and was asked by an attendee if they could have them. She had a good home for them. Pauline was thrilled to pass them on. Leftover books are a bit on the oldish side so will bring them to our June meeting to be put on the free table. From there they will be disposed of.

Happy reading and sewing

Judy and Pauline.

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

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

Geelong Patchwork & Quilter's Guild Quilt In

The Geelong Guild Quilt In was held Saturday 23rd May at Geelong West Town Hall with 298 people attending. It was a wonderful day. There were six traders: Gum Valley Patchwork, Serenity Glen Patchwork, The Old Mill, Pickled Pig Patchwork, Chrissies Timeless Treasures and Heights Sewing Centre as well as Tania Tanti, the speaker, showing us some of her creations. The traders had many and varied supplies which created lots of interest amongst the crowd. The vendors very generously donated the door prizes which generated lots of interest. The charity supported was Wombat's Wish and their spokesperson Suzy Coad, told us about the organization and the things they do for children who have experienced the loss of a parent. They have counselling, camps and family fun days amongst other things.



The Guild had a challenge to make a quilt block representing Wombat's Wish and 42 people rose to the challenge. The blocks will be made into quilts to be raffled in the future.

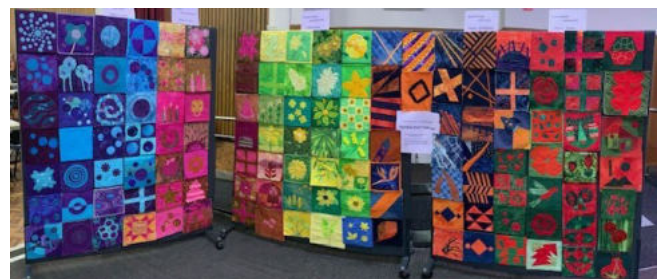


Challenge Winners: Carole Bosna, Bronwyn Drehlich, Heather Grant and Magda Moore

Show and tell was broken into two sessions, one before and one after lunch. We saw many beautiful quilts of differing styles.



The exercise session was enjoyed, lots of giggles as we muddled our left and right! The guest speaker was Tania Tanti, her talk was very informative and emotive, her journey is amazing. Everyone was moved and impressed with her and her work. The Rainbow Challenge blocks looked amazing when all were hung together. Everyone was very impressed with the display. (If you contributed blocks they will be available for collection at the June meeting)



The afternoon flew by quickly, with the announcement of the challenge block winners, the raffle winners, the winner of the six and a half inch squares, and the quilt raffle.



Everyone I have spoken to had a wonderful day and were impressed by the smooth running of the day. And the best thing of all was that we raised \$1733.60 for Wombat's Wish!

Raffle Winners



Thank you to the Guild President and committee for a memorable day.

Sue Palmer.

Housekeeping



Biggest Morning Tea

Just a reminder that our Biggest Morning Tea will be happening at our July meeting. Come dressed in pink and or yellow. There will be a raffle (see President's Report for photo), a decorated scarf competition, best decorated table, games and quizzes as well as a Silent Auction. (Please talk to those on your table about what sort of a mystery box you can come up with for the Silent Auction.)

Ruby Challenge

Did you enter a quilt in the Ruby Challenge at the GPAQG Ruby Exhibition last October? It was agreed at our November meeting that we would accept the invitation from VicQuilters to have this display featured at AQA in September. To that end Velcro strips need to be attached to the top corners on the back of each quilt as in the photos for hanging purposes. Velcro will be available at the June meeting from Bronwyn Drehlich. Quilts with Velcro attached will be collected at the August meeting.



Suggestion Box

A suggestion has been made that the format of our monthly meeting be changed so that the President's section be between 11am and 12pm and have our guest speaker at 1pm. An email was sent to members for their input on this subject.

Response from the committee: On behalf of the Guild Committee we would like to thank you for your suggestion to move the formal part of our monthly meeting to earlier in the day. After receiving feedback from members and discussion with committee members we have decided to keep the current format.

Test & Tag

Jeze Test and Tag has been booked for 10:30am on Saturday 19 September.

Sewing Machines (\$15 inc Cord & Machine), Irons & Extension leads (\$7), Powerboards (\$10).



Jeremy Tate | Manager

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Rainbow Stash Project

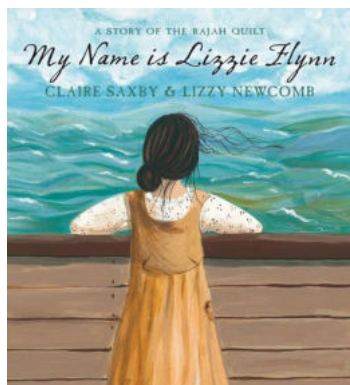
Block 6 - Colours: Cerulean Blue (sky blue) & Golden Yellow

Theme: Season

Due at the June Meeting.

Claire Saxby

Claire Saxby is our Guest Speaker for June. She is an Australian author of fiction, nonfiction and poetry for children. Her books are published widely in Australia and internationally. Two of Claire's books are "My Name Is Lizzie Flynn - A Story of the Rajah Quilt" and "The Flower Garden - A Changi Secret"



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

Venue: Drysdale Senior Citizens

25 Eversley Street, Drysdale

Bendigo Bank

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Vic Quilters Autumn Gathering

Carole Bosna and myself travelled to Saint Mark's Hall in Forest Hill to take part in the Victorian Quilters Autumn Gathering. As well as meeting lovely ladies from AQA it was nice seeing Judith Oke, Glenne Reid from Serenity Glen and Sue May there. With around 110 attendees, it was a busy gathering.



Sarah Hibbert with
Bronwyn Walkley
(pres VicQuilters)

Sarah Hibbert from the UK was our Guest Speaker.

Sarah has always admired Katherine Hepburn and her quote "if you always do what interests you at least one person is pleased". This is the way Sarah began her Quilting journey in 1984. She says "don't worry about the outcome just go for it."



Linda Steel with
Carol Bosna

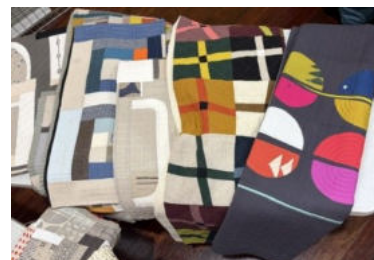
Sarah's father was a graphic designer and she grew up in a house full of art, colour and magazines. Charles Eames House of Cards was her first introduction to colour. Sarah was also greatly influenced by the Bauhaus movement.

Sarah had always drawn and played around with paper and her collage pieces. These developed into designs that in the end, became Quilts.

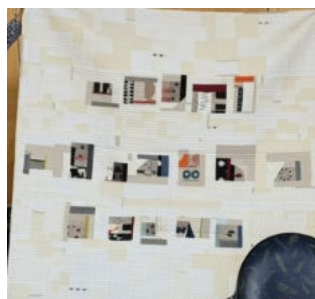
In 2017 Sarah entered QuiltCon Savannah with her Serendipity quilt. She was so inspired and encouraged by the convention that she went on to create and enter in subsequent QuiltCons. Later being the first Western quilter to exhibit in Seoul, South Korea.

Since then, Sarah has been made the QuiltCon ambassador for the QuiltCon Modern Group in 2023. Her work is featured in Museums in Britain and America.

It was a very entertaining presentation with Sarah sharing lots of amusing anecdotes (including one about Rod Stewart) and of course a chance to see her actual Quilts on display



Pam Planner



OZQN Australia Wide Nine:

an Ozquilt Network members' exhibition on tour 2024-2026.

Members of the Ozquilt Network are from all over Australia and this travelling exhibition was on display during May at the Louis Joel Gallery, Altona. Margaret Tembo and I had an excursion to visit this exhibition recently. Set in a warm and welcoming community centre



the gallery space is bright and inviting. The Gallery is reasonably easy to get to from Geelong and worth a visit to see any future exhibition. Plus, very close to the Altona foreshore which has a lovely esplanade



For Australia Wide Nine all works are 40 x 40cm. As it is a juried exhibition you are seeing the best of the entered quilts.

The works were all inspiring. We found the exhibition presented a wonderful range of different styles and techniques. As always, reading the artists statements and learning of the materials used gave interesting insights into the artists works.

It was lovely to see one of our own, Lyn Weeks, exhibiting with several familiar names ie. Tania Tanti and Linda Steele among them.

This is not a huge exhibition but was such a joy to explore and well worth travelling to view. Please see website for forthcoming places and dates.

www.ozquiltnetwork.org.au

By Judith Oke

Drawn by Lynette Weeks

Sunshine fills the sky. Its almost as if the mountains are transparent.



New Members' Afternoon Tea



A lovely afternoon was had by all who attended the New Members Afternoon Tea as we welcomed three new members to the Guild. Glenys Carswell, a new member attended. And Susan Gray (who attended our Quilt In) and Lynne Bryant, not only joined us for the afternoon but have now become Guild members as well. There was lots of Show and Tell, a delicious afternoon tea and of



course lots of chatting and getting to know our newest members.

The next New Members' Afternoon Tea will be held on Saturday 6th December at 2.00pm. Our thanks to Judy Bubb for hosting this event at her studio. Bronwyn Drehlich



Very Snuggly Quilts



While Very Snuggly Quilts are really pleased and grateful to receive any quilts from you there is still a need for more quilts for boys. These can be in any of our preferred sizes from cot size to teenager size.

Great gift ideas from your photo, logo or drawing

Stubby Holders

Mousepads

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Quilts for Others



Seachange Quilters in Baron Heads combined a Quilting for Others Day with a Tag and Test Day. Many quilt tops had already been made. The 26 ladies who attended were fully occupied sorting out backings and wadding, spray basting, ironing fabric, doing bindings, quilting and chatting!

In the kitchen tasty treats appeared and a table of reduced price fabric packs from Bellarine Sewing was available.

So a productive, enjoyable day passed quickly. Many quilts were quilted on domestic machines as well as the long arm machine doing its bit.

Well done to all who were able to attend on that Saturday!

Pam Planner



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.

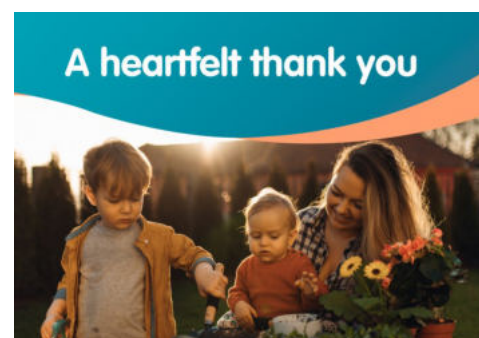
Wendy Evans is the contact person



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>



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



For this month...

We need: Adults Beanies in all colours and adult & children's beanies in indigenous colours

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>



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 always need quilts for boys in all the sizes, for all the age groups.

For more information please go to

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.



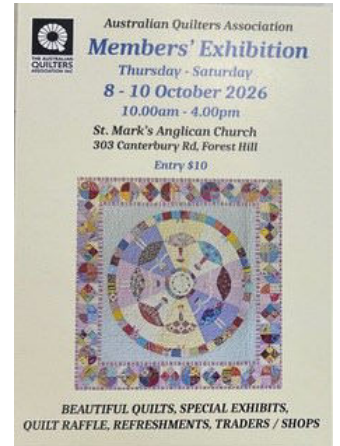
**VicQuilters
Winter Gathering**
22nd August
10am - 3.30pm
St. John's Anglican Church
27 Childers Street,
Cranbourne
Entry \$10

Melbourne Craft & Quilt Fair
9th - 12th September
9.30am - 5pm
Melbourne Craft & Exhibition
Centre
South Wharf, Melbourne



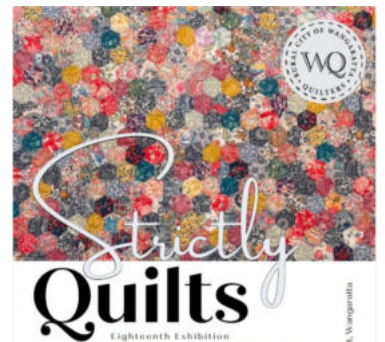
Stawell Quilters Show
9th Oct - 11th Oct
10am - 4pm
Stawell Entertainment Centre
65 Main Street, Stawell
Entry \$5

**Australian Quilters' Association
Member's Exhibition**
8th—10th Oct
10am—4pm
St Mark's Anglican Church
303 Canterbury Road,
Forest Hill
Entry \$10



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

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



FRIENDSHIP GROUPS

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

Wyndham Patchwork

Contact President:

Julie Melbourne 0419 306 949

Vice President/Newsletter:

Laura Warren 0455 435 280

Secretary:

Natalie Dunn 0423 770 741

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

Seachange Quilters

Contact: Helen Carruthers
0434 070 211

Meets: Every Tuesday & Wednesday and some Saturdays

Venue: Senior Citizens
5A Clifford Parade, Barwon Heads.

Regent Street Stitchers

Contact: Judy Bubb
0425 810 203

Or Dallas Windmill
0409 430 678

Meets: 2nd Saturday 10-2pm, \$5.00

Venue: South Barwon Community Centre, 33 Mount Pleasant Road, Belmont.
All welcome.

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

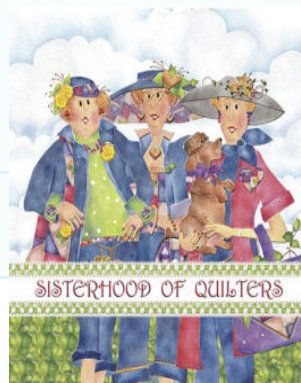
Purple Pixies

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%)

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, 29th 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.



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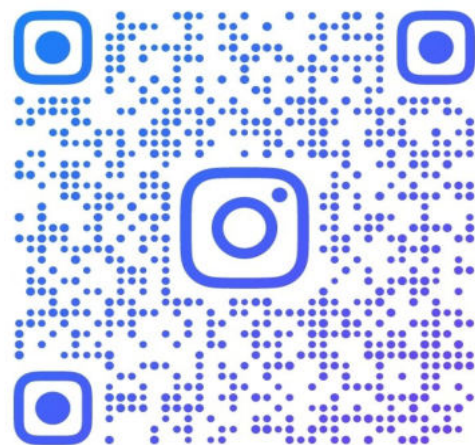
The Guild has two Facebook pages:
 Both these pages are a great way to stay in touch with each other between meetings.
Geelong Patchwork and Quilters Guild Inc. for public viewing
Geelong Patchwork and Quilters Guild Forum: for members only
Instagram Page: there is an Instagram account for public viewing 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, 29th June, 2026

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

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