

Geelong Patchwork & Quilters'
Guild Inc.
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Common Thread

August 2026 Newsletter

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

to be held on Saturday 15th August 2026.

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

We are seeking nominations from members to serve on the committee for the period August 2026 to July 2027. This is not an onerous job and provides members with an opportunity to participate in the running and direction of the Guild, and to get to know more of the members. The Committee generally meets at the close of our regular Guild days. Our major events most years are our Quilt In, the Biggest Morning Tea, and a biennial Exhibition.

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

President
Vice President
Secretary
Treasurer

and up to 5 'ordinary' committee persons.

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

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

Assistant Newsletter Editor & Proofreader/ Photographer

Assistant Web master

Newsletter Distributor

Librarian /Library Assistant/s

Charity Quilt Programme co-ordinator

*Refreshments Co-ordinator**

Special Occasions Correspondent

Archivist/Historian

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

Nomination Forms are included in the July Newsletter, at the front desk and on our website.

Proxy Voting forms are available to access on our website or at Newcomb Hall at June/July Meetings.

Jo Wembridge, Secretary

Proxy Forms and Nomination forms can be found on our website

[AGM 2026 - Geelong Patchwork And Quilters Guild Inc](#)

Committee Roles (Revised July 2023)

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

PRESIDENT:

- Is the “face” of and sets the direction of the Guild.
- Oversees the year’s activities and proposes special activities.
- Chairs the monthly Guild meeting and all committee and special meetings.
- Represents GPQG at functions where the Guild is involved.
- The President or a nominated committee member is automatically included in all subcommittee structures such as the Exhibition or Quilt-In subcommittee.

VICE PRESIDENT:

- Assists the President in all areas and represents GPQG when the President is unable to attend.
- Looks after the arrangements for Guest Speakers.

SECRETARY:

- Attends to all the correspondence directed to the registered post office box. From the correspondence - Records all inwards mail on a correspondence list. Then gives
 - To the President – items appropriate for announcing on Guild meeting day.
 - To the Treasurer – all invoices and financial papers.
 - To the Librarian – magazines (keep; the address page with the magazine) and any other relevant material.
- At the monthly meetings puts any relevant material eg newsletters and notices of interest to Guild members on the notice board.
- Prepares the Agenda for the committee meetings and emails it out several days in advance together with the correspondence list.
- Takes the Minutes for the committee meeting and circulates them preferably within the next week.
- Collects any items from the Suggestion Box for committee consideration.
- Provides administrative assistance to subcommittees when needed.

TREASURER:

- Manages all finances of GP&QG, keeping accurate records and attends to the functions as stipulated by accounting standards for the AGM process.
- Liaises with the insurance brokers to keep policies up to date.
- Is responsible for collecting, accounting and receipting all monies for the Guild
- Is responsible for manning the entry table on Guild days to receive admission fees and raffle monies from 11am to 1pm
- Receiving monies for special raffles and other special events
- Assists coordinators of various programs with budget management
- Prepares a monthly report for the committee meeting, which is published in the Newsletter
- Prepares the annual report for the AGM

The Newcomb Hall, Wilsons Road Newcomb

Moved: Seconded: Carried:

The new President, then presides over the general monthly GPQG meeting.

President's Report from August 2025 to July 2026 inclusive

This past year has been a very successful one for the Geelong Patchwork & Quilters Guild. We have seen a gratifying growth in our membership, despite the inevitable attrition of ageing of so many members, which is always sad. We wholeheartedly welcome all new members and look forward to having you with us for many years. We currently have over 100 fully paid up members, which although still a long way short of the numbers of decades ago, is a healthy number that leads us to an increased attendance at monthly meetings. At this stage, we can still fit comfortably in Newcomb Hall for our regular meetings.

Attendance at meetings has grown to averaging over 60 most months, and those who have attended have been entertained by a number of excellent guest speakers, Jo Grant, Bronwyn Walkley, Di Ellis, Lynne Stone to name a few. Another Skill sharing session is set up for September this year, and is another way the Guild fulfills its mission of spreading knowledge and increasing the abilities of its members. Our last one in June 2025 proved popular so we have added another this year.

We have held a very successful Workshop - with Veronique Diligent in March, 2026. It was fully booked out and hugely popular with all members who attended. We are looking forward to the forthcoming Gloria Loughman "Landscapes with Rhythm" 2 day workshop scheduled for October 2026. This workshop, too, is fully booked out. The expenses incurred in running these workshops are fully covered by the participation fees charged.

We have continued to build up a healthy bank balance that covers all our expenses, provides batting for our quilts for others, and can sustain the Guild in the event of future setbacks, mishaps or emergencies. This coming Christmas, it will also pay for the members' Christmas lunch meeting – as a way of giving something back to the membership.

Our annual Quilt In in May 2026, saw the largest attendance this event has attracted in well over a decade, with nearly 300 coming along to hear the inspirational Tania Tanti give a very professional and fascinating presentation of her methods and her works of art. We will have to consider limiting attendance to Quilt In in future if we continue to use the Geelong West Town Hall as its' venue. It was quite a squeeze this year, but was very well liked by those who came along. Our chosen charity this year was Wombat's Wish, who were delighted to receive a donation of \$1766. Once again, over 30 challenge blocks with the theme 'With all my Heart', which will be turned into two quilts, one of which for us to auction and one for Wombat's Wish to raise funds. One item we featured at this year's Quilt In was the collection of 8 Inch Rainbow Stash Buster blocks set as an activity meant to stimulate the individual's creativity by limiting them to two colours and a theme. This 'exercise' is ongoing at this stage, at the members' request.

Judy Bubb again set a challenge for the Christmas meeting – using a piece of Christmas fabric given out in November. Judy is very innovative with the challenges she sets for us – to test our skills and inventiveness.

Our Biggest Morning Tea meeting in July 2026, was down in attendance, and did not raise as much in funds for the Cancer Council as in 2025, but was still a happy day that raised \$1223 in support of the work of the Cancer Council. Thanks to all who brought along silent auction items, and who decorated their tables and kept in the theme of pink or yellow dress. The decorated scarves were in short supply - perhaps a more intriguing challenge needs to be set for next year's Biggest Morning Tea.

The members of our Guild have continued to produce large quantities of quilts for others – for the Snuggly Quilt Programme, for the Sexual Assault & Family Violence Refuge, for St John of God Oncology and now their special babies ward (Christmas items) as well as other hospitals and charities. I am always so in awe of the commitment the membership shows in making quilts (or knitting for KOGO) every year, with no requirement for thankyou's. You can all take a bow for the admirable work you do for children and others less fortunate. We have been lucky recently with extraordinary donations of fabrics, and especially with one of 52 quilt tops, that have been taken up by you to finish into quilts for charities.

Annual President's Report (continued)

Last September (2025) being our 40th Year anniversary month, we staged a 'party'. As 40 year anniversaries are designated 'ruby', the Guild held a "Ruby Celebration" that included a challenge that attracted many very skilful and creative interpretations of that theme. This September those quilts will be on display at Victorian Quilters Showcase Exhibition (part of the annual Craft and Quilt Fair at the Melbourne Convention & Exhibition Centre), with GPQG being the featured guild. The Ruby Challenge quilts were also featured in our Biennial Exhibition that was held at the Geelong West Town Hall in late October 2025. This event was opened by renowned quilter, Linda Steele and was very well attended by the public. It will be important that the next committee quickly convenes an Exhibition committee to prepare for our 2027 Exhibition, set for October. My personal thanks to last year's Exhibition Committee, chaired by Nicola Picken, and including Pam Planner, Heather Grant, Carole Bosna, Deb Read, and Bronwyn Drehlich. They set up and ran the Exhibition so professionally and without incident, and I am indebted to them for that.

I once again congratulate all our members who exhibit elsewhere through various special shows like AQIPP and One Step Further, as well as featuring heavily in Victorian Quilters Showcase each year, and I apologise for not compiling a correct list of what these members have achieved, and for any one I have not mentioned by name. Lyn Weeks has participated in Australia Wide Nine amongst other exhibitions. Judith Oke, Jan Preston Carole Bosna, Pam Planner, Robyn Jost, Magda Moore, Jo Wembridge and Bronwyn Drehlich are members who have participated in exhibitions around the State or country.

At this point I need to thank my wonderfully supportive, diligent and hard working committee for being with me over the past year. Thankyou Carole Bosna for doing such a great job as Vice President and organising guest speakers well into next year. Thanks Jo Wembridge for being my irreplaceable right hand, secretary extraordinaire, and Pam Billing, who has filled Deb Read's shoes as Treasurer so very well. Thanks always to the unbelievable Judy Bubb as committee member, membership secretary, and Librarian and Jodie Arklay, committee member and our dedicated Web Manager - this Guild would not survive without either of them, they are always giving of themselves. Thanks to our retiring newsletter editor, Bronwyn Drehlich, who, I think you will agree, has done a fantastic job with the newsletter for the past two years. Thanks also to Anne Thompson, who has been of great help to Pam as Assistant Treasurer especially at the front desk at meetings. Thanks to Pauline Lorenz as assistant Librarian, such a help to Judy Bubb, Pam Planner for her photography that livens up your newsletter each month, Janine Parry for being our ever reliable newsletter distributor, Lesley Whitlock for proofreading the newsletter, Judy Alcock for her unceasing efforts with what we do for others, Annette Packett for making such lovely and much appreciated cards of sympathy or congratulation for members, Margaret Tembo for being our archivist and the Regent Street Quilters for looking after refreshments for the past year. I will also give a general thankyou to all of you who help out and pitch in when the need arises. I love the liveliness and enthusiasm that this Guild generates and hope that it can continue into the next year... but to paraphrase John F Kennedy—"Ask not what your Guild can do for you. Ask what you can do for your Guild!" Please take up the challenge of getting a full committee elected at this AGM!

Best Wishes.

Anne Clutterbuck



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

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

Saturday 16 August 2025

The Newcomb Hall, Wilsons Road Newcomb

Meeting opened at 12.45pm

In Attendance	As per attendance list
Apologies	Ann Key, Wendy Evans, Anne Schroeter, Annette Packett, Jan Preston

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

Moved: Judy Alcock

Seconded: Magda Moore

Carried: Yes

President's Report	President read out at meeting (in newsletter and copies printed on tables).
Treasurer's Report: Presentation of Financial Records	Presentation of the financial records for the past financial year (2024 -2025) for acceptance and passing by the members as available on tables. (published in newsletter.) Auditors – Mann Smith & Associates, 3 Harrier Lane, Lara 3212 Moved that the statement be confirmed as a true and fair record of the financial position of the incorporated association during and at the end of its last financial year and that the Secretary submit the statement to Consumer Affairs Victoria within one month of the date of this AGM Moved: Debra Read Seconded: Sue Larsen Carried: Yes
Appointment of Auditor	Motion to appoint Mann Smith & Associates as auditors of the (financial years 2025 -2026) Geelong Patchwork and Quilters Guild financial records. Moved: Debra Read Seconded: Margaret Tembo Carried: Yes
Adjustment of joining and membership fees	Proposed that membership and joining fees for the 2025 – 2026 financial year be as follows: Full membership - \$35.00: All members (No concession membership) Junior (under 18) -\$20.00 Joining Fee - \$55.00 for new members fee includes a name badge. The next review of the membership fees will be due at the AGM in 2026 Moved: Sue Larsen Seconded: Sue Robertson Carried: Yes

Election of new Committee Chaired by Judith Oke	All Committee positions declared vacant. <i>Nominations have been received for the following positions –</i> President: Nomination Anne Clutterbuck Declared elected Vice President: Carole Bosna Declared elected Treasurer: Nominated Pam Billing Declared elected Secretary: Jo Wembridge Declared elected <i>Five Committee member positions</i> Website Manager: Jodie Arklay Newsletter Editor: Bronwyn Drehlich Assistant Treasurer: Anne Thompson Committee Member and Membership Secretary: Judy Bubb Committee Member: Tegan Craske <i>Other non-committee positions:</i> Newsletter distribution: Janine Parry Librarian (Go Cutter bookings): Judy Bubb Assistant Librarian: Pauline Lorenz Workshop Convenor: Anne Clutterbuck Assistant Newsletter Editor, photographer: Pam Planner Very Snuggly Quilts, KOGO: Judy Alcock SA&FV Refuge Quilts: Anne Clutterbuck Special Occasions Correspondent: Annette Packett New Member Co-ordinator: Judy Bubb Historian/Archivist: Margaret Tembo Refreshments: Vacant Introduction of new Committee
Change of Signatories	Moved by: Judith Oke that any two of the following committee positions: President: Secretary: Treasurer: Be required as signatories to the GPQG bank account Seconded: Debra Read Carried: Yes

The AGM for: 2025 closed at: 1.20pm

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

MANN, SMITH & ASSOCIATES

Public Accountants • Registered Tax Agents
Reg. Tax Agent 26338611 ABN 46 693 106 400

3 August 2026

GEELONG PATCHWORK AND QUILTERS GUILD INC

INDEPENDENT REVIEW REPORT

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

Scope

I have reviewed the financial records and reports of the Geelong Patchwork and Quilters Guild Inc for the year ended 30 June 2026. The Committee of Management is responsible for the preparation and presentation of the financial statements and the information they contain. I have conducted an independent review of the financial reports in order to express a conclusion on them to the members of the Guild.

A review is limited primarily to enquiry of the Committee of Management, analytical procedures and examination of the accounting records made available to me. A review is substantially less in scope than an audit and, accordingly, I do not express an audit opinion.

Findings

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

Conclusion

Based on my review, which is not an audit, nothing has come to my attention that causes me to believe that the attached financial statements do not present a true and fair view of the income and expenses of the Geelong Patchwork and Quilters Guild Inc for the year ended 30 June 2026, and of its net assets as at that date.

Basis of Accounting and Restriction on Use

The financial statements have been prepared to satisfy the reporting requirements of the Guild's Rules and the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012 (Vic). As a result, the financial statements may not be suitable for another purpose. This report is intended solely for the members of the Guild.

Yours sincerely

Brian Collis CA
Partner
Mann, Smith & Associates

Geelong Patchwork and Quilters Guild Inc
Statement of Profit and Loss
For the Financial Year ended June 30th 2026

	<u>2026</u>	<u>2025</u>
Income		
Advertising	420.00	415.00
Badges	65.00	50.00
Christmas Lunch	1,298.00	1,276.00
Donations	96.05	95.00
Donations for Charity	3,201.60	2,529.20
Door Takings	11,873.00	5,784.00
Exhibition Stand Bond Refund	150.00	0.00
Guild Trading Table	1,471.00	40.00
Library Sales and Fines	388.20	342.95
Membership	3,290.00	3,230.00
Raffle	3,764.80	846.10
Test and Tag	0.00	104.50
Workshops	3,350.00	5,175.00
Total Income	29,367.65	19,887.75
Expenditure		
Audit Fees	264.00	264.00
Advertising	341.50	130.33
Assets written off	0.00	631.50
Badges	179.00	533.00
Bank Fees	152.40	90.79
Christmas Lunch	1,234.40	1,162.60
Computer Software	358.00	139.00
Consumer Affairs	49.00	49.00
Depreciation	516.45	215.45
Exhibition Sundries	2,110.33	0.00
Gifts/Donations	4,290.73	2,979.23
Hall Hire	3,731.13	4,787.50
Insurance	1,156.00	1,080.00
Library	558.40	402.69
Membership Refund	0.00	20.00
Postage	106.00	60.60
Post Box Renewal	165.00	159.00
Printing Forms/Newsletters	152.25	444.19
Raffle Prizes	93.85	92.78
Refreshments	914.14	430.18
Showcase sponsorship	600.00	250.00
Speakers/Tutors	3,884.77	1,750.00
Stationary	101.76	207.40
Storage	1,455.00	1,650.00
Subscriptions	0.00	259.00
Test and Tag	0.00	275.22
Website Expenses	239.15	143.40
Workshop Refund	130.00	260.00
Total Expenditure	22,783.26	18,466.86
Profit/Loss	6,584.39	1,420.89

Geelong Patchwork and Quilters Guild Inc
Balance Sheet
For the Financial Year ended June 30th 2026

	30th June 2026	30th June 2025
Assets		
Cash At Bank	\$24,222.36	\$18,220.52
Fixed Assets		
Lenovo Ideapad Slim 5	\$2,116.97	\$1,017.97
less: Accumulated Depreciation	-\$731.89	-\$215.45
Total Assets	\$25,607.44	\$19,023.04
Members Funds		
Retained Earnings Opening Balance	\$19,023.04	\$17,602.15
Add Net Profit/Loss Current Year	\$6,584.39	\$1,420.89
Balance as at 30th June 2026	\$25,607.43	\$19,023.04

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

Fully Subsidised Christmas Lunch

The Committee has decided to fully subsidise Christmas lunch this year. A once off special treat. It felt like the perfect moment to turn a simple surplus into a little holiday magic..



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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2025 - 2026 Committee

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Vice President: Carole Bosna

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Workshops Coordinator: Anne Clutterbuck

Newsletter Distributor: Janine Parry

Very Snuggly Quilts/ QFO/KOGO Judy Alcock

Sexual Assault & Family Violence Refuge:
Anne Clutterbuck

Our Village: Wendy Evans

Refreshments: Regent Street Stitchers

Special Occasions Co-ordinator:
Annette Packett

Archivist: Margaret Tembo

MONTHLY MEETINGS

Monthly meetings are held on the **THIRD** Saturday of each month at the Newcomb Hall, 82-84 Wilsons Road, Newcomb.

Doors open from 10.30am to 3.30pm.
Library is open from 11:00am to 12 midday.
Official Meeting starts at 12:45pm.

Entry is \$6.00. Please bring your lunch and mug.
Refreshments for morning tea are available from 10.45am. The current COVID expectations are outlined on the biscuit bench, please follow these as best you can.

For insurance purposes all members and guests are required to sign in on the Guild attendance sheet.
EFTPOS is now available.

FORTHCOMING MEETING DATES

August 15 Melinda Keily

September 19 Skill Sharing, Yazzi Pop Up Shop, Test and Tagging of electrical equipment

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

June 19, 2027 TBD

July 17, 2027 Biggest Morning Tea

August 21, 2027 Michelle De Groot



Welcome to our newest members, **Simone Schnabel and Janette Harwood**. We hope you enjoy being a part of our quilting community



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.

July birthdays



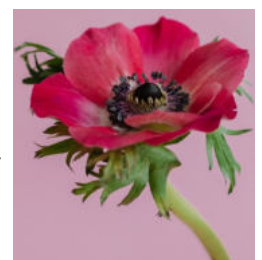
To all of you celebrating a birthday in **August**:

Pamela Billing, Irene Boyle, Glenys Carswell, Jenny Harris, Sandra Herbert, Lisa Hollingsworth, Anne Millward, Judith Oke, Glenne Reid, Lyn Weeks, Kaye Woodhams



Your birthstone is Peridot

Your birth flower is the Poppy



Hello Ladies,

PRESIDENTS REPORT



Here we are – August already, and this is my final monthly President's Report, since I am stepping down as your president. After 3 years in the role, I feel it is time for someone else to put their stamp on running the Guild. I am hoping that by Saturday 15th someone will have put themselves up for election to be President, someone else to be Vice President and a third person will nominate to be editor of the Newsletter. Be very clear that if no-one comes forward to fill those vacant positions, the Guild will be dismantled. We are an incorporated body and the rules require that we have an elected executive i.e. President, Secretary and Treasurer, along with a committee to provide support. I know we would all like to just come along on the third Saturday of the month and spend time chatting with our friends, sewing, and listening to a guest speaker – or attending our once a year Quilt In, or our Biennial Exhibition... but, sadly, none of that can happen without a fully functioning committee. Please, I am begging you to consider stepping up and taking on a role for the next year. As previously mentioned, you will have the full support of some of the current committee who have nominated to stay on - so there is plenty of experience to assist you to settle into a role. I will also pledge to provide all the support and advice you could possibly want.

If no-one is willing to be editor of the newsletter, there will be no newsletter, it's that simple. The editor gets the use of the Guild's newsletter laptop complete with programme used to produce it, and again, whatever support, advice, or help is needed from the past editor, Bronwyn Drehlich. I don't want to drone on about this, I know exactly how you will all be cringing and avoiding any eye contact, but this is serious. We need your help.

On a different subject and a lighter note, our July Biggest Morning /Afternoon Tea meeting was a good day all round. Those members who attended were generous with their 'spending' at the silent auction, and on the two raffles. Congratulations Judy Alcock on winning the raffled Quilt with its pretty colours and wonderful stitchery. It seemed you all enjoyed the quizzes, and the room was alive with pink and yellow. I was a little disappointed that not many came along with a decorated scarf, but overall the participation in the day's activities was excellent. We didn't raise as much this year as last year, but there were significantly fewer members at the meeting than usual. Our treasurer has sent \$1223.05 to the Cancer Council, which is an admirable effort – thank you to all of you who contributed so generously.

On another lighter note, and one you will all be happy about – because the Guild's bank balance is very healthy, the committee has decided that the Guild will pay for the Christmas Lunch this year. We will still need you all to put your name down on an attendance list and provide details of any special dietary requirements for the caterers, but you will not be asked to pay for the boxed lunch, or the cake and soft drink... We hope that as many of you as possible will come along to the Christmas meeting and enjoy a great, fun day. The attendance list will be provided at future meetings.

Don't forget, the Geelong Patchwork & Quilters Guild is this year's featured quilt guild at the upcoming Victorian Quilters Showcase - 9 – 12 September at the Convention Centre (Jeff's Shed). We have organised a display of the Ruby Challenge quilts (which you must bring to this August meeting for collection by Pam Planner or Carole Bosna), and Jo Wembridge has created a photo book and display stand of photos showing many of our regular activities. We still need members to volunteer to man our display table to talk to people about the Guild and what we do (always assuming we don't have to dismantle the Guild due to lack of an executive!). If you can find a few hours when visiting Showcase, to help out on that table, please put your name down on the roster. You will not have to pay an entry fee to the Fair and Showcase, if you are prepared to volunteer your time on the GPQG stand. We will advise Vic Quilters of the names of volunteers.

As I will be thanking everyone in my Annual Report, I will not add my thanks to everyone who has contributed to the Guild this past year, in this report, but will leave you with the hope that my entreaties have born fruit and the AGM will elect a committee for the 2026 – 2027 year.

Thankyou for putting up with me for the past 3 years.
Happy Stitching, Anne

Rachael Daisy Workshop

Excellent workshop organised by Bellarine Quilters. Rachael is always friendly and helpful. The blocks created were fantastic. The choice of fabric gave such a varied result. Participants are keen to do another session with her - **Jo Wembridge**



Cheryl Gilbert



Judy Bubb



Alison Lacy
Mini Quilt



Wendy Tippet



Mandy Hamilton



Dawn Holroyd
Mini Quilt



Jo Wembridge
Cushion and Mini Quilt



BUS TRIP—Chris Fox

Last month ladies from The Bellarine Quilters, Sea Change and the Guild got together for a bus trip to Ballarat and Ballan. It started at the Drysdale station on a chilly, foggy morning, but once the fog lifted it turned into a beautiful, still and sunny day.



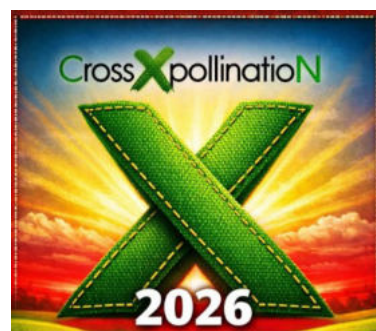
First stop was Gail's Patchwork Emporium where we enjoyed a magnificent morning tea provided by Feed Me Bellarine. Then on to The Pickled Pig. Both terrific shops. We then headed to Ballan where everyone had free time to enjoy lunch and to shop at Millrose Cottage and Chrissie's Timeless Treasures. Lots of purchases were made, as only fellow patch workers can when visiting fabric shops. And gauging by the happy bus at the end of the day we all thoroughly enjoyed the experience



CrossXpollination—Jan Preston

Colac Makers Space put together the Textiles, Arts & Fibres Exhibition bringing together thread, fibre, felt and copper wire sculptures.

This was a Retrospective of the 2020 Exhibition that went online due to Covid, with new and additional entries for this show. Extra displays were installed in retail windows. So much detail and creative imagination displayed in a very darkened space. Each entry glowed with excellent lighting from above. Amongst the entries were Sue Ferrari and Dijanne Cevaai.



ARARAT EXHIBITION GALLERY - Jan Preston

Always a stop off when visiting the Grampian Ranges—"Weaving through Time by Aunty Ellen Trevorrow"



Aunty Ellen Trevorrow is a proud Ngarrindjeri woman and a prolific, internationally acclaimed weaver with over 40 years of weaving experience. Aunty Ellen is especially known for her 'Sister' baskets.

In Weaving Through Time, Aunty Ellen carries tens of thousands of years of knowledge, passed down from her Elders. Her work continues as an essential legacy; the transmission of culture to future generations and ensuring the continuation of culture.

Baskets, as well as other woven forms, clothing with amazing sculptural forms, head wear, handbags and a large collection of many excellent pieces were incredible to view. They are made from sedge grasses which are also known as freshwater rushes. These grow along the sandy edges of the Coorong, Lakes and River Murray waterways. A very immersive Exhibition thoroughly enjoyed.



July Biggest Morning Tea

A big thank you to all who contributed to making our fund raiser for The Cancer Council a great success. We raised approximate \$1223

Our members contributed by providing goods for our silent auction, such as, wine, chocolate, vouchers, sewing notions, plants, handmade items and Tilda block of the month project. Carole Bosna organised a new addition "Guess the 6 1/2" squares". Thank you to members who made bids at the auction and bought raffle tickets.

Best Decorated Table went to Seachange Quilters. Best Decorated Scarf was won by Jodie Arklay.

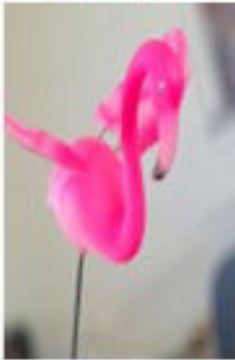
We all looked pretty dressed in our pink and yellow but failed terribly in the two quizzes Anne organised for us. Scores were low but congratulations to the two tables who won. And in case you missed it. A group of flamingos is called a flamboyance. A group of zebras is most commonly called a dazzle. Why dazzle you ask? This creative collective noun refers to the hypnotic, "motion dazzle" effect their black and white stripes create, which helps to disorient and confuse predators when the animals are running together.

Thank you to Anne for overseeing the day and the committee in organising a fun day—**Judy Bubb**

Biggest Morning Tea

Sue Palmer

We had a good day at the Biggest Morning Tea. There were interesting things offered in the silent auction, beautifully decorated tables and a small but great display of decorated scarves. Our President organised two quizzes, one of which made us think about block names and the other challenging our general knowledge.



Quiz Questions – Two winners: Pink Flamingos & Bellarine Failures

Best Decorated Table – Seachange Quilters

Quiz: Name Quilt blocks – “One With the Lot”



Best Decorated Scarf – Jodie Arklay

Door Prize Winner
Blue E38 – Simone Schnabel



Quilt Raffle Winner
D23 – Judy Alcock



Guess the Number 218 – Sue Larsen

Show and Tell



Judy Bubb
Rachael Daisy
Workshop Cushion



Cheryl Gilbert
Rachael Daisy
Workshop Cushion

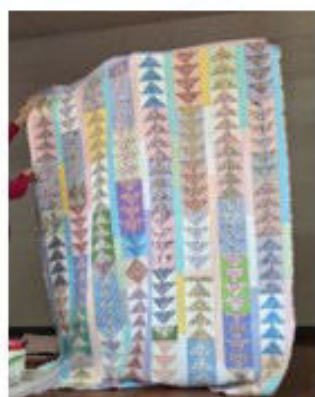


Jo Wembridge
Rachael Daisy Workshop
Cushion and Mini Quilt



Judith Oke
Tied Together
with Love
Vic Quilters 2026
One Step Further
Entry

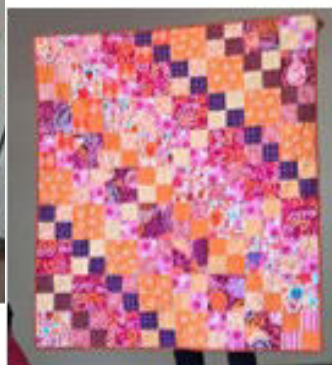
Magda Moore
Anything Goes Afro
American



Heather Anderson
Flying this Way and That. Front and back view



Janet Couchman
Snowflakes
(Deborah
Dorwood design)



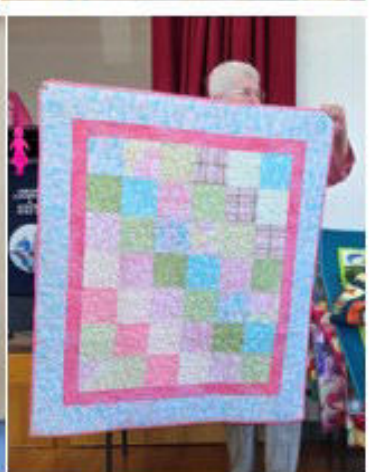
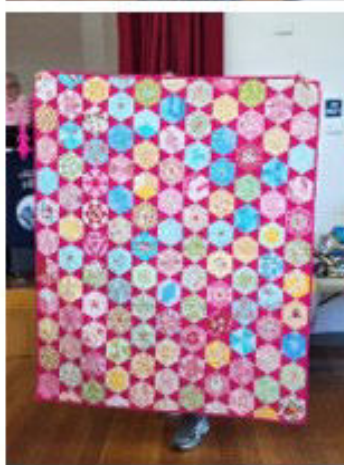
Debra Read
Fabric won as
door prize. Made
for charity



Judy Bubb and Maria Wileman
Quilt Top from Jenny Nichols. Quilting
and binding completed for charity



Very Snuggly Quilts





**July Rainbow
Challenge was Soft
Pink and Forest green
with a Water theme**

**For August, it is Peach
and Lilac with
Sunset/Sunrise theme**

August Guest Speaker - Melinda Keily

I first began quilting over 20 years ago. It's been a way for me to express creatively, create space for myself, hold my grief and sometimes piece life together, quite literally. It's a practice that has come and gone over the years. However, it's always found its way back in moments of intensity; the death of family and friends, my dad's dementia diagnosis and care until his death, navigating divorce, along with the constraints of Covid. These experiences paved the way for me to access a love and deep purpose in the practice.

(from Melinda's Website)



Volunteer at Guild Display Table at Vic Showcase

Don't forget, the Geelong Patchwork & Quilters Guild is this year's featured Quilt Guild at the upcoming Victorian Quilters Showcase , 9 – 12 Sep at the Convention Centre (Jeff's Shed). We need members to volunteer to man our display table to talk to people about the Guild and what we do .

If you can find a few hours when visiting Showcase, to help out on that table, please put your name down on the roster. The roster will be at the Aug meeting. Or email: info@geelongpatch.org.au

BONUS: You will not have to pay an entry fee to the Craft & Quilt Fair , if you are prepared to volunteer your time on the GPQG stand.

I will advise Vic Quilters of the names of volunteers.
Jo Wembridge

Ruby Challenge

Did you enter a quilt in the Ruby Challenge at the GPAQG Ruby Exhibition last October?

We will be displaying them at Craft & Quilt Fair, in Melbourne in September.

Please remember to bring them to the August meeting. and give them to Pam Planner or Carole Bosna.

Quilts should have Velcro attached and be in a bag with your name and phone number on it.



Reminder for Cushion Entries for Geelong Show.

Please confirm with Margaret Tembo if you are entering a cushion and pay \$2.50 for Show entry at the August meeting.

Margaret will enter group names and money by 7 September close of entries.

Please bring your actual cushion/s to the September meeting or ring Margaret: 0408 566661 to organise delivery to her home in central Geelong by 5th Oct.

She will deliver to Showgrounds and collect them after the show. She hopes we get some lovely cushions and a winner.

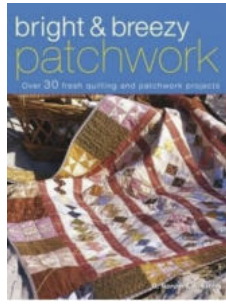
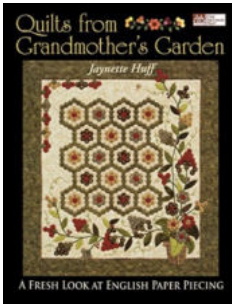
If you want to enter a quilt , discuss this entry with Margaret as she can help you.

Thank you.





New book purchased titled **Farmhouse Fresh** by Jenelle Kent. Clever creations for 16" wide towelling. If you're wondering where you can purchase towelling, it is available from Bellarine Sewing Centre. Featured in the book are pretty pillows, runners, placemats and much more.



We were donated two books. **Quilts from Grandmothers Garden** by Jaynette Huff. A fresh look at English paper piecing and **Bright and Breezy Patchwork** by R. Norum & H. A. Krohg. Over 30 fresh quilting and patchwork projects.



Two magazines arrived in the mail—**Quilters Companion Issue 138**. Meet textile artists Tania Tanti and Michelle De Groot. Use foundation paper piecing and curved piecing skills to create a Jo Avery designed quilt and much more. **Quilters Companion Issue 140** features Pat Forster's Hourglass Mosaic quilt, Inspiration behind a Japanese inspired art quilt and much more.

Issues 159, 160 and 161 of Fibre Forum Magazines have been donated by Margaret Tembo. So many wonderful textile artists featured! I have flicked through and have noted my favourite from each issue. In #159, page 9. Japan, Kimono with frolicking puppies in the snow 1925-35 silk. In #160, page 50-56. Studio Stories: Annemieke Mein In #161, page 24, photo of Julie Ryder's Genesis (2000) A length of hand stitched silk organza. It is printed and coloured with natural dyes and fruit fermentation techniques. Also on this page. India Flint. (we have her book in the library) Groundsheet, 2011, vintage silk, pre-used cotton cloth, plant dye, stitched.

Any books you think the library should have in its collection? Let us know.

Haven't borrowed from the library recently? We have missed you. We are in the back room. We are open between 11-12.

Happy Reading and Stitching, 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 Bubbs

Membership Secretary

2027 MOROCCO TEXTILES TOURS

Marrakech - High Atlas Mountains - Sahara - Fes - Chefchaouen - Rabat
Travel with a special guest artist and explore Amazigh (Berber) crafts in Morocco.



TEXTILES TOUR WITH
LORENA URIARTE

LORENA URIARTE: 1 - 15 May 2027

Lorena is a Sydney based, internationally recognised modern quilter known for her bold use of colour, inventive techniques and original designs.

For this tour we will be stitching on a digitally printed fabric map of our journey, adding details inspired by the places we visit.

Using simple appliqué, embroidery stitches and English Paper Piecing, our map can then be sewn into a drawstring bag or small pillow, as a lasting reminder of our adventure together in

VALERIE KIRK: 12 - 26 September 2027

Valerie is an artist and tapestry weaver, writer, teacher and public figure who has made a significant contribution to the arts internationally.

Valerie will share her skills and experience to allow participants to develop their ideas for textile design, drawing inspiration from the sublime landscape and rich cultural environment provided by the art and architecture of Morocco.

Along the way we will gather materials to weave our own miniature 'Magic Carpet' brooch - a memento of our adventures together.



TEXTILES TOUR WITH
VALERIE KIRK



TEXTILES TOUR WITH JANE
SASSAMAN

JANE SASSAMAN: 24 October - 7 November 2027

Jane is known for her lively fabric designs and her graphic appliquéd art quilts, both inspired by her love of nature and repeat pattern.

From the miraculous beauty of a single blossom to the complicated powers of the soul, Jane's intent is to remind us that we are part of a bigger "cosmic" picture.

For our journey through Morocco Jane has designed a small handworked quilt top featuring Moroccan motifs of figs, pomegranates and ceramic tiles. This will be a lovely keepsake for

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.



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

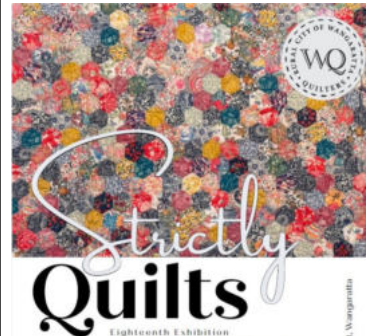


Australian Quilters' Association
Member's Exhibition
8th—10th Oct
10am—4pm
St Mark's Anglican Church
303 Canterbury Road,
Forest Hill
Entry \$10

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

CALL FOR ENTRIES

Quilters are invited to
interpret the theme **Rhythm**

Exhibition to be held
5th Nov - 16th Dec 2027
Whitehorse Artspace,
Box Hill Town Hall
1022 Whitehorse Road,
Box Hill



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Warrnambool Quilt Show

8th - 10th January 2027
10am—4pm
Brauer College,
Caramut Road,
Warrnambool

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



Things we do for Others

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.

Thank you to Sue Palmer, Anne Clutterbuck and Jo Wembridge for their donations

Cot sized quilts should be approx. 100 x 120cm (39" x 47"). Items can be given to Jo Wembridge, Secretary when complete. She has Christmas fabric to share with members who would like to make something.



Special Request

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)

process (and
Do not
include staples



To help our
protect our volunteers):
wrap items individually
Do not
in your packaging.

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.

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>

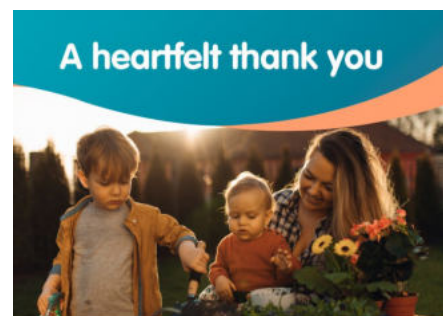
Donations can be brought to the meetings.



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>



15 - 18 October 2026

Greetings, the show will be with us in October and at the August meeting there will be Homecraft & Horticulture Schedules available to members who are interested in participating. If you wish to submit a cushion speak to Margaret Tembo. There are class items for quilts, wall hangings and Tote bags, plenty of variety for Guild members. Two of our members have won First and Best Exhibit Rosettes for their cushions in previous years.

The co-ordinator of Homecrafts pointed out that Class item 1453 VICTORIAN AGRICULTURAL SHOWS LIMITED PATCHWORK COMPETITION

is an opportunity for a local Geelong winner to be an entry in the Regional Victorian Agriculture Show competition where winning means entry to the State Royal Agricultural Show in Melbourne.

The patchwork exhibit is to be no larger than 90cm x 125cm. Machine/hand pieced and quilted by exhibitor only. Minimal embellishments. Small amount only, not to overpower the patchwork. It would be great for a GPQG member to win at regional and state finals. We have had members items in regional in past years but not at State final. Perhaps this year!

Contact Margaret Tembo 0408 566661 m.tembo@bigpond.com for any enquiries.

Test & Tag

Jez 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).



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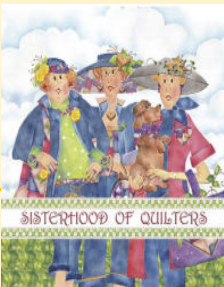
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The Applique Guild of Australia Geelong Chapter Contact: Dawn Holroyd Ph: 0419 324 745 Meets 1st Saturday of the Month 10.00am—3pm Venue: South Barwon Community Centre 33 Mt Pleasant Road Belmont	Purple Pixies Contact: : Leslie Clarke 5281 3254 Meets: 2nd Monday Time: 10am-3:30pm Venue: Geelong West Oval 

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131 Yarrowee St
Sebastopol
(over \$20 cash only)



Heights Sewing Centre (10%)
26—28 Milton Street,
Bell Park



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

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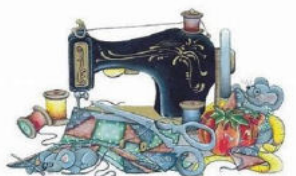
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Members buy, swap or sell advertisement:

\$5.00 without photo

\$8.00 with photo (attached to email)

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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

Next Issue :

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

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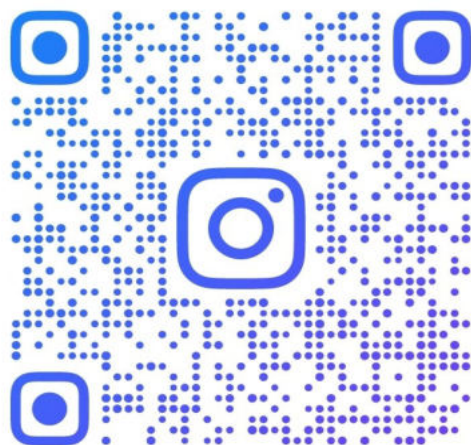
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