Common Thread

November 2026 Newsletter

Geelong Patchwork & Quilters Guild Inc.
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ACTING PRESIDENT'S REPORT



From Acting President, Penny Shelton. Yes, you read that right. An email was sent out a few weeks ago, informing you all that Cheryl has relinquished her position as President. The committee would like to thank her for her time. We understand and respect her decision to step down. Please bear with us while your committee sort out some changes. Members will be updated in due course.

So, grab a drink while I use this publication to share news from my sewing desk.

How are you going with the "Not Christmas Challenge"? So far, I have dived into my stash and flicked through a couple of pattern ideas. Now I have a project pile to begin my creation. 🧶👜👝 If you haven't already collected your challenge fat 1/8 from the basket, please grab one this month. Please set a reminder to bring your completed purse, bag, wallet, vessel along to our December meeting. A little birdie tells me there are some prizes up for grabs.

Our November meeting will be the last chance to get your order in for our FREE December meeting 🍔🥙 lunch catering**.** Please note any special dietary requirements you have or bring your own lunch as usual. The committee have also declared the December meeting FREE entry. Members attending will still be required to check in at the entry desk.

Speaking of November, I have done a little bit of research into Lorraine Rogers and it has left me excited to see what she brings along to show our members. 🖼️🐦‍⬛

Reminders

- Christmas gift quilts or stockings for St John of God Special Care Nursery. Cate will collect these at our November meeting 🤶
- Add name to Christmas catering list, if you haven't already 🥳
- Collect Challenge Fat 1/8, if you haven't already 🧼
- Bring along Rainbow 8" Challenge Blocks, still time to catch up
- Think about festive ways to decorate your December table and chat with others 🎄
- New members' afternoon tea December 5th, 2-4pm 💗

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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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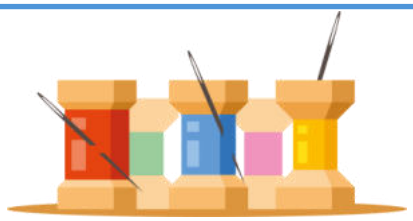
Very Snuggly Quilts/QFO/KOGO: Judy Alcock

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Anne Clutterbuck

Refreshments:
Geelong Chapter of Applique Guild

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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 Meetng starts at 12.45pm.

Entry is $6.00. Please bring your lunch and mug. Refreshments for morning tea are available from 10.45am.

For insurance purposes, all members and guests are required to sign in on the Guild attendance sheet.

EFTPOS is now available.

Forthcoming Meeting Dates

November 21 Lorraine Rogers

December 19 Christmas meeting

January 16, 2027 Sit & Sew

February 20, 2027 Deb Layt

March 20, 2027 Donna Hughes

April 17, 2027 TBD

May 15, 2027 (Quilt In) Sue deVanny

June 19, 2027 TBD

July 17, 2027 Biggest Morning Tea

August 21, 2027 Michelle De Groot /AGM

September 18, 2027 Skill Share

October 16, 2027 Peta McGinley

November 20, 2027 Christine Lethlean

December 18, 2027 Christmas Meeting

January 15, 2028 Sit & Sew



Welcome to our newest member, Ros King. We hope you enjoy being 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.



October birthday ladies



To those celebrating a birthday in November: Heather Anderson, Anne Clutterbuck, Janet Couchman, Maureen Devlin, Jill Falconer, Lyn Holz, Jen Lander, Chris Mackey, Jan Preston, Jen Smith, Anne Thompson & Dianne White. Your birthstones are topaz & citrine, and your birth flowers are chrysanthemum & peony.

ACTING PRESIDENT'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

I have been busy attending the Royal Geelong Show, Ps & Qs Quilt In with Sarah Fielke, Gloria Loughman Workshop and our GPQGuild meetings. I thought that might slow down but I am still planning on attending the Bellarine Quilters two day exhibition in Drysdale Oct 31 & Nov 1st.



Penny's work in progress from the Gloria Loughman workshop.

I'm a self-confessed nature lover, so I'm pretty happy with the changes Spring has brought to local gardens and parks. The predicted heat and El Niño conditions that are forecast for the coming months remind me of the importance of resilience in all aspects of our daily life. It is also a good time to keep ourselves hydrated and busy with a textile (patchwork/quilting) project to help pass the hottest parts of the day. Or even better, alongside a friend at our hall. The cooler will be ON!

See you there.
Penny



EXHIBITION COMMITTEE FOR 23-24 OCT, 2027
Together we can achieve more.

We are looking for members to be part of our Exhibition Committee. We have the following roles that need to be filled to make this event a success:
Traders, Raffle, Advertising, Challenge/Prizes, Exhibition Layout, Members Stall.
See Jo Wembridge if interested.

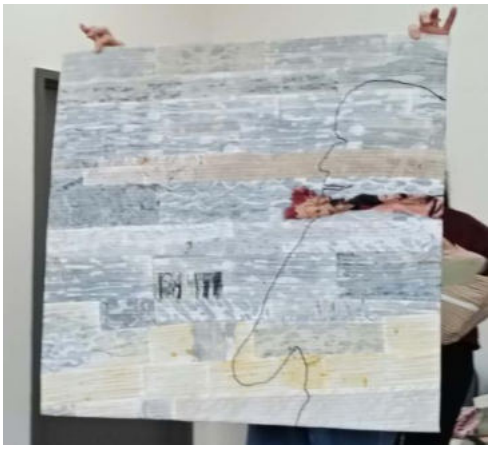
Show & Tell



Meg Pyburne – A Long Time in the Making



Debra Read – Charity quilt



Lyn Weeks – Coastal Connections



Madi Norwood – All Around the Town



Bronwyn Drehlich – Blue Gum

Show & Tell



From the Archives:
Magda Moore – Made in 1990 for National Wall Hanging competition, celebrating beauty of Bellarine.



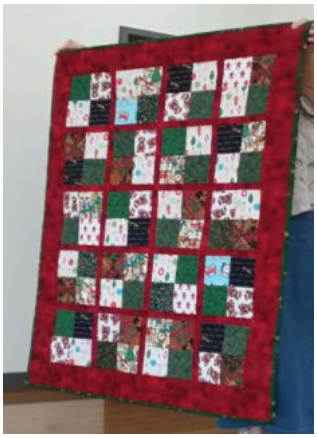
Madi, Sue & Lisa – A Wintery Christmas Table Runner



Sandra Herbert – Made at SC Quilters Retreat "Wattle and Loop"



Library bags made for Geelong Mums by Pam Planner.
Bags are made from 20" x 16" fabric with drawstring.
See Wendy Evans for more information.





Quilts and stockings for SJOG made by: Heather Brown, Bev Charles and Sandra Herbert.



Thank you!

Dear Geelong Patchwork and Quilter's Guild,

Bluebird Foundation
A heartfelt thank you for your generosity in donating the beautiful Bluebird quilt from your 2025 Quilt-In. We offered it as a silent auction item for our inaugural gala fundraiser - The Spring Table. Thanks to the generosity of our donors and the enthusiasm of our guests, ***the silent auction raised $3,637.27, with a further $1,470.00 raised through the raffle.*** *That's a wonderful contribution to our work, and we couldn't have done it without you.*

Cottage By the Sea
Thank you all for your wonderful handmade donation of three crocheted rugs and a knitted beanie, which are greatly appreciated.
We are in short supply of knitted/crocheted toys for the children, and would be pleased if you could assist with these items in the future.



Rainbow Block Challenge



See our challenge makers' October blocks above. October's challenge was Burgundy and Cream with Sophistication as the word prompt.

For those interested, the Rainbow Challenge is continuing.

Here are the next 3 months. Enjoy!

1. Navy Blue and Mustard Yellow. Fruits.
2. Plum and Mint Green. Temptation.
3. Crimson and Black. Danger.







Congratulations to our prize winners at Geelong Show!

Clockwise from top left:
1st Place winners - Group Challenge Quilt, Jo Wembridge, Penny Shelton; 2nd Place winners - Bronwyn Drehlich, Judith Oke, Margaret Tembo, Magda Moore; 3rd Place winners - Judy Bubb, Cheryl Gilbert; Highly Commended - Judith Oke.







Guest Speakers

October Guest Speaker – Linda White, Gum Valley Patchwork

by Penny Shelton



It's difficult to find the words to describe the buzz in the hall created by Linda's visit. I personally felt renewed and inspired by Linda's presentation. Looking at all that Linda and her supporters have achieved over the past it would seem overwhelming viewed in total. This was demonstrated by Linda's first hexagon quilt in comparison to her legacy heirloom quilts; Prudence and Elinor Jean.

Below: A selection of Linda's showcase of quilts, including her first quilt, made when she was a teenager, and her most recent masterpieces.



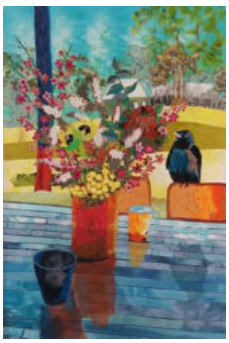







November Guest Speaker – Lorraine Rogers

Lorraine has spent decades practicing and perfecting her textile art into what it is today. Initially creating traditional quilts before discovering a passion for the art quilts and textile collage that exist in her body of work. Inspired by photos she has taken in her local region, Lorraine uses a well-developed process to manipulate a wide variety of fabrics into her chosen design. This includes raw edge applique being layered over hand painted elements. The resulting works are a stunning hybrid of Lorraine's skill as a watercolour artist, eye for detail and harmony in colour use.



Above: The Crow Came to Lunch by Lorraine Rogers

Christmas Challenge



The December challenge was distributed at our October meeting. If you weren't there, don't worry, you can collect one at our November meeting. Your finished creation is to be brought and revealed at our December Christmas meeting.

Your challenge: Make a bag, pouch, purse, vessel – or any other kind of creative container!

Be Creative and have Fun!

Judy Bubb

Fully Subsidized Christmas Lunch and Free Entry to December Christmas Meeting



The Committee has decided to fully subsidize Christmas lunch this year and the entry fee will also be waived. Please remember to sign in on arrival as usual.

If you haven't already, please add your name (and any dietary requirements) to the Christmas Lunch list this month.

Winners are grinners!

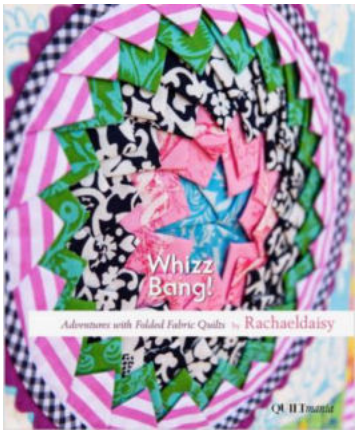


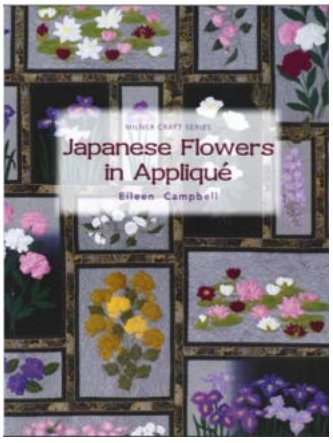
Congratulations to our October lucky door prize winners.





An acquaintance is downsizing her home and unfortunately what comes with that is you have to downsize your stash. But it was our good fortune as I was able to purchase a copy of *Whizz Bang! Adventures with Folded Fabric Quilts* by Rachaeldaisy. This is no longer in print and nearly impossible to find. I also purchased a copy of *Japanese Flowers in Applique* by Eileen Campbell.





Thank you to all who paid a visit to the library at our October meeting. Keep it up as we do get lonely in the back room. Don't forget to wear your name badge as Pauline and I do occasionally have a moment when we can't remember names.

NEW LIBRARY RULE

We don't have many library rules but 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 for you for understanding of introducing this new rule.

Happy Reading and Sewing

Judy and Pauline



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

Workshops & Exhibitions

Geelong Fibre Forum

by Judy Bubb



In September Sue Robertson, Kerrie Maloney, Meg Pyburne and I attended Geelong Fibre Forum. What is this event?

"Geelong Fibre Forum is a week-long creative retreat for anyone who loves to make, stitch, dye, weave or just play with fabric and fibre. It's where artists, makers, and curious beginners all come together to learn, experiment, and be inspired. Hosted by the awesome crew at TAFTA and held annually at the picturesque Geelong Grammar campus, Forum offers an immersive program of workshops led by nationally and internationally recognised tutors. You'll spend your days learning new techniques, meeting like-minded creatives, building lasting connections within a vibrant and supportive community."



Sue and I took the workshop with Nicola Brown, a tutor from Ireland, Sustainable Eco Printing. Kerrie and Meg chose a workshop with Ro Bruhn – Textiles Journals.
Classes run from Monday to Friday. Wednesday night was Party Night and Kelly Smith joined Sue and I for dinner, a glass of wine and a bit of dancing. No, we didn't make it to the bewitching hour and left early. The theme for the night was Dames of Denim and we did wear denim.

Friday night featured the students' exhibition, showcasing all the amazing creations made during the week.

A great learning experience.



Judy & Sue sharing the results of the eco printing workshop at October's meeting.

More information about Geelong Fibre Forum can be found on the TAFTA website, dates for 2027 coming soon. https://taftainc.com.au/

A fabulous weekend workshop with Gloria Loughman

by Jo Wembridge



Each participant produced their own unique creation. Each one with a different colourway and design. Gloria shared her knowledge and skills with us, challenging us to design our own quilts. The step-by-step process made it easy to learn new techniques.

Penny: "How lucky were we to have an international textile artist, teach us so close to home. I was able to increase my product knowledge, using fabric paint, steam a seam and freezer paper."

Sharon: "It’s great to learn new skills. Bringing each layer of my landscape quilt to life. Gloria broke down the process into easy-to-follow steps."







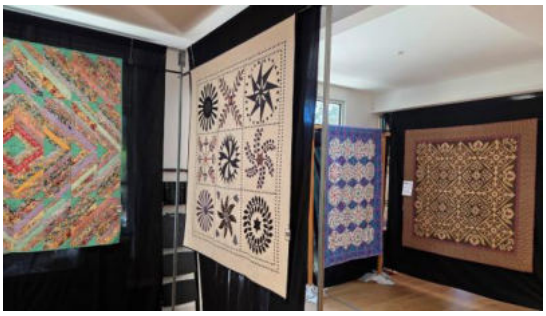




Bellarine Quilters Exhibition

Congratulations to the members of Bellarine Quilters who held a successful 40th anniversary quilt show over the last weekend in October. Here are a few snaps taken on set-up day.











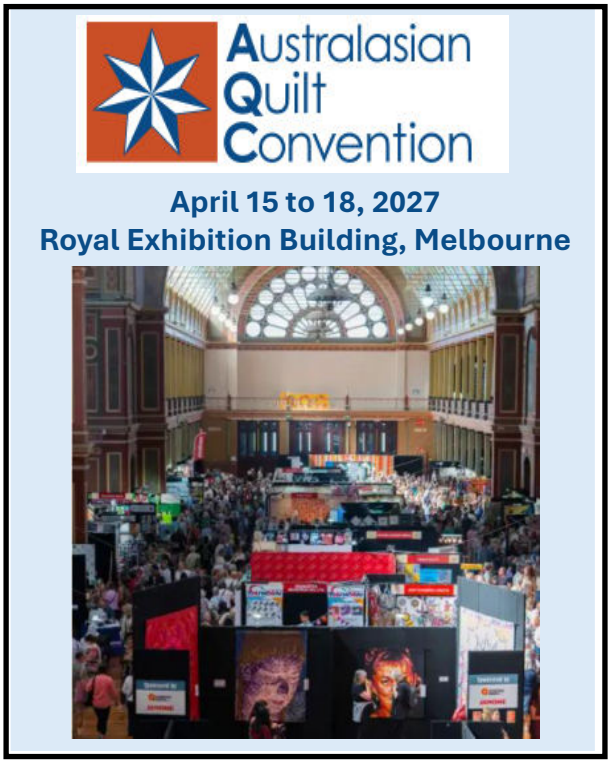
Calendar of Events

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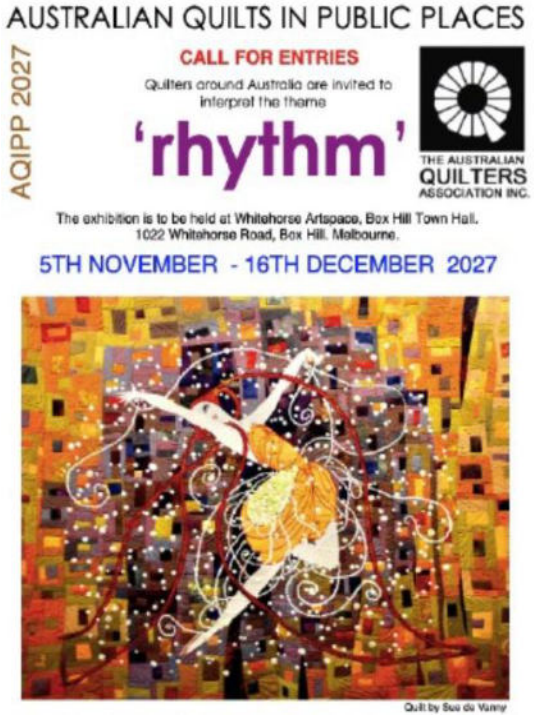


Calls for Entries

Please visit the websites listed for full entry details.



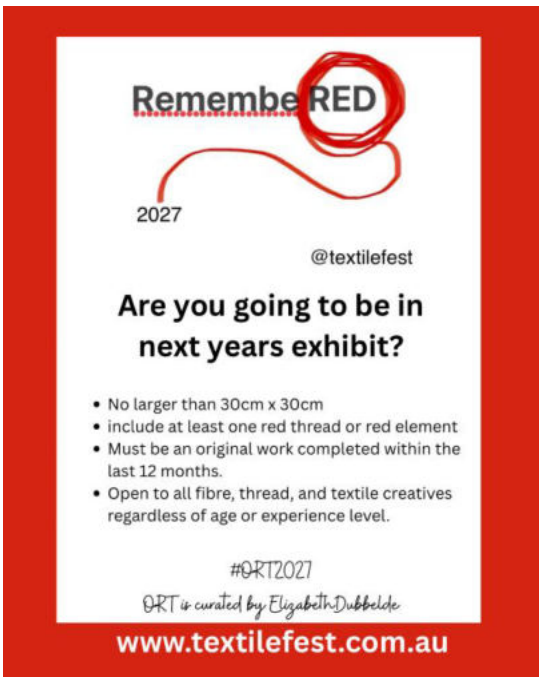
The AQC Challenge 2027 invites quilters to explore the theme Chaos or Harmony. Your quilt may be traditional or contemporary and should creatively interpret the theme through design, colour, technique and storytelling.
Entry deadline: February 1, 2027.
More information:
https://aqc.com.au/aqc-challenge-2027/



Entry deadline: September 7, 2027.
For information, contact:
aqipp@australianquiltersassociation.com



More information:
https://centralgoldfieldsartgallery.com.au/Golden-Textures-Contemporary-Art-Quilt-Award-2027~2589



Things we do for Others

Our Village (formerly Geelong Mums), help support families and children in need. Donations must be in excellent, clean condition and meet 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. Donations can be brought to meetings.

Acceptable items include clothing for babies and children, sizes birth 00000 to size 16 — no hoods on any clothing up to size 1.

- Pyjamas and sleepwear
- Gro-bags and sleeping bags for babies
- New or near-new underwear and socks
- Hand knitted or crocheted clothing, beanies, booties and scarves
- Toiletries for babies, children and adults, and toiletry bags.

https://www.ourvillage.org.au

We currently need:

- Adults Beanies in all colours
- Adult & children's beanies or blankets in indigenous colours (red, yellow and black) or Torres Strait Islander colours (green, blue, black and white)
- 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) please do not wrap items individually or include staples in your packaging.

https://www.kogo.org.au

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 we 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.

https://www.safvcentre.org.au



Quilts for the Royal Children's Hospital
What size to Make?

Baby: 30" square, 30" x 36"
Toddler: 36" square, 36" x 42"

We currently have an abundance in all sizes except these two larger sizes:
Boys 6–10yrs: 40" square, 40" x 48"
Teenage Boys: 50" square, 50" x 60"

www.vsq@victorianquilters.org

Oz Comfort Quilts is a Facebook group collecting and distributing quilts and knitted items (beanies, baby 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

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:
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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: wyndhampatchworkersinc@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.

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



SHOPPING DISCOUNT

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

Gail's Patchwork Emporium
131 Yarrowee St
Sebastopol
(over $20 cash only)

Height's Sewing Centre (10%)
26-28 Milton St
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.

Deadlines & Advertising Rates

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

Monday, 30th November, 2026

Please send all articles to The Editor by email: news@geelongpatch.org.au
The newsletter is printed eleven months of the year from February to December.

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$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 or pdf.



Next Issue :
Have you got something you would like to submit to Common Thread? Feel free to email news@geelongpatch.org.au by **Monday, 30th November, 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.

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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.

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.

@GEELONGPATCH

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