



## President's Report 25 March 2020

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Dear Quilters' Guild of South Australia members

Our world has changed more than we could have imagined when I wrote the letter below to you all less than two weeks ago. In retrospect we made the right call at the time and by now I'm sure we can all acknowledge that there is no way that anyone can anticipate how long the current pandemic will impact on our society and therefore our Guild. We have a number of scheduled events coming up in the near future, and I'd like to reassure you all that the Executive Committee and Guild subcommittees will continue to monitor the pandemic situation and its impact on those events. We will keep you up to date on both our website and our Facebook page.

In the interim we have decided to change the format of our monthly I-Patch digital newsletter and offer a range of articles to interest and inspire you. The April edition is due for distribution next week, so that timeline may challenge us a little! We're hoping that by May we'll have had more time to create the new format in full and to have established a more efficient method of distribution than we currently use.

Life is different and digital contact is a lifeline for many of us in isolation and withdrawal from our normal routines. The internet is exploding with opportunities to participate in quilt-alongs, challenges, mystery quilts, quilting tutorials and mask making. We've tasked Patches Editor, Bron, with compiling a list of interesting websites that we will publish in I-Patch.

I hope that all of our members and their families are safe and well. We will continue to keep in touch and to keep you informed as soon as any new information comes to hand. Remember – uninterrupted sewing time has been a long-held dream for many of us, so let's focus on the therapeutic benefits of our quilting, stay healthy, keep in touch with loved ones and friends and look forward to when we can once again share our day-to-day lives with each other.

**Chris O'Brien**  
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