



Hello Everyone,

Welcome back for another year of SA Quilter's activities. It's hard to believe that we are already midway through February. I hope you have had a lovely break and are ready to embrace what we have to offer this year.

Firstly, I would like to highlight the new SA Quilter's logo, with a few words about why we chose it.



With our 40th birthday just around the corner in 2024, the Leadership Team has been busy making the necessary changes to modernise the look of our organisation (I hope you see them as this). If we don't make sure we are relevant to a younger cohort then we have no chance of being here for another 40 years.

The clamshell has served us well for almost 40 years but we need to aim at a younger demographic so need a logo which will appeal to the 30, 40 and 50 years olds

- ◆ It's a stylised four patch
- ◆ It's a stylised set of blocks with sashing
- ◆ It's clean and crisp
- ◆ We have grown up, and no longer need to have a needle and thread or something quilting related to identify who we are and what we do
- ◆ This easily identifies who we are
- ◆ The colours can be changed for special events e.g. ruby for our 40th birthday

I hope you like the new logo.

There is lots of important information further along in I-Patch for you to read, so I won't go into it here. The Leadership Team has been very busy with the nuts and bolts of guiding our organisation.

Until next time,

Stay safe and happy quilting

Heather

Heather Ford, President, SA Quilters

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HERE'S A HELPFUL TIP FOR OUR MEMBERS!

Take a photo of your membership card on your phone. So, when you leave it at home or lose it (hopefully not), no worries!

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THE PRESIDENCY OF SA QUILTERS

I'd like to address what might be described as the elephant in the room – the Presidency of SA Quilters going forward. I have been mindful of succession planning for the last two years, as both our current Vice Presidents are unable to step up to the role of President. I have made numerous phone calls and personal approaches with no luck in securing our next President. Should I be nominated again at the AGM I am happy to continue in the role for a further twelve months but at the AGM in 2024 someone else must be willing to take on the role, otherwise I will be divorced. Ideally someone should join the team at the next AGM in May and shadow me for twelve months, just as I did with Chris. So please consider taking on this, yes busy but oh so satisfying and enjoyable (on the whole) role.

Heather

FIVE YEAR TENURE

I would just like to give you some advance notice that at the AGM in May the Leadership Team is proposing that the clause in the constitution relating to five year tenure be removed.

The clause states “No member of this Executive Committee may serve for more than five consecutive years and shall not be eligible for re-election until the expiration of a period of two years from the date of retirement.

Our reason for removing the clause is that “In this day and age with fewer volunteers stepping forward it is foolish to not allow willing volunteers to continue in a role.”

A perfect example of this is Michael, our Librarian. His five year term concludes in May and he would like to continue in his role. With the removal of the clause he will be able to do this, without a break, and we will not have to find a new Librarian.

Heather

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SA QUILTERS - EVENING MEETING

Thursday, 2 March 2023

Doors open at 7.15pm for an 8.00pm start

Burnside Community Centre Hall

Welcome address:	President, Heather Ford
Guest Speaker:	Quilt Encounter Projects 2022
Shop:	Heart 'n Soul, Minlaton Web Site: Heart 'n Soul Patchwork
Community Raffle Quilt:	Biggest Burra Quilters
Fat Quarter Raffle:	Greens
Show and Tell:	Quilt Encounter projects
Library:	Available for borrows and returns
Kitchen open for tea and coffee. Please bring a clean cup.	

SA QUILTERS - DAYTIME MEETING IMPORTANT NOTICE

I am sorry to have to tell you that day meetings are on the line, hanging by a thread. We have one more day meeting in May and if attendance does not improve we will have to make a very hard decision.

It is not just the financial side of things that we have to consider but the significant number of volunteer hours spent organising the meetings. It's also the time the shops spend to pack up and, in some cases, travel considerable distances to attend a meeting, for possibly not much return, as well as the efforts of the guest speakers to prepare for their presentation.

In real numbers, excluding the Leadership Team, attendance is very low.

Heather

SA QUILTERS MERCHANDISE IMPORTANT NOTICE

The Leadership Team has taken time to consider the merchandise available at meetings and has decided that we will no longer stock items for sale other than the blue quilt bags used for Festival of Quilts. A significant amount of money and volunteer hours is tied up in keeping this going with minimal interest from members. There are some calico bags which will be sold off, but new items will not be purchased at this stage.

Heather

SCHOLARSHIPS AND COUNTRY GRANTS

Post covid restrictions, SA Quilters will now revert to our normal time frame for Scholarships and Country Grants, with applications closing on April 1 2023, with successful applications announced at the May AGM. Details on who qualifies and how to apply for both scholarships and country grants are on the website. [GRANTS](#) [SCHOLARSHIPS](#)

Julie Symons, Vice President SA Quilters.

NEW FEE STRUCTURE

Over the last six months and more the Leadership Team has wrestled with the disparity between the benefits of being an individual member and an affiliate member or even a non-member of SA Quilters. In order to give our individual members more benefits we have decided that in 2023 the fees paid by affiliate and non-members, to avail themselves of what SA Quilters has to offer, will increase. There are no fee increases for individual members but slight increases for affiliate and non-members. The new fee structure is available on the website and is published here in I-Patch this month.

Heather

SA Quilters Fee Schedule



Annual Membership		1 st January – 31 st December
Individual	\$60	Payments will be accepted from the November SA Quilters meeting, valid until 31 st December the following year. All benefits and privileges of SA Quilters membership. Eleven issues of I-Patch
Associate	\$30	Same address as individual member, no I-Patch, no vote
Junior	\$20	Age to 18, with I-Patch, no vote
Full time Student	\$20	18 – under 25 (at 1 st December), with I-Patch, no vote, adult entry fee
Affiliated Group	\$60	Minimum fee with I-Patch, one group vote
Plus Affiliates	\$ 6	Per person per year – insurance for non-SA Quilters members of affili-
Group Exhibition	\$50	Extends the SA Quilters insurance to cover group exhibition
Appraisals	\$20	Members
	\$30	Affiliated members
	\$50	Non-members
Workshops		Fees set by Workshops team with affiliate members to pay a premium
Sit and Sew and Modern Mix Quilters	\$10	Members
	\$20	Affiliate members
	\$30	Non-members
Guild Meetings		<u>Everyone</u> must sign the attendance sheet
Member/Associate	\$ 3	Entry each meeting
Visitor	\$10	Maximum of three visits before requiring membership, includes 3
Members of Affiliated	\$ 10	Maximum of three visits before requiring individual membership
Juniors	No charge	Members and visitors
Student	No charge	Full time student under 25 (members and visitors) show membership
Raffles	\$ 2	Book of three tickets
Tea/Coffee	No charge	Complimentary
Library	7 Books	To be returned at following SA Quilters meeting (members) Groups by arrangement with the Librarian

Other		
Frame Hire	Fees	\$150 bond; \$30 per bag hire; Minimum hire fee \$130
Festival of Quilts	\$15	Entry fee per quilt for individual members
	\$20	Entry fee per quilt for affiliate members
Half year membership	\$30	Available from July SA Quilters meeting to cover the remainder of the year to 31 st December. ONLY available to new members or those returning after an absence of at least two years

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RURAL ROUNDUP 2024

This is a call out to our rural groups. We are looking for a group to host Rural Roundup in October, 2024. Unfortunately, the group who put their hand up for the job now find they are unable to continue. They have let us know early, which means your group has plenty of time to put together a team and get things organised.

Rural Roundup is a day when delegates from rural groups come together for friendship, fun, inspiration, learning, looking at quilts and textile art and yes, to spend some money at the guest shops. Morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea are included in the entry fee. Delegates are encouraged to take some show and tell.

SA Quilters is here to support your efforts in any way we can and in the alternate year delegates come to the city for Country Forum put on by SA Quilters. Please contact me if you want more information or your group would like to take on Rural Roundup 2024.

A few words from Carmel Baxter, Rural Roundup team leader 2022, for Cleve Country Quilters.

“Our group would thoroughly recommend hosting. It was a great experience. As you know, a lot of work, but very rewarding. Realistically we had a committee of 5 to coordinate, brainstorm the day, then brought in the community of Quilters to put it together on the week of roundup.

Good Luck to the next group who take on the task of Rural Roundup. You will enjoy the journey, after all it is the craft that we all love so much.

This event certainly put Cleve in the spotlight and was a great advertisement for the entire district, with many intending to return in the future.

As an interesting foot note, our group were proud to win the Australia Day Community Event of the Year for Cleve and Districts. A good acknowledgement for all the hard work our little group did.”

Heather

SA QUILTERS—2023 MEMBERSHIP

A brand new Membership year for SA Quilters Members.

SA Quilters membership is open to anyone with a special interest in quilting. The advantages are many and varied, including the opportunity to learn through workshops and from fellow members and reduced costs for SA Quilters members to meetings, workshops, sit and sews etc. Quilting starts conversations, it enhances creativity and it enables the opportunity to give something of ourselves to family, friends and charity.

SA Quilters has almost 500 individual members, including 34 Life Members. And there are 89 Country and City Groups which are members of SA Quilters.

To apply to become a member you can download a membership form from the SA Quilters web site at www.squilters.org.au and then click on the Membership link on the menu. Or you can simply approach anyone on the Leadership Team for information and benefits in relation to becoming a member.

The membership year is from 1 January to 31 December in any year. The fees are \$60 per person per year. And young people under 18 years of age or full-time students to 25 years are encouraged to join to start a lifetime of the love of quilting. The membership fee for a junior is \$20 per year.

Members are encouraged to renew their SA Quilters membership and tell their friends so that they too can take part in the wonderful experience of learning and sharing through quilting.

Unfortunately, I-Patch will not be available to unfinancial members.

Kathy Rossini, Membership Secretary

[SA QUILTERS MEMBERSHIP LINK HERE](#)

SA QUILTERS—A WARM WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

Isla Killen 5066

Lisa Marie Seyfrang 5067

Elenora Bland 5068

Eliza Shiell 5069

Genevieve Bache 5070

Jenny Nitschke 5071

Bernadette Shears 5072

Sarah Addis 5073

Kerry Degaris 5074

Carolyn Mickan 5075

Jan Huckel 5076

Brenda McDonald 5077

Dianne Bessell 5078

Festival of Quilts Breaking News



7-9 July 2023
Adelaide Showground
In association with CraftAlive

The news is out!

The Festival of Quilts **Mad Hatter's Tea Party** will be held in conjunction with CraftAlive, at the Showgrounds, from Friday 7th to Sunday 9th July this year.

[WEBSITE LINK HERE](#)

ENTRIES

Entries will open early March. Watch the website and/or Facebook for details.

[FACEBOOK LINK HERE](#)

There are no changes to any categories, however, please note that if someone else quilts your entry, it MUST go into the 2 person category.

Early Bird Prizes

There is not a lot of time between now and when entries close on 3rd June, therefore start thinking about those quilt tops that need quilting and can be completed in time. We have 3 great prizes to draw for entries received in March and another 3 prizes for all entries received by 30 April, so get your entries in early.

Note that your quilt does not have to be finished at time of entry, we only need a photo for ID purposes.

THE FESTIVAL CHALLENGE – Mad Hatter's Tea Party

With this fun theme, we are sure plenty of you will want to create a quilt for the Challenge. Teapots, teacups, crazy critters, hats – there is plenty of subject matter to inspire you to create a quilt no larger than 100 cm x 100 cm.

THE PROJECT - TEAPOTS

This year we would like you to create something featuring teapots. It may be a placemat, or a teapot shape, and anything in between. The maximum size is 16" x 12".

We will collect them at all Members' meetings, so don't forget to put your name on the back, so that we can return them to you.



SPREAD THE WORD...

Tell everyone about the Festival dates, venue and its fun theme

Make a date with your friends to attend CraftAlive/Festival of Quilts

Start planning what quilts you can complete in time to enter.

Encourage your friends to enter their quilts

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SA Quilt Encounter News

Each year the QE Committee select a South Australian group to support and be the beneficiary from the fundraising efforts at our event.

The organisation chosen in 2022 was the Eyre Peninsula Breast Care group, who support the McGrath Breast Care Nurse, Michelle, based at Port Lincoln. Michelle covers an extensive area of our state, including all of the Eyre Peninsula and north from Port Augusta to Cooper Pedy.

We were able to purchase equipment to be used by ladies, across these areas to assist them in their Breast Cancer Journeys. Very few would normally have access to all the modern medical equipment readily available to their sisters, living in metropolitan and surrounding areas.

In January several of the QE Committee were able to visit Michelle in Port Lincoln and had over approximately \$3000 worth of equipment – comprising 1 Chest and Arm Vest and 3 X Handheld Lasers. Michelle was extremely grateful and assured us that this equipment will be sincerely appreciated in helping many ladies through their treatment processes. (See on the next page)

The QE Committee arrange a retreat early in the year and get busy making a raffle Quilt, which creates most of the funds for our Charity group. Last year we also held a Challenge to celebrate 30 years of Quilt Encounter – with the theme being to “decorate a bra”. The entry fee was \$5.00 and the participants certainly took this on board – so much variety and creativity – which attracted lots of attention from our participants as well as the Staff at the Stamford Grand Hotel! The management of the Hotel also supported us in donating a “High Tea” voucher which we also raffled to raise additional funds for this very worthy cause.

We would like to sincerely thank everyone who supported our fundraising efforts for this cause. Huge thanks go to Jo from Stitch & Bits at Cowell who donated most of the fabric for the raffle quilt and Judy Simcock from Cornerstone Creations of Bordertown who exquisitely custom quilted this quilt – raising it to another level! Your generous efforts contributed enormously to the large number of ticket sales last year – very much appreciated by all!

Several of us are now sewing up some nice secure, quilted “pouches” to hold and protect this equipment as it travels across the countryside.

Kerry Brand





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Thursday, 02/02/2023

Dear Quilt Encounter Committee,

I am writing this with deep gratitude. The 3 handheld lasers are in circulation, and they could not have come at a better time. We have had the Breast Screen bus in Port Lincoln for several months and it is now moving to Cleve, Wudinna and then onto Streaky Bay. We have had many referrals and many ladies are having treatment now. The lasers help with dealing with swelling, scar tissue and discomfort.

You offered to provide bags in which to house these lasers – to keep laser, charger and instructions together. The size would be slightly larger than a A4 piece of paper. If you have the time to make these, they would be gratefully accepted and would be a lot nicer than the plastic bags I am using! If you do make them is there a way we can add your organisation name and date of donation on them to acknowledge your kindness?

The chest and arm vest is currently being used by a lovely lady living near Wudinna. It is providing significant relief of lymphoedema for this person by moving the fluid out of these areas. This is something she has not had the opportunity to try until now. I have another 2 ladies lining up for their turn.

Thank you so much for making this happen.

Warm regards,

Michelle Lydeamore
McGrath Breast care nurse
0434971026
(Weds, Thurs & Fri)



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Update From Our Flinders Kids Programme

I delivered 60 quilts to FMC in January and whilst there asked my contact if she could provide us a profile of the average child in the children's ward. We've always focused on quilts from 18 months to 18 years, but in truth the majority of children there are **under 5**. The next largest client group are longer stay **adolescent girls**. We now have two specific age groups to focus our quilt making on.

So, here are the revised guidelines for Flinders Kids quilts:

1. First and foremost they **MUST** be bright and cheerful. (Making quilts for these two client groups possibly isn't an opportunity to use up fabrics that have long been in our stashes!) Please use colourful, bright fabrics that are **small child or adolescent female friendly** and reflect the interests of today's young children and teenagers.
2. 40" x 60" remains our preferred size, but FMC are flexible in this regard.
3. Quality of presentation is important - including quilt construction and surface quilting. Our SA Quilters' labels are attached to these quilts and therefore reflect our reputation as quilt makers as well as SA Quilters. What are our expectations?

Seam lines should line up and not contain puckers.

No loose threads protruding from seams.

The quilt must lie flat, being sufficiently quilted to still be soft and cuddly. Embroidery stitches along seam lines are not recommended.

Binding must be firm and neat.

The quilt must look new - if you wash your quilt after quilting, please press it.

Donated quilts that don't meet these guidelines will be offered to other community quilt programs in future.

Please remember that we have a dedicated Facebook group and each month I try to post a pattern or link to an online pattern for inspiration: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/439450363435976>

Chris



Congratulations to one of our newest members, Margaret Wattchow, winner of SA Quilters new member competition. Our thanks to Yazzi for supplying this lovely prize.



SA QUILTERS BIGGEST MORNING TEA DONATIONS

Our Biggest Morning Tea organising committee will be setting up both a Craft and Garden Trading Table of our Biggest Morning Tea. They would be delighted to accept donations of quality quilting/garden goods from our members. Donations may be delivered to Cindy at our March SA Quilters meeting.

Please refer to our flyer on page 12 of I-Patch for specific details of the Biggest Morning Tea event.



SA Quilters Meeting Notes

Thursday
2 February

President, Heather Ford, welcomed 130 members and guests to the SA Quilters October meeting, with a special welcome to our international visitor, Inga from Norway.

News from around the Groups:

- Inman Quilters Exhibition is on Saturday and Sunday, 11 and 12 March 2023 at the Inman Valley Memorial Hall.
- Port Elliot Patchworkers Exhibition will be held on 29 and 30 April 2023. More details coming soon.

Sub-Committee Reports:

- June Yam updated details on the Biggest Morning Tea planned for May 2023 and introduced the BMT Raffle with the first prize quilt and second prize mosaic.
- Chris O'Brien introduced two new designs for February for Flinders Kids. She has delivered 60 quilts to Flinders Medical Centre and let us know that the biggest call for quilts is for kids under five and long term female adolescents. Chris impressed on quilt makers that the quilts must be bright and happy and of a very high quality. Click here to see all the details on the Flinders Kids Facebook page.
- Kate Seinor let us know that SA Quilters: Comfort Quilts group will meet on the first Saturday of each month at the Blackwood Community Hall.
- Ros Wyatt updated us on the workshops planned for 2023.

The lucky door prize was won by Jenny Williams.



Jan Strachan



Jenny Kempson



Raelene



Kate Seinor

A really interesting evening with several guest speakers giving us a Trunk Show of winning quilts from the 2022 Festival of Quilts. You can see all the prize winning quilts in their categories on the SA Quilters web site by clicking on the [Photo Gallery](#).



Dianne Giles



Kerry Brand and Sonia Holton



Beryl Smith



Lesley Miller



Jacky Eyre



Bronwyn Cant



Susan and Dawn brought their shop, YP Quilting Fabrics, to the meeting. You can find more information and details on their web site at [YP Quilting Fabrics](#).

Show and Tell:

The theme was winning quilts. The President's Encouragement Award was awarded to Jenny Kempson.

Workshops 2023



Please consider challenging yourself in 2023 to do a workshop and learn something that you have never tried before. You will meet some talented teachers and make some wonderful new friends. The workshop Angels will be there to provide you with endless supplies of tea and coffee and yummy morning tea – and to help you enjoy your day.

If you are interested in doing any of these workshops – please email me ASAP to be added to the list:

workshops.saquilters@gmail.com

Fees for the workshops will be

\$85.00 for members \$105.00 for affiliate members

\$125.00 for non-members

Look forward to seeing you and share in your quilting journey with you – quilting is a part of what makes us – us.

Ros

LINK TO WORKSHOPS AT SA QUILTERS: [WORKSHOPS](#)

SA Q RULER BAG with Heather Ford

WHERE: Vermont Uniting Church Hall
576 Cross Road, South Plympton

WHEN: Saturday, 4 March 2023

TIME: 9.30am to 4.00pm

COST: \$ 85 - SA Quilters members per session
\$105 - Affiliate Group members per session
\$125 - non-SA Quilters members per session



Heather Ford

SA QUILTERS WORKSHOP CODE: HF23



Under Heather's expert guidance you will make a ruler bag that is practical and useful to protect your rulers.

It has a front and back with a central compartment in which we put a sheet of corflute to keep it stiff to protect the rulers and mat. Short and long (over the shoulder) handles.

The large pocket stores a 17"x 24" mat (you can just see it poking out the top).

On the front there are three pockets. The bottom one stores a long 24"x 6½" ruler.

The top pocket is divided into two. The smaller one stores a 6½" x 6½" square ruler and the bigger one a 6½" x 12" ruler.

On the back there is a pocket (D in the photo) which will hold a 12½" x 12½" square ruler.

There are many other size rulers that can be stored in the many pockets.

A fantastic project suitable for all levels.



Go to the Workshops page on the SA Quilters web site For details on how to register including application form. Click on [Workshops](#).



BEGINNERS FREE MOTION QUILTING with Chris O'Brien

WHERE: Vermont Uniting Church Hall
576 Cross Road, South Plympton

WHEN: Saturday, 18 March 2023

TIME: 9.30am to 4.00pm

COST: \$ 85 - SA Quilters members per session
\$105 - Affiliate Group members per session
\$125 - non-SA Quilters members per session



Chris O'Brien

SA QUILTERS WORKSHOP CODE: CO2-23



In this information packed workshop you will develop some basic, but essential, free motion quilting skills that you can readily apply to your pieced and appliquéd quilt tops using your domestic or sit down long-arm machine.

I will share with you lots of tips and tricks that I have learnt in my own quilting journey. You will work on both a practise quilt sandwich as well as a pieced block sandwich so that you can apply your skills to the shapes that we typically use in our quilt making.



Go to the Workshops page on the SA Quilters web site For details on how to register including application form. Click on [Workshops](#).



FLOWERS ALWAYS with Suzanne Gummow

WHERE: Vermont Uniting Church Hall
576 Cross Road, South Plympton

WHEN: Saturday, 13th May 2023 and
Saturday, 20th May 2023

TIME: 9.30am to 4.00pm

COST: \$ 85 - SA Quilters members per session
\$105 - Affiliate Group members per session
\$125 - non-SA Quilters members per session



Suzanne Gummow

SA QUILTERS WORKSHOP CODE: SG23



Flowers are wonderful to reproduce using fabric and you can achieve this in a very creative way in this workshop. You will learn to look at fabrics and colour in totally new ways to create flowers to suit your textile works or quilts. Fabric collage is a technique used for the flowers that can be developed almost spontaneously out of the love of the fabrics themselves and don't we love those fabrics?!! Have you ever wanted to create your very own original fabric? For the backgrounds a variety of techniques will be explored to suit your flowers.

Some of the techniques covered in this workshop will be basic design, raw edge applique, free machine embroidery/quilting and finishing techniques that will be required for your special fabric collage work.

Students will work on individual flowers and therefore all finished work will be different.
A fun workshop!!

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MODERN MIX PROGRAM 2023

This is our program plan for the beginning of 2023 and we are looking forward to members sharing more creativity and inspiring each other just like 2022! We have planned for a mix of ‘freestyling’ sessions where members meet to work on their own projects and “structured” sessions where there will be a demonstration, talk or workshop activity.

This year in addition to the scheduled topic or activity each month we will have a number of ongoing activities running along in the background for keen crew members to get involved in.

Pip’s patterns to ponder - bi-monthly (that it is every two months) Pip will be sharing a quilt block pattern with us as an added take away bonus at Modern Mix, make one or make the whole set – it’s up to you but knowing Pip, these will be yet another great addition to your Modern quilting adventure.

National Quilt Museum Block of the month program. Lesley Millar has been doing this program for years and will be updating us on this activity, how to follow along and be your contact for any questions. Members can keep up to date on block progress on our Facebook page or in Show ‘n’ Tell each month.

30 days of Improv – starts July 2023 – International Quilt-along. All keen crew members will be encouraged to get involved and encourage each other on this growing international challenge.

Each month we will have the usual “Show ‘n’ Tell” and this year we encourage all crew who would like to de-stash to bring along their gear to sell.

Please note – in 2023 we will be meeting at our new venue – Cumberland Park Community Centre, 390 Goodwood Road, Cumberland Park.

Monique Reid

LINK TO SA QUILTERS WEBSITE HERE: [SA MODERN MIX QUILTERS](https://www.samodernmixquilters.com)

Month	Activity
<p>February Sunday 26th</p> <p>Cumberland Park Community Centre 390 Goodwood Road Cumberland Park.</p>	<p>“Kawandi, Siddi and Boro quilting”</p> <p>This month we are exploring these hand quilting techniques. Please bring along scraps of fabric and threads – you might like to use pearl cotton, 12 weight thread, regular thread or stranded embroidery cottons. You will also need a backing fabric and piece of wadding (sized to what you might like to make your piece into – a small bag or cushion centre panel)</p>
<p>March Sunday 12th</p> <p>Cumberland Park Community Centre 390 Goodwood Road Cumberland Park.</p>	<p>“Work on your own project”</p> <p>Pip Porter will be back fresh from the Modern Quilt Guild’s Quilt Con USA 2023 – she will show us photos of her favourite quilts and give us a taste of what it was like to be at the event.</p>
<p>April Sunday 2nd</p> <p>Cumberland Park Community Centre 390 Goodwood Road Cumberland Park.</p>	<p>“Ask a Quilter – quilting your modern quilts- techniques for quilting and finishing your quilts”</p>
<p>May Sunday 14th</p> <p>Cumberland Park Community Centre 390 Goodwood Road Cumberland Park.</p>	<p>“Work on your own project”</p>



THE BIGGEST MORNING TEA

Saturday, 29 April 2023 - 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

Vermont Uniting Church Hall, 576 Cross Road, South Plympton

***\$5 ENTRY - INCLUDES MORNING TEA
AND A MUG MAT TO TAKE HOME***

EFT available

- CRAFT TRADING TABLE
- GARDEN TRADING TABLE
- QUILT DISPLAY
- DEMONSTRATIONS
- SHOEBOX RAFFLES - \$1 per ticket

ALL WELCOME



*1st Prize - "Stars on Vermont"
Quilt (175 x 175 cm)*

**MAJOR RAFFLE
\$2 per ticket**



*2nd Prize - "Peggy the Vintage Lady"
Mosaic (31 x 39 cm)*

Supporting the Cancer Council

This Month's Featured Quilter: Vera Lloyd

MEMORIES OF WILLOW AND SATIN

The quilt 'Memories of Willow and Satin' began its journey in the latter part of the 1980s when I was introduced to the joy of quilting after attending classes at The Quilter's Cupboard in Hahdorf. Strongly supported by my husband, Trevor, I became a devotee of the art of quilt making as well as Bernina sewing machines.

Following a quilting holiday in the USA in 1995 Dianne Assheton and I purchased The Quilt Basket in Yankalilla, founded 12 years previously as the first quilt shop in South Australia. This was the era in which quilt supplies were in short supply and many quilts were made from dress fabrics.



After I retired from the shop in 1999 my efforts in quilt making stepped up and I extended my efforts to make quilts for show both locally and interstate. During this time Trevor mastered digitizing, encouraging me to purchase a new Bernina, complete with the embroidery module. A new passion evolved!

Sometime in the early 2000s Trevor purchased several metres of cream satin fabric from Otto, as a gift for me. From that same satin I had made a lovely cushion in class at Bernina, so began thoughts of combining it somehow with my plans to make a quilt for our bed. I had purchased some lovely Japanese fabric that had colours of willow so gradually my plans for the quilt progressed. By digitizing various aspects of the willow designs together, Trevor produced both small and large 'willow pictures' into embroideries which were duly sewn out on the new machine.

Over the next few years Trevor's digitizing abilities seemed to rub off on our daughter, Melanie, and our grand-daughter, Tahlia. They tried their hand at preparing more embroideries and these were filed away to be used later in my Willow quilt. Having produced 3 lovely daughters, I can now enjoy 7 grandchildren and now 7 (almost 8) great grandchildren, all of whom helped to consider the design of the quilt as it is seen today.

During 2015, Trevor's health began to fail and in January 2016 he passed away. Not much quilting was done for many months, but with wonderful support from the family once again the quilt was resurrected, and progress was made. I also have to acknowledge the support during this time of my friends from Sew WHATS (Women Having A Therapy Session), a group that I had launched on my retirement in 1999.

Fast forward to 2021 when much was achieved and the quilt plans progressed. From Stockwell Ceramics in England, a lovely range of buttons showing features of the original Willow Pattern were purchased and used on the prairie points and other areas. Some laces from my stash were added and hand embroidered into place. Doilies from my collection of hand embroideries from family members, including two old willow embroideries purchased from a secondhand shop, partly completed, were able to be finished and sewn into place. Flowers that had been made by Melanie and used for her daughter's wedding were added. Touches of beading were added over time, plus pearls of all sizes. The owl symbolizes Trevor, who is remembered by his family as the Wise Old Owl – representing the love and respect they have for him.

The cream satin was used as the sashing, framing each embroidery. The quilting of the sashing was free motion embroidery and was my interpretation of graffiti quilting. The outside border was free motion quilted, following the design of the fabric. The stitching down of each embroidery was free motioned around all edges with monofilament thread, and the backgrounds of each embroidery were finished with stippling.

This quilt hangs on the wall of my living room as a constant reminder of my wonderful husband and family.

My journey continues.....

Vera Lloyd

[CLICK HERE](#) for the link to Vera's 2022 quilt exhibition.

[CLICK HERE](#) for the link to our recent interview with Vera

This Month's Featured Quilter: Vera Lloyd

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Vera in her sewing room.

Vera surrounds herself with treasured memories.



Memories of Willow and Satin



*Beneath this quilt lies a veritable quilt show!
Please check out Vera's YouTube video to enjoy the show!*

CLICK HERE to view the video



This Month's Featured Quilter: Amanda O'Keefe

I first met Mandy in 2020 when unfortunately, my mum had a stroke and needed to go into a residential care facility.

The first person I had the pleasure to meet was the Site Operations Manager, Mandy. We very quickly discovered that we both have a passion for patchwork and quilting. Mandy is now an avid follower of the SA Quilters and eagerly watches our videos on YouTube.

Mandy loves sewing and has done so for many years. She went to a patchwork class with her mum and sister years ago and discovered that patchwork and quilting was her thing. Her favourite design is the good old hexagon. Mandy's sewing room essentially is the side of the cricket oval or, when she travels with her husband, in the bush. She has a basket next to her with all the essentials one could need for making a hexie quilt.

Mandy has a very rewarding job which can be stressful at times and there is nothing better for her than to sit on the side lines of the cricket oval to watch her boy's play. It's a form of relaxation, supporting her family and sewing.

Thank you, Mandy, for sharing your sewing room with us. Please everyone, watch the video. It's a great insight into how everyone's sewing room is unique.

Jane

[CLICK HERE](#) for the link to Cindy and Jane's interview with Mandy

THE DE-STASHING DILEMMA

It's that time of the year when online de-stashing alongs are all the rage. I don't know about you, but they move far too quickly for me, especially when it comes to my fabric stash. As I near my next significant birthday I am increasingly aware that not too far down the track my only child in Australia is going to be faced with a potentially overwhelming challenge, so it is incumbent on me to simplify the hoarding now. Yep – that dreaded word, hoarding. I have fabric in my stash that goes back to the 80/90s. Somewhere in the early 2000s I stocked up on reproduction fabrics as I was as positive as can be that I only wanted to make reproduction quilts for the rest of my life. Then Tula Pink came into my life.

More recently I have, at times, struggled to find something in my sewing room. Why? Because I have too much stuff!!! So I'm biting the bullet so to speak (where on earth did that saying come from?!) and beginning a deep clean in my sewing room. I came across an article about reducing the physical and emotional clutter in our sewing rooms and these are my take-away thoughts.

I've made a plan – I'm going to deal with one fabric shelf/box/tub/location at a time. It's a bit like trying to lose weight – just slow and steady. (I'm ignoring that little voice that says: mmmm....just like dieting, huh? How is that one working out for you?)

As I visit one of my tubs of colour/style coordinated fabrics, I going to ask myself the following questions about each item:

Have I used this colour/style of fabric in the last few years? If not, I'll put it aside for later consideration or put it in the 'take it to Sit and Sew to add to someone else's overwhelming stash' donation box. It's not going back.

Do I still like this fabric? Is it in keeping with the style of fabric and quilt designs that I've been making in recent times? Honestly, I'm sure that we all have fabrics we no longer like but don't want to part with - but it's crunch time. I haven't used it til now so I'm not likely to any time soon. It joins the fabrics in the aforementioned donation box. It's not going back in my stash.

Wish me luck!

PS Does anyone love Kansas Troubles fabrics? Please? Just let me know.....

Chris

2022 Rural Roundup Report



Our group, Cleve Country Quilters accepted the challenge in 2018, to host the 2020 Roundup. Then Covid hit, and all the preparations were stored in a box till 2022.

A committee of 5 from our group of 25, was formed to plan the day.

We decided on the theme 'Colours of the EP'. The decision was made to have all our guest speakers from this region, as there are some incredibly talented ladies over this way.

Our guest speakers were Catherine Summers, a Cleve member, and noted textile artist, spoke of her journey into quilting .

Next was Jane Vandenbroek, of Earth Pallet Dyes. There were a lot of questions asked about her craft, which she answered so well.

Nola Pearce from the SA Guild, originally from this region explained the process of Quilt Appraisal.

Next was Marie Glover from the Cummins region, who has a tremendous gift with free motion quilting and the work she showed us, certainly gave us the wow factor.

Nola Samuel, who does beautiful work with textile and painting was our last guest to show her work, and I'm sure that all those present went home inspired by Marie and all our presenters.

We finished the day with a parade of 'Artyculture," a feature biannually at our EP Field Days. All the garments paraded by gorgeous children and were made from recycled materials.

The Cleve committee of 5 designed a raffle quilt, representing our region, with \$2000 being donated to the RFDS, who service our region so well.

We were thrilled to have 218 guests from around the state, and held the event in the Cleve Sporting Bodies Clubhouse, a fantastic facility, and members of the Sports club catered for us.

Two quilting shops supported us. Stitch N Bits from Cowell, the Cleve Christian Bookshop, and Earth Pallet Dyes. They were very busy in the breaks! Who can resist a quilt shop?

An excellent feature of the day were ladies demonstrating their craft.

The embroidery guild came along, one lady doing gold work, one spinning wool, one with her original design of embroidery and another with her stocking flowers.

Two of our members demonstrated the construction of rope baskets, and work in painting fabric.

2022 Rural Roundup Report

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We received fantastic sponsorship/prizes from businesses, both local and from outside our district and were lucky to receive Grant money from Bendigo Bank, and from the Guild.

A big thankyou to Christina from Melann's Fabric and Sewing Centre for donating a Bernina sewing machine for the major door prize on the day.

As a interesting foot note, our group were proud to win the Australia Day Community Event of the Year for Cleve and Districts. A good acknowledgement for all the hard work our little group did.

Good Luck to the next group who take on the task of Rural Roundup. You will enjoy the journey, after all it is the craft that we all love so much.

This event certainly put Cleve in the spotlight and was a great advertisement for the entire district, with many intending to return in the future.



SA QUILTERS - HELP NEEDED WITH I-PATCH

The I-Patch team require a couple of extra hands. Kathy and Chris have taken on most of the production of I-Patch over the last three years and need a break. I-Patch is designed using Microsoft Publisher. If you can use Word your skills will transfer to Publisher. Graphic art skills are an advantage but not a requirement. You will become part of the Editorial Team and are likely to be responsible for I-Patch for only three months a year. There is some writing for articles, adverts, notices etc and you will design the pages you see in the finished newsletter. The Editor is responsible for collecting and storing articles/pictures etc, during the month from various sources. You can contact me, Kathy or Chris if you have questions: ipatch.saquilters@gmail.com

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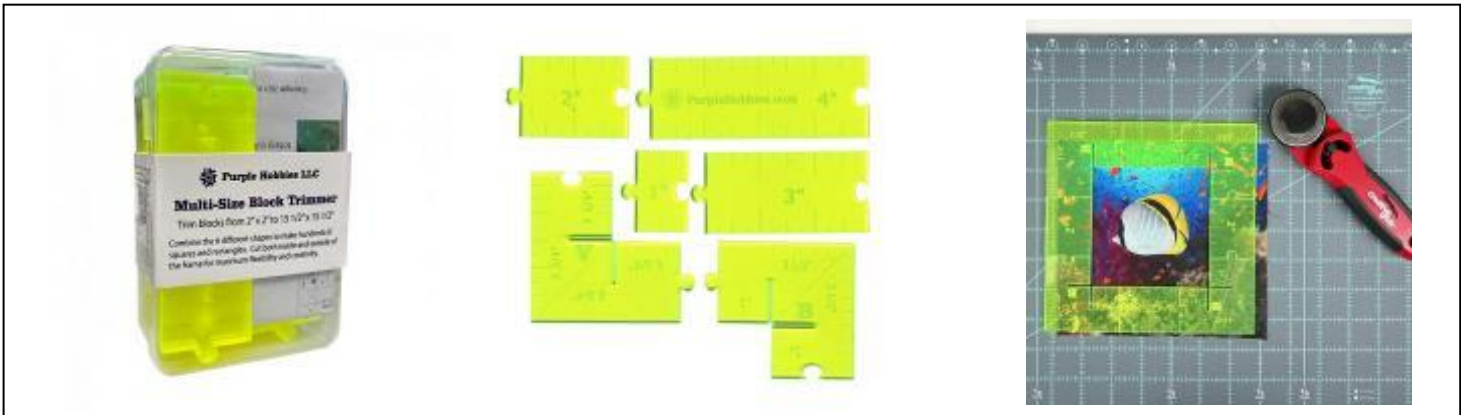
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The Quilting Room



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Do you struggle each year to have something finished for Show and Tell at the QE open night?

Then this retreat is for you.

Enjoy four days of relaxed sewing with likeminded quilters working on your UFO's from previous workshops at Quilt Encounter. Choose one, two or more projects, but set a goal to have at least one ready for September 2023

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News From The Inman Quilters

A SHOWCASE OF QUILTS

Karen Blonk made and donated this lovely raffle quilt.

Well, the Inman Quilters are back from their Christmas/ New Year break and now it's head down with preparation for our upcoming exhibition.

Twenty five members reconvened on Tuesday 16th January commencing with a lovely breakfast at the Inman Valley General Store & Country kitchen. It was great to see everyone and catch up on all their news.

March 2023 is a very special year for us, as it is twenty years since the Group was formed.

With the disappointment of having to cancel our exhibition in 2021 due to the covid pandemic we are looking forward to putting on a really great display of patchwork and quilting for all to see. The items on display have been put together by members over the past two or three years, the majority of which have not been displayed before. There will be two quilts on display that have won awards in the South Australian Quilters Guild exhibitions in Adelaide.

We would like to welcome back many of you who have visited our Exhibitions in the past and to those who have yet to see our display, please come along for a visit, you will not be disappointed.



The Exhibition is to be held at the Inman Valley Memorial Hall

1713 Inman Valley Road, INMAN VALLEY and runs for:

Saturday 11th March 10.00am- 4.00 pm

Sunday 12th March 10.00am – 3.30pm

Admission \$3.00 (children free)

CASH ONLY

Refreshments will be available

Groups very welcome

The Group has been very fortunate that previous member Karen Blonk has very kindly donated a beautiful queen-sized quilt which will be first prize in our raffle. The Group greatly appreciates the time and work Karen put into making this beautiful quilt and her generosity in gifting it to us.

All proceeds from our raffle will be donated to South Coast Palliative care and other charities.

Helen Scholfield
Publicity
Inman Quilters

A Trip Down Memory Lane

With the recent retirement of our wonderfully supportive Bernina dealer, Otto Windler, we thought you might enjoy a trip down memory lane. The photo below left is Otto, presenting the Best of Show prize to Nola Pearce in 1999. Nola's quilt is shown on the right.



Classified Advertisement

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Exhibition News



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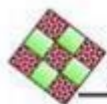
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LIFE'S A BEACH

A TEXTILE EXHIBITION

Thursday 9th March - Wednesday 29th April 2023

Gawler Community Gallery

Level 1, 2 Lyndoch Road Gawler

LIFE'S A BEACH is an exhibition of new and retrospective work from *The Mexettes*, a friendship group who met in the outback Queensland mining town of Mount Isa in 1990.

These women, passionate about sewing with an interest in patchwork and quilting, developed a friendship group originally known as The Stackettes now known as The Mexettes.

The original five members have been joined by others over the years and today total seven. No longer based in Mount Isa, members now live in SE Queensland and South Australia. The great and enduring friendship that binds The Mexettes together is kept alive with biennial reunions, internet contact, lunches and shopping get-togethers wherever they may be.

The Mexettes went international in 2012 with their 'Beautiful Australia' exhibition which premiered in Beaujolais, France and then went on to tour in Australia.

Six talented group members Sue Dennis, Margaret Edwards, Annette McRae, Diane Sheard, Jennie Short and Marilyn Tucker participate, and combine their technical and artistic skills to present *Life's a Beach*.

Opening times of Gallery:

Thursday, Friday. 10am-4pm

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