



GROUPS NEWS

Email Newsletter by Rosanne Fuller, Groups Liaison Leader, January 2025



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WELCOME TO 2025!

I hope everyone has had a lovely Christmas break, got lots of quilting done and are refreshed ready to hit 2025 full on! Let's make it the best quilting year yet!

Welcome to Social Sewers, our newest group, it is great to have you join us. Thank you to Kapunda Quilters, Tea Tree Gully Quilters, Port Augusta Quilters Guild, Inman Valley Quilters and Riverton Quilters for their articles in the November I-Patch and Masonic Quilters and Craft Group, Silver City Quilters, Inman Valley Quilters and the 2024 Rural Roundup team for their articles in the December issue. Please keep your articles coming in as they make I-Patch an interesting read.

Cindy and Jane, from the Communications Team, create fun Sewing Room videos that are shared via the SA Quilters YouTube channel. This year they have bookings with three Kapunda Quilters but would like your help to fill the year with country quilters rooms. Ideally, they would do several quilting rooms in a region on the same trip. Get in on the fun, dob your friends in and invite Cindy and Jane to visit your group. Check out the YouTubes: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC6GqXiSHaVZbv_AoyG5foBA

Our first Groups exhibition is by the Peterborough and Campbelltown Quilters on 1st February. It would be lovely if you could publicise this event as we haven't been able to share the details at meetings and it would be lovely if as many as possible could support their exhibition. A flyer about it is on the Page 3.

The Leadership Team are hosting an **International Quilters Day** event on 15th March to help celebrate everything quilting which we would like your help in letting anyone interested in quilting know about. There is a flyer about the event on the next page that we would like you to share. We also encourage you to bring your group and friends as everyone is welcome. More details are on the SA Quilters website: <https://www.saquilters.org.au/international-quilters-day/>. Links to the flyer are also on this page.

SA 2025 INTERNATIONAL Quilters QUILTERS DAY

Saturday, 15 March 2025 - 10:00 am to 3:00 pm

Vermont Uniting Church Hall, 576 Cross Road, South Plympton

\$5 ENTRY - INCLUDES DEVONSHIRE TEA

- QUILT DISPLAY
⇒ McLAREN VALE PATCHWORKERS
- DEMONSTRATIONS
- SHOEBOX RAFFLES
- LIBRARY BOOK SALES



SHOP -
QUILTERS QUARTERS



EFT available

ALL WELCOME

RAFFLE QUILT - \$2 per ticket

To be drawn at SA Quilters Meeting
3 April 2025 - Supporting Puddle Jumpers



DEMONSTRATIONS

- SASHIKO - Carol Pilborough and Lisa Scarfe
- HAND APPLIQUÉ - Wendy Hunt
- EMBELLISHMENT WOOL FELT APPLIQUÉ - Jill Christian
- SHOPPER DOCKET SCRAP QUILTING - Cindy Massey
- QUILTING WITH RULERS - Chris O'Brien

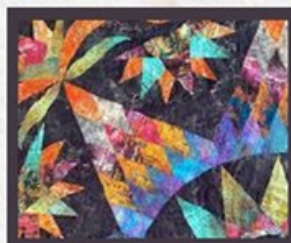
TEN SHOEBOX RAFFLES WITH FABULOUS PRIZES

- To be drawn on the day
- \$1 per ticket or 6 tickets for \$5
- Winners not required to be present at the draw



~~~~~ *Let's Celebrate* ~~~~~





# Town and Country Quilt Exhibition

SATURDAY 1ST  
FEBURARY 2025

If you are a lover of quilting,  
come along and admire quilts  
made by women from  
Peterborough and Campbelltown  
quilters.

## LOCATION

Walkerville Uniting Church Hall  
17 Smith Street, Walkerville

## MORE INFORMATION

**0410 538 650**

## ► OPEN

10am until 4pm

## ► ADMISSION COST

Donation toward  
Bethesda Life Centre  
Orphanage in India

## ► BARISTA COFFEE AVAILABLE

## ► TRADING TABLE with your favourite memorable goodies

## SURVEY

To help support groups better I am seeking your thoughts and feedback on a range of ideas through another survey linked to this newsletter. I got a really good return from the first survey, can we outdo that this time.

What special events have you planned for 2025? Are you doing anything to Celebrate International Quilting Day on 15th March, holding special workshops, thought about having the appraisal team appraise your quilts? Please let us know your special plans so we can support them. Remember, we can publish them in I-Patch and on social media.

We have over ninety groups and most of them are country groups which makes it hard to physically get to. To help make better connections I am interested in knowing your thoughts on joining in on Zoom Sit and Sews sessions. Would your group, or members of your group be interested in such sessions. If so, what would you like to happen at these sessions, how often would you like them?

I sorted the groups into regions so I had a better understanding of where groups are and questioned how SA Quilters could support the regions better. Does your group want to make connections with other groups in your region? It could be that; you support each other to run a workshop with a special tutor, invite each other to special events, share challenges, apply for a combined grant, leadership of the groups meet/Zoom together to talk about ideas, host a pop-up sewing day for all the groups to attend, (invite a shop to attend the day). There are probably many more ideas! If your group sees this as something they would like to be a part of is there a member that would be willing to take on the role of coordinating the region with support from me and the SA Quilters Leadership Team? Your group wouldn't need to nominate someone to lead the connections to be involved.

Please share your thoughts and ideas on how your group attracts new/younger members? Also let me know of other ideas you or your group may have, and if you happen to plan something later just let me know about it then. I don't mind how you respond to the survey; you can use this [LINK](#) to a google survey form or send me the forms attached to the email this newsletter is attached to via post or email.

## MEMBERSHIP

(From Kathy, Membership Secretary)

Non-SA Quilters individual members who are members of your group will be covered by SA Quilters Public Liability insurance with the payment of \$6 per group member at the time of Group membership renewal. If the group member is also an individual member of SA Quilters, then the \$6 is not required as they are automatically covered for insurance as part of their SA Quilters membership. However, it is important to confirm that their SA Quilters membership is current to ensure that insurance coverage. You can download a summary of insurance on the SA Quilters web site, Affiliated Groups page at <https://www.saquilters.org.au/member-groups/>.

## GRANTS & DONATIONS

Recently, while I was writing a grant application on behalf of SA Quilters Leadership I wondered if groups apply for grants outside of SA Quilters, and/or would they like help to do so. In the hope of supporting groups to apply for more grants we created an 'Applying for Grants Help Sheet' which is attached to the email. The document can also be found on the SA Quilters website; <https://www.saquilters.org.au/member-groups/> SA Quilters is happy to act as auspices for unincorporated groups when a grant requires the applicant to be an Incorporated Association. Let me know if there is any other help you might need.

The grant application I wrote asked what impact SA Quilters has in the broader community. I had data from SA Quilters' donation Quilt programs, but not from the groups. Does your group keep records of what they donate? What does your group donate each year; how many of quilts, sewn projects and other donations? The survey form has a spot to respond to these questions.

At the December SA Quilters meeting we were asked to pledge to finish a UFO by the end of 2025. What UFO could you pledge to finish? I look forward to hearing about your pledges and the activities groups have planned, 2025 looks to be an exciting year.

Happy quilting everyone,  
Rosanne

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