



GROUPS NEWS

Email Newsletter by Rosanne Fuller, Groups Liaison Leader, November 2024

GROUPS LIAISON REPORT



**1st Prize raffle winner
Bron Atkinson**

What a busy time October has been!

I want to start with a huge thank you to the Barmera Lake Bonney Quilters for hosting Rural Roundup and gathering so many quilters together. It was lovely to meet and catch up with many of you, inspiring to see all the lovely work and to hear about the innovation happening in the Riverland. Retail therapy is always a good thing and there was so much on offer. Thank you to Julie and your team on a very successful 2024 Rural Roundup. I wonder where we will be in 2026?

Congratulations to the four groups; Port Augusta, Silver City, Shared Stitches of Mannum and Tea Tree Gully, on your exhibitions/display which were held in October, I am sure they were all a huge success with lots of visitors. The Port Augusta group had some of the Judging team judge their exhibition and awarded Best of Show and Runner Up. Shared Stitches of Mannum had a display from the Appraisal Team showing the replacement value of a range of small quilts. This display is available for other groups to borrow, it is often an eyeopener for the general public at the true value of the quilts.



Thank you to Marion Quilters Circle and Shared Stitches of Mannum for your contributions to September and October I-Patches, and Riverton Quilters for coming to the October meeting and sharing your quilted jackets. We always love seeing what groups are up to so please keep sending in articles or letting us know when you would like to share at SA Quilters meetings.

When submitting articles to I-Patch you can send us either an complete article, or send the text and photos and we will create the article for you. Either send the information and event fliers to me and I will pass it onto the Communication team, or send it straight to the Communications team. ipatch.saquilters@gmail.com
Lets share your group's wonderful activities with all SA Quilters, and our many followers on social media.

Thank you to the groups that have invited me and other members of the Leadership team to your meetings or activities. Five of us had a fun day with the Kapunda Quilters at their 10 to 10 Day, (12 hours of sewing and friendship!). I will keep checking my inbox for more invites, hoping to visit your group soon.

2025 DATES

The 2025 significant SA Quilters dates are:

Grants and Scholarship applications close 1st April, successful grants will be announced at the SA Quilters 2025 AGM, 1st May.

Groups can apply for \$500 grants for:

- general Group activities, for things like hosting an exhibition, running workshops, promotion, purchase of materials to build things like frames, frame hire
- Batting to complete charity quilts

More information is on the website: www.saquilters.org.au/scholarships-grants/

Festival of Quilts; The 2025 event has had to move to the second weekend in July, 11th-13th July. SA Quilters meeting in July will be the second Thursday, 10th July

Quilt Encounter is on 14th to 19th September

Dare to Differ, SA Quilters biannual Art quilt exhibition is on 19th September to 19th October at Gallery M, Marion

Country Forum is on Saturday 25th October, we are back at Adelaide West Uniting

More details on all of these activities can be found on the SA Quilters website.
www.saquilters.org.au

OTHER INFORMATION

Another exhibition opportunity open to everyone is **AMQF**, 28th-30th March, This is not a SA Quilters event but the FOQ team will be assisting by receiving and hanging the quilts.

How is your group encouraging younger membership? I would love to know of all your ideas so we can try to encourage younger members across other groups and SA Quilters.

Remember, if you are an individual SAQ member and haven't got your 40th Anniversary badge, chase down Peggy, she will make sure you get it.

Over Christmas many groups take a break, as someone who finds this change challenging, I encourage groups to check in on each other and maybe set a challenge for the break so those that need it have something to work on.

Wishing everyone a lovely Christmas break and I look forward to working with you all in the new year.

Happy quilting everyone,

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