



Minutes of Meeting of The Leadership Team

held at 6:55 pm on Friday, 30th August 2024,
at The Barn, Mannum SA

1 PRESENT

Peg Argent, Michael Barton, Ann Ewer, Heather Ford, Rosanne Fuller, Jackie Harris, Shez Hobbs, Wendy Hunt, Margaret Hurrell, Denise Johnston, Cindy Massey, Gaylene Morgan, Chris O'Brien, Kathleen Rossini, Julie Symons, Ros Wyatt

In Attendance: Jill Clausen, Jill Christian, Candy Walker

2 APOLOGIES: Keith Holland, Jan Goulter

3 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

It was agreed that the Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 25th July 2024 be approved.

Moved: Heather Ford **Seconded:** Denise Johnston

4 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

5 GUILD BUSINESS – LEADERSHIP TEAM

5.1 Finance (Keith/Jan)

5.1.1 July financials emailed on 23rd August

5.1.2 Chris asked if there were any amounts outstanding to advise Keith.

5.2 Groups Liaison (Rosanne)

Rosanne reported she visited the Riverton and Cleve exhibitions and was warmly welcomed.

Heather and Chris will attend the Mannum Exhibition in October, Jan attending the Port Augusta exhibition also in October. It was suggested members attending Rural Roundup in October call in at the Tea Tree Gully exhibition on the way.

Rosanne attended the last get together of Purple Patch.

5.3 Library (Michael)

Everything is good. Has a lot of books for Country Forum.

Jackie to do a book review presentation at the next meeting.

5.4 Meetings General (Raffle – Shez / Welcome – Wendy / Guest Speaker – Diane)

Shez reported everything in hand for raffles.

Wendy reported all is good with the welcome table.

Diane asked for clarification on payment for guest speakers who are not Guild members – confirmed at \$150.

5.5 Membership (Kathleen)

Membership Total - 538

- Individuals - 462
- Junior/students – 5
- Life Members – 35
- Associate Members – 5
- Shops – 31

Groups Total – 89

- City – 37
- Country - 52

5.6 Merchandise (Shez)

Badges are very slow.

5.7 President (Chris)

5.7.1 **Sit and Sew:** A new heading for Sit and Sew to be added to the Agenda. The hand Sit and Sew group (Unplugged Stitchers) have outgrown the small room and will now be held in the larger room at Vermont. Jacki advised some newcomers could not find the venue/room and suggested the tear drop flag be positioned outside. It was also commented that moving to the main room will be easier to locate.

It was agreed to purchase two new tear drop flags to have the new logo on them. They will be stored at Vermont but will not be ready in time for QE.

5.7.2 **Tiger Team long term sustainability:** At this point it is not sustainable, rescuing and redistributing the stashes of aged/deceased quilters is not one of our aims. A strategy needs to be drawn up for dealing with phone calls and/or emails. It was suggested to accept good fabrics only for the charity quilts and for any other sewing equipment, notions etc direct the caller to either op shops or charity shops such as the Salvo's.

5.7.3 **Response from Burnside re storage room:** An accident in the storeroom at the last meeting was reported to the Burnside Council and a request was made if the table tennis tables could be re-located to the rear of the room and the lighting be improved. A response was received that it would be looked into. The Meetings Team will check at the September meeting to see if anything has been done.

5.7.4 **2025 Calendar:** Faye Packham and a Police Liaison office regarding scams etc, were suggested as guest speakers. Diane be asked to follow up Cheryl Bridgart as a speaker. Space is too limited to have demonstration tables and it was suggested to use the red phone to project demonstrations onto the stage screen. As Wendy's and Heather's presentations were very well received it was suggested to have this type of presentation twice a year. A suggestion was made to have a UFO swap, up to the recipient to choose whether to complete it or not, a date be set to bring the completed UFO for show and tell.

5.7.5 Chris and Jane visited the Marion Quilters who have volunteered to make charity quilts for Flinders Kids from some of our donated fabrics. The leadership team have cut 5 and 6 ½ inch squares for this project.

5.8 Secretariat (Gaylene)

5.9 Shops Liaison (Peggy)

A letter will be sent to the shops after this year's QE when the shops will be for 2025 QE are known.

5.10 Meetings Team (Wendy)

All good.

5.11 Workshops (Ros)

(Bronwyn Cant's workshop report attached).

It was proposed that two vouchers for a one day workshop be given to QE as prizes, no expiry date and does not have to be a SAQ member and is transferable. Cannot be used for a QE workshop and excludes the more expensive workshops. The same for FoQ, continuing to offer a complimentary workshop be given away in a free lucky draw at the SAQ booth during Craft Alive. The voucher can be used for a two day workshop with the participants paying for the second day. It was also proposed that each year Country Forum is held a voucher for a complimentary workshop be one of the raffle prizes offered on the day.

Heather proposed six workshops vouchers be allotted – 2 for QE, 2 for FoQ, 1 for Craft Alive and 1 for Country Forum (every 2nd year)

Seconded: Rosanne

All in agreeance

Permission to purchase a third ironing board.

Seconded: Ann

All in agreeance

Discussion took place on the feasibility of a loyalty card, could be ongoing or over a period of two years. This was thought to be too messy and hard to manage. After further discussion it was proposed to trial attend 3 workshops and get the 4th one at half price.

Seconded: Margaret

All in agreeance

5.12 Events (Cindy/Wendy)

Mystery Bus Trip: Cindy reported this will take place on Tuesday 8th October leaving from the Adelaide West Uniting Church. The cost has been set at \$60 pp which includes everything, this was calculated on 40 people attending. The hire of the bus is \$375 – invoice to be sent to Keith for payment. Leadership Team were asked to stand back to allow more members to participate. It is proposed to have a mystery car day trip for the Leadership Team and will be proposed at the September Leadership meeting.

5.13 SAQ Policy Review 2024 (Julie)

Shop Policy/Handbook: This document to be updated as to what constitutes a shop membership, the shops that attend meetings and SAQ events. Candy to search the database and forward any papers on this to be reviewed and updated. Held over to next meeting.

Julie has updated some policies.

5.14 Assets Register (Gaylene)

A four plug power board has been disposed of.

6. GUILD BUSINESS – GENERAL

6.1 Frame Hire (Angela)

6.2 Insurance (Margaret)

Two queries have been received (i) insurance for Rural Round up and (ii) the Mystery Bus trip. Enquiries have been made to the Broker, waiting on reply.

6.3 Judging Panel (Jill Christian)

Jill advised Mannum are happy to have their exhibition judged with trainee judges – there are no prizes or awards.

Julie advised Pt Elliott is happy to have their exhibition judged with trainee judges – there are no prizes and they asked that judging results not be discussed.

A suggestion was made to have two quilts of different categories on stage at a meeting and a speaker to explain what judges look at in the quilt.

6.4 Appraisal Panel (Heather)

20 appraisal vouchers have been given to QE. FoQ are given vouchers for prize winners in each category and special award quilts. There is no time limit to use the voucher and it does not have to be the prize winning quilt, can be any quilt.

6.5 Website Management (Kathleen)

Updated as requested.

6.6 I-Patch (Kathleen)

Ali is currently producing I-Patch

6.7 Modern Mix Quilters (Jill R)

6.8 Patron

Ann advised she has delivered the gift to the Governor, who was overseas at the time. Has received a phone call from her aide.

6.9 Royal Adelaide Show Contract (Heather)

The membership vouchers have been delivered and the Invoice for the cash prizes has been paid. Heather will attend the show and speak with the different groups eg Spinners & Weavers and the like on how they liaise with the show hierarchy. This is a work in progress.

Jill advised she has been the Judge for the last few years and only for the senior entries.

6.10 Bernina Contract

7 GUILD PROJECTS:

7.1 Australasian Quilt Convention (Chris)

7.2 Quilt Australia (Chris)

7.3 Dare to Differ (Sue Knuckey) 19th September – 19th October 2025.

7.4 Festival of Quilts (Ann Ewer)

The dates for Craft Alive 2025 have been changed to 11th to 13th July 2025. The presentations are not able to be held at the July meeting as it is scheduled for 3rd July. It is not feasible to have the judging of the quilts earlier and it was proposed to move the meeting to the 2nd Thursday of the month – 10th July. This will take a very concerted effort.

The charity for 2025 is required by October for the printing of the raffle tickets. Second Chances was one suggestion.

AMQF – 28th – 30th March 2025 to be held at the showgrounds. Craft Alive will do everything. A competition for machine quilting with 4 categories and possibly 2 judges to be launched at the September meeting.

The 2025 Theme is Christmas in July and Placemats for Nursing Homes will be the project. To be announced at the September meeting.

The raffle quilt will be launched at the February meeting and will be displayed at the April meeting due to previously booked community quilts.

7.5 Quilt Encounter (Kerryn/Bev)

Bev had sent an email advising everything going really well. The requirement sheets are provided to both shops 2/3 weeks prior to anyone else.

7.6 Modern Mix (Jill R)

7.7 Country Forum (Rosanne)

First meeting held on 29th August with just a small group. The venue at Adelaide West Uniting Church has been booked for 25th October 2025. A lot of ideas were discussed and the planning for jobs/roles were allocated. The next meeting to be held in November.

7.8 Scholarships and Grants (Heather)

7.9 Quilts of Love (After Dark Quilters – Jill Clausen)

7.10 SA Quilters: Comfort Quilts

- Chris handed out some notes;
- Chris, Heather and Peg had a meeting with two regular attendees, two of the members who hold senior roles did not attend;
- the group tend to rely on one person to do much of the quilting (which tends at times to be very heavily quilted which is a problem);
- the quality of the donated quilts and quilt tops are not always up to standard – SAQ is not a charity and discretion by team leaders is important in managing donations
- it was stressed that proper records need to be kept – Mary handed over all the information and records – and a report done for our Annual Report;
- current team leaders have moved away from the original concept of asking SAQ members to quilt tops at SAQ monthly meetings and this was discussed as an option to explore;
- there is no role statement for Community Quilt Team Leaders in the Handbook – this is to be drafted and provided to team leaders;
- Comfort Quilts is being treated as a free sit and sew day by some but currently there is no resolution to this issue;
- in recent times there was a concern about a duty of care within a SAQ Facebook group and Chris had to step in and remind participants of the parameters of the group;
- it was highlighted at the meeting that donated quilt tops should only be processed if they are an appropriate size and type as it is important to be economical in the use of resources (predominantly batting and backing);
- attending members of the group were not aware of many of these issues and have had a bit of a wake up call. Perception was that the meeting was beneficial moving forward.

Chris will put an article in I-Patch.

7.11 Flinders Kids (Chris O'Brien)

8 COMMUNICATIONS (Kathleen)

- 8.1 Communications Team
- 8.2 Mail In
- 8.3 Website / Facebook / Instagram / You Tube

9 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- 9.1 Heather queried if the President’s phone is 3G – to be checked.
- 9.2 There was a discussion on whether members with 30 years + of continuous membership be recognized with a certificate and put in I-Patch.
Heather proposed members be recognized for duration of membership.

Seconded: Michael All in agreeance

Workshop Test and Tag invoice to President.
240 members have not picked up their 40 year badge. Too expensive to post that many.
Purple Patch have been asked by the Women’s and Children’s Hospital to make 50 x 9” finished squares with two pieces of fabric and a 60 cm piece of ribbon for a tie for miscarried, premature babies.
9.3 Michael gave some feedback on the quilt bombing. A woman had tracked him down and knocked on his door and commented how good it was and said she drove passed everyday to look at them and had pinned one back up.

MEETING CLOSED 9.20 pm.

NEXT MEETING: Thursday 26th September 2 at The Robin Hood Hotel [5.30 pm Dinner – 6.30 pm Meeting]

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WORKSHOP REPORT

Bronwyn Cant – Filling in the Gaps – 2 days 3rd & 10th August, 2024

We were fortunate enough to experience another one of Bronwyn Cant's brilliant workshops, Bronwyn certainly is incredible - so very talented. Everyone had a wonderful time making their amazing projects - such great achievements. I am sure that everyone that attended the workshop left after their second day feeling very proud of the projects they completed. There were so many creative combinations of colours and styles. Bronwyn really is so inspiring and a brilliant teacher. Bronwyn was very patient and helpful – she went to great lengths to make everyone feel included and at ease during the day answering every question and solving any problems.

It was brilliant to see all the different colour combinations and styles and they all turned out great. Some of the students felt way out of their comfort zones to begin with but feedback from them was it was a brilliant workshop and they learnt so much. Bronwyn provided so many valuable and inspiring ideas, hints, and suggestions – her quilting vision and creativity is nothing short of incredible.

Thank you also to our amazing Angels who provide morning and afternoon tea and endless cups of tea and coffee – workshops would not be the same without you.

Some of the feedback from the students included:

- Once again very inspiring, so much learnt - a great workshop to extend your skills
- Fabulous, really did help to complete/add to previous workshop - Fabulous - Bronwyn was really, really fabulous
- Bronwyn presented enough to get us started and inspired for what is always difficult to share 'ideas' and creativity. Followed up individually with each of us and did a second talk -2 well managed days.
- A great new technique
- Well outside of my comfort zone, so very good to be stretched
- This was so stimulating and inspiring. So happy I came along, I will be signing up for anymore workshops with Bronwyn Cant.
- Bronwyn was excellent - a creative approach to quilting
- Fun and relaxed. Really appreciated tutor giving us a fun pack of fabric enabled me to be free to experiment and play. The sessions took me to new levels of confidence and wanting to try new ideas.

I know a lot of people felt this workshop was not for them – that it was totally out of their comfort zone and some of the participants feedback regarding this was: -

- Thank you for bringing Bronwyn Cant to do a workshop – without a set 'project' its always difficult to attract participants but that is the nature of this type of workshop and it is very much appreciated.
- I think the workshop could have been sold better in that it was a stand-a-lone you didn't need to have done last years workshop. At first, I was scared I would be behind as I hadn't done the first workshop, I was quickly put to ease.

My thoughts on this are – never be afraid to try something you have never done before – even if it is not your style of quilting and especially if you think it is way out of your comfort zone – you will always learn something new – and everyone who attended this workshop went away from the workshop with lots of newly learnt

skills. This is essentially what workshops are all about – learning new things, opening yourself up to new ideas and creativity advancing your quilting journey with something totally new.