

Within your local Community use every opportunity you can to:

- Ask to put quilts in public places within the community/businesses, ie Post Office and swap them over regularly to keep interest
- Place displays in the community (Different to an exhibition), could be in the library, a vacant shop, part of a town celebration
- Support community events by either volunteering under the quilt group banner or contributing to the event some quilts, raffles, decorations
- Make sure any charity/fundraising events you host have a feeling of being an Open Invite to anyone in the community
- Place TV / radio /newspaper/social media events ads in local media to advertise activities, special meetings, exhibitions, fundraising events
- Invite local dignitaries to open or attend events and take lots of photos and send article to local paper, post on their social media pages and community pages
- Have an active public Facebook page where you advertise each meeting using a different image and post each time, Silver City Quilters do this well
- Use the events tab on Facebook to create Events to get your activities seen
- Hold Open Days, put these in your yearly calendar and plan activities that those new to quilting could also join in with

Within group activities:

- Ask the SA Quilters Leadership Team, or another SA Quilters team, ie the Judging Team, Appraisals Team, Modern Mix Team to come to a special event, do a talk, open your exhibition, join in a special meeting.
- Share what your group is doing through sending in articles to I-Patch and sharing at the Monthly Members meetings.
- Encourage your members to join in the fun of the Country Forum 2025 Facebook community page. [Country Forum 2025 - SA Quilters | Facebook](#). The page has posts of each of the speakers and demonstrators that everyone is encouraged to comment on and how they were inspired and share their makes from that inspiration. The files from many of the activities are in the Files tab. And groups are encouraged to share what they are doing.
- Hold workshops/special events once a month run by members and people from outside the group (Remember to apply for SAQ grants, council grants to help cover any additional costs involved). Many workshop tutors are now offering workshops through Zoom or YouTube, giving a wider variety of tutor choices. If your venue doesn't have Wi-Fi, you can still be involved either at home or by hot spotting someone's phone to a display devise.
- Join in or host another group/groups doing workshops, activities, challenges or special lunches
- Set challenges for group members: the President's Monthly Challenges listed in I-Patch can be done within your group. There is also a SA Quilters Facebook post with the details that encourages everyone to share their response to the challenge.
- Do a sew-along as a group project or the group do individual ones together. SA Quilters have the following Facebook group Sew Alongs, the patterns are in the Files Tab.
 - o QGSA Mystery Quilt 2019 [QGSA Mystery Quilt 2019 | Facebook](#)
 - o QGSA Casa Felix Mystery Quilt [QGSA Casa Felix Mystery Quilt | Facebook](#)
 - o SA Quilters Round the Block Mystery Quilt [SA Quilters Round The Block Mystery Quilt | Facebook](#)
 - o SA Quilters 2022 Omicron Mystery Quilt [SA Quilters 2022 Omicron Mystery Quilt | Facebook](#)
 - o SAQ 2025 Medallion sew Along (the 2024 40th Birthday Sew Along is included in this group) [SAQ 2025 Medallion Sew Along | Facebook](#)

The files for both the 2024 40th Birthday Sew Along and 2025 Medallion Sew Along are on the SA Quilters website.

- [40th Birthday Sew Along – SA Quilters](#)
- [2025 Medallion Sew Along – SA Quilters](#)
- Do a new Lessa and Faye Claytons quilt pattern together, many of their patterns are on the SA Quilters website: [Clayton's Quilt Patterns – SA Quilters](#)
- If your group wants extra fabric to make Community Quilt tops, or fabric for beginners to use to learn to make a quilt top, contact Heather as the Tiger Team may have some donated fabric to share.
- Play games, examples:
 - **M & M game:** earn a coloured M&M by what you did
 - Red- unpicked
 - Blue- measured once, cut twice
 - Yellow- points don't match
 - Green- ran out of bobbin thread
 - Orange- lost something
 - Brown- Unpicked same seam twice
 - **Quilter's Strip Poker:** Groups of up to ten players sit around a table and start with about five strips of 2.5" fabric and a die. The die is specially marked - each side has either a "C", "L", "R", "X", a large dot or a Star. The 2.5" Strips of fabric are used instead of chips. To Begin, all players put one 2.5" strip in the centre of table. Players take turns clockwise rolling the die once for each turn and doing the action required.
 - C = player puts 1 strip in CENTER of the table.
 - L = player gives 1 strip to player on her LEFT.
 - R = player gives 1 strip to player on her RIGHT.
 - X - player LOSES ONE TURN
 - Dot – player doesn't do anything
 - Star - player TAKES ALL the strips in the centre of the table

When a star has been played all players, again, put 1 strip in the centre of the table. Continue playing. When bell rings, move to another table taking your strips with you. (You can buy blank dice on Temu really cheap – just search “blank dice”.)

Any other suggestions?