



# Groups News, November 2025

Please distribute to all Group members

Greetings,

What a busy couple of months our groups have had! Woodpatch Quilters, Quilters Guild of Whyalla, Gawler Quilting Circle, Bordertown Gum Tree Quilters, Inman Quilters and Masonic Quilters and Craft Group (Tailem Bend) have all held very successful exhibitions, and some of the groups have had fun workshops with Helen Godden and Pam Holland and quilting retreats. Then to top it all off, many of you came to Country Forum. You can never have too much quilting fun!



Masonic Quilters and Craft Group members at their exhibition

At Country Forum we launched a Country Forum Facebook group that contains notes from the demonstrators, the Raffle Quilt pattern and Ideas to Revitalise your Group in the files section. The aims of the Facebook group are to have a platform to share resources with groups and to extend the Country Forum experience by sharing and posting creations made from the inspiration of the day or what is happening in your group. Affiliated group members are encouraged to join the Facebook group: [www.facebook.com/groups/countryforum2025/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/countryforum2025/)

The Ideas to Revitalise your Group document has links to the past five SA Quilters Sew Alongs and the webpage with most of Faye and Lessa Claytons quilt patterns. Who doesn't love a free pattern, I encourage you to check out the document.

[Hints-for-Revitalising-your-Group.pdf](#)

## Upcoming Affiliated Group Exhibitions and Events:

Please support the following affiliated Groups exhibition and events:



**GELTWOOD FABRIC FORUM**  
**Discover. Create. Connect.**

**Event Details:**

- Date: 4th May 2026
- Time: 9:30 am - 3:00 pm
- Venue: Civic and Arts Centre, Millicent
- Entrance Fee: \$20.00

**Join us!**

Immerse yourself in a day dedicated to the art and craft of quilting. Whether you are an experienced quilter or simply curious about the world of fabric, the *Geltwood Fabric Forum* welcomes creators, enthusiasts and newcomers alike.

- Guest speakers
- Networking and fellow makers
- Showcase quilts
- Community vibes and creative fun

**Tickets and Information**

Secure your place for only \$20.00. For bookings and enquiring, please contact Julie Wesolowski on 0428 189 965.

- McLaren Vale Patchworkers, 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> January 2026
- Geltwood Fabric Forum, 4<sup>th</sup> May 2026, in Millicent
- Rural Roundup, hosted by Inman Valley Quilters, 24<sup>th</sup> October 2026, in Victor Harbor

Remember, the SAQ Judging Team would love to be invited to judge your exhibitions either as a training exercise with no results announced or as a judged exhibition. Contact Jill Christian, Judging Team Leader, for more details: [saquiltersjudgingpanel@gmail.com](mailto:saquiltersjudgingpanel@gmail.com)



**Quilt Exhibition**

**Sat 17 Jan 2026 10 to 4** \$8 Entry Includes Morning or Afternoon Tea

**Sun 18 Jan 2026 10 to 4** Special Give-Aways Sunday 2pm to 4pm every 15 mins

**Quilter in Residence – Heather Weatherald**  
**Raffle Quilt – Proceeds to McLaren Vale CFS (\$2/ticket)**  
**Best Ever Trading Table**  
EFTPOS Available

**Where:** McLaren Flat Community Hall

**Quilters Quarters**

**PennyLane Patchwork**

**McLaren Vale Patchworkers**

## Reminder: Membership fees are due (From Kathy Rossini)

All SA Quilters memberships are due to expire on 31 December 2025. For your members to be covered by the SA Quilters insurance, they must either be an individual financial member of SA Quilters, or an insurance payment should be paid by the group to SA Quilters on their behalf.

You can find full details on how to renew your group membership on the membership page at the SA Quilters web site at <https://www.saquilters.org.au/members-area/> and select the Group tab and download the Application Form and the Group's Names Sheet which ideally will be sent by email to the Membership Secretary. Your Group's insurance Certificate of Currency will be forwarded by email once payment has been received.

## Planning for 2026

I would like everyone to consider applying for a SA Quilters grant to help fund an activity while planning for 2026. Grants are available for more than covering the expenses in holding an exhibition. Your group could go on a bus trip to visit another exhibition or do a quilt shop hop. The grant could go towards helping to fund a tutor to run workshops or help towards the costs of going on retreat. Your group could host an event like Rural Roundup where you invite other groups to spend the day celebrating everything quilting or ask the Appraisals Team to come and Appraise quilts. If you would like more ideas feel free to contact me. Grant applications close on 1<sup>st</sup> April, so you have a little time to plan!

I would like to wish everyone a lovely Christmas and New Year break. The December Members Meeting is the last meeting for the year, we have January off and then return in February 2026 and look forward to working with many of you then. Happy quilting everyone.

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