

This month's front cover features well-loved SA Quilters friend and quilter, Lessa Siegele. Lessa, together with Faye Packham, has been designing and tutoring popular mystery workshops for many years which have raised funds in excess of \$350,000 for charity. Sadly, Lessa has decided that the February 2026 workshop was her last in the mystery series. See the full workshop report inside.



IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- * Applications for **Scholarships** (individual members) and Grants (affiliated city and country groups) close on the 1st April. Information and application forms can be found on our website [HERE](#).
- * If you wish to have a quilt **appraised** before entering it in **Festival of Quilts** in July then there are only two appraisal days left between now and then: April and June.

Please contact Heather appraisals.saquilters@gmail.com for information and an application form.

SA Quilters I-Patch

A Focus on Quilting



Greetings,

Welcome to a brand-new year with SA Quilters! I hope you've all had a refreshing break and are feeling inspired and ready for another year filled with creativity, connection, and, of course, quilting.

A huge thank you must go to our amazing volunteers. So much planning happens behind the scenes, and their time, energy, and dedication have already paid off as we head into the year at full speed.

The year has certainly started with a bang. We enjoyed a jam-packed Members Meeting with really strong attendance, and it's been wonderful to see such great numbers at all of the Sit and Sews. We're also excited to welcome a brand-new Northern Group—what a fantastic addition to our SAQ community.

Our workshops are off to a brilliant start too, with the fantastic Faye and Lessa Mystery Workshop completely sold out—what an amazing workshop! SIPS continued meeting right through the holiday period, showing just how strong and committed that group is, and the Appraisals Team got straight to work, appraising 11 quilts at their very first meeting of the year.

Looking ahead, planning is well underway for even more exciting activities for everyone. Be sure to keep an eye out for International Quilters Day, Market Day, Festival of Quilts and Quilt Encounter—there is so much to look forward to.

To make sure you don't miss out on any of these opportunities, please keep up to date by regularly checking the SA Quilters website, our SAQ Facebook page, and the I-Patch newsletter.

As we begin the year, I encourage you to think about your own quilting goals. What would you like to try this year? Will you experiment with a new technique, enter the Festival of Quilts for the first time, attend your first workshop, or perhaps join a group or a Sit and Sew? Whatever your goal, SA Quilters is here to support and inspire you along the way.

If you have any questions, ideas, or comments, please don't hesitate to get in touch. I'm always happy to hear from you.

Wishing you a creative and fulfilling year ahead.

Warm regards,

Rosanne

Rosanne Fuller - President, SA Quilters

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February's President's Challenge

February and Valentine go hand in hand, so my challenge to you this month is to make a Heart Block.

Any size, any design

Please consider supporting Ronda Hazell's Heart Project outlined in December's I-Patch

- Guild Meetings
- Quilt Shows
- Workshops
- Special Events
- Feature Articles
- Member information
- Latest News

I-Patch is a digital online newsletter for **SA Quilters** members which is sent out by email on or about the 15th of each month to members' email accounts.

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A Focus on Quilting

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SA Quilters meet on the first Thursday of each month (except January) at 7.15pm for 8.00pm start at Burnside Community Centre, Burnside Town Hall, Portrush Road, Tusmore.

The aims of SA Quilters are to:

- To promote the art of patchwork and quilting.
- To provide a forum for quilters in South Australia.
- To encourage the formation and maintenance of quilters' groups within South Australia.
- To seek, encourage and maintain a high standard of design and technique in both traditional and contemporary quilt making.
- To foster and maintain an interest in the history of patchwork and quilting.
- To hold, organise and take part in exhibitions and workshops whether in South Australia or elsewhere.
- To provide information, knowledge and skills with regard to quilt making in South Australia or elsewhere.
- To do such other acts and things as are in the opinion of the organisation ancillary or conducive to the achievement of any one or more of the above objects.

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SA Quilters: Disaster Relief Quilts—our position

We have recently received enquiries wishing to donate quilts in response to the interstate fires. We are deeply grateful for this generosity and the desire to help those affected during difficult times.

SA Quilters' policy, which is shared and understood by all Australian State Quilting Guilds, is that we only accept and coordinate quilt donations **when a formal request has been made by the State Guild experiencing the disaster.**

This policy exists for a very important reason. In a previous disaster, a State Guild was overwhelmed by an Australia-wide influx of donated quilts that exceeded their capacity to store, manage, and distribute them effectively. While the intentions were heartfelt, the volume created significant logistical challenges at a time when resources were already stretched.

By waiting for a request from the affected State Guild, we ensure that:

- Donations are genuinely needed
- Quantities can be managed appropriately
- Distribution can occur efficiently and respectfully

When a request is received, SA Quilters will absolutely share the details so those who wish to contribute can do so in a way that best supports the affected community.

Thank you, as always, for your compassion, understanding, and ongoing support.

Thanks,

Rosanne



A Note of Thanks

....I'm writing to try and find some information.

Earlier this year, my mum was in palliative care in the Queen Elizabeth hospital while she waited for voluntary assisted dying.

One of the hardest things for her at the end of her life was feeling and staying warm, and one of the only things that brought her joy in her last week was a quilt donated by a group identified as "Claytons Committee Quilters Guild of SA".

I am hoping to pass on my heartfelt thanks for the generosity, and to let them know how much it meant to her and how much it means to me.

She passed away, cozy in that blanket and I will cherish it forever.

If this group ever fundraises I would be thrilled to support it.

Thank you so much for any help.

Bel



Image by freepik

Editor's Note:

Lessa Siegele and the Clayton's Committee have supported a range of community groups with a steady supply of quilts over many, many years. This heartfelt thanks is very much deserved by this amazing committee.

I will forward a copy of Ipatch to Bel so that she knows that the Clayton's Committee have received her acknowledgement and thanks.

The Communications Team have twice interviewed Lessa, once along with Faye. You can find these videos on our YouTube channel [HERE](#) and [HERE](#).

SA Quilters News and Information

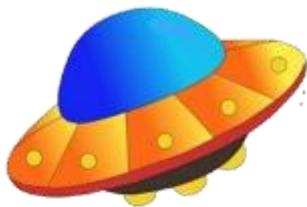
March Meeting Details

SA QUILTERS - MONTHLY MEETING

Thursday, March 5th

Doors open at 7.15pm for an 8.00pm start

Welcome address:	President, Rosanne Fuller
Guest Speakers:	Daphne Llines
Shop:	Habit Patch Website: http://www.habitpatch.com.au/
Fat Quarter Raffle:	Brights
Show and Tell:	Bright Quilts
Library:	Open for borrows and returns
	Kitchen open for tea and coffee



UFO SWAP

SA Quilters

At the August 2025 meeting, members brought along their UFO projects and swapped them with UFOs from other members, with a promise to complete the UFO taken home that evening.

The completed UFOs are planned to be shown at the April 2026 meeting, so we hope you are all working on the UFO you took home last August.

We are all looking forward to seeing the finished masterpieces.

QUILT ENCOUNTER 2026

Want to receive a copy of the program for Quilt encounter?

Information about the program and the application form is only available via the hard copy full colour brochure produced each year. Interested participants pay a fee to cover the brochure printing and postage costs (currently \$12) to have a brochure sent to them. The brochure is posted out in early May.

To generate a reply-paid envelope in order for the brochure to be sent to you, please email **Quilt Encounter** quiltencounter@gmail.com with your details. Payment for the envelope can be made via a direct deposit, details of which will be included in the email reply to you.

You may also purchase an envelope at any SA Quilters meeting.

SA Quilters News and Information



International Quilters Day – a day for Quilters to celebrate what we do in some way, shape or form.

SA Quilters has chosen to have a gathering day, where you can come for an hour or two or maybe longer.

Where you can have Devonshire tea, watch demonstrations, purchase from the invited shop, enjoy the quilt display, buy a raffle ticket for a quilt, buy tickets in the shoe box raffle for amazing prizes, buy second hand books, Clayton's kits and just have a natter and a cuppa and celebrate being a quilter.

Officially the date for International Quilters Day is the third Saturday in March but as the state election is that day, we have moved our celebration to Saturday March 14, 2026 at Vermont Church Hall. Entry, which includes Devonshire tea, will be \$5.

10am to 3pm. Information is on the website, in I-Patch and the SAQ FaceBook page.

Please put the date in your diary and we look forward to seeing you there.

**New
Sit and Sew Group
Northern area**

Starting 9th Feb, 2026
Broadview Masonic Hall
565 Regency Road
Broadview
2nd and 4th Monday
10.00am – 3.00pm

\$10 members, \$15 affiliate members, \$20 no- members
If possible, come from the east as can't turn right into the centre.

ARE YOU ABLE TO HELP A FELLOW QUILTER?

For health reasons I don't wish to drive to our meetings at night anymore but I still would like to be there.

I wonder if a fellow quilter who lives nearby would be prepared to give me a lift each month. I live at Plympton.

Thanks

Margaret Carberry

0417 871 091

WELCOME TO NEW SAQ

MEMBERS:

Trudi Ann Greenhall	Anne Kenny
Mary Chilvers	Alison Rogers
Dianne Gilham	Debra White
Alison Rogers	Karen Dean
Julie Hahn	Donna Douglas
Sue Martin	

SA Quilters News and Information

SA Quilters Appraisal Service

SA Quilters Appraisal Team was created initially as the Valuation Panel in 1992, when it was clear there was a demand for quilters to have their quilts assessed and valued by trained appraisers. Guidelines were established by the Panel to enable them to provide training to new participants who would go on to objectively assess and value quilts. Over the years, a number of SA Quilters members have undertaken the training and joined the Team.

The Quilt Appraisal service is available to all quilters and a certificate of appraisal will be provided.

A fee of \$20 for SA Quilters members, \$30 for affiliated members and \$50 for non-members will apply per appraisal.

The Appraisal Team meets on the first Friday in February, April, June, August, October and December.

For details and application forms please contact the Appraisal Team Leader on email [Appraisals](#)

We appraise quilts for replacement value, in case they are lost, stolen or maybe damaged or destroyed. Should you have a quilt appraised I am sure you will be surprised at the replacement value. Many of you will have a significant value of quilts in your possession and may benefit from having them listed on your household insurance policy in case something unfortunate happens to any of your quilts. Quilt appraisal offers an insurance company a quilting industry estimate of the value of your quilt. It is important that you have recorded the provenance of your quilt and have a detailed label on your quilt.

For more information about getting a quilt appraised, please visit our web page: [HERE](#)

Unplugged Stitchers (Hand Sewing) Sit and Sew Group

Where: Vermont Uniting Church, 576 Cross Road, South Plympton

Who: A small and very friendly group ranging from 10 - 20 people who work on all manner of hand work.

Date: First Wednesday of every month

Time: 10am to 3pm

Cost: \$10 for members, \$20 for affiliate members and \$30 for non members.

BYO lunch and feel free to bring morning tea to share!

Tea, coffee and milk will be provided.

We'd love to have you join us!



International Quilters Day 2026

SA 2026 INTERNATIONAL Quilters QUILTERS DAY

Saturday, 14 March 2026 - 10:00 am to 3:00 pm
Vermont Uniting Church Hall, 576 Cross Road, South Plympton
\$5 ENTRY - INCLUDES DEVONSHIRE TEA

- QUILT DISPLAY
- DEMONSTRATIONS
- SHOEBOX RAFFLES
- LIBRARY BOOK SALES
- SHOP - PennyLane Patchwork

EFTPOS available



ALL WELCOME

FESTIVAL OF QUILTS RAFFLE QUILT
\$2 per ticket
Supporting Second Chances



DEMONSTRATIONS

Morning

- Margaret - quilt binding
- Carmel - Eppiflex, English Paper Piecing
- Gaylene & Monique - quilted postcards

Afternoon

- Cindy - scrappy fabric cards
- Jill - wool embroidery
- Chris - free motion domestic machine quilting

FIFTEEN 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* ~~~~~

# SA Quilters Meeting Notes

Thursday  
5 February

President, Rosanne Fuller, welcomed 128 members, visitors and guests to the SA Quilters first meeting for 2026. Very special guest at the meeting was Sam Narroway from Second Chances, which is the SA Quilters chosen charity for 2026. Sam told us about the support his organisation provides to families of prisoners in South Australia. Extensive information can be found on the Second Chances web site at <https://www.secondchances.org.au/>.

Three speakers showed us their special quilts and told us about their secret passion, all interesting and fun:

- \* Jackie told us about her doll pin cushions
- \* Jane talked about her collection of thimbles from all over the world
- \* Joyce told us an hilarious story about her visit with the Associated Country Women of the World to the conference in Kuala Lumpur and dinner with 450 others at the palace with the Queen

Our sincere thanks to Shirley from Ezy Quiltz and Stitching which was the February feature shop at the SA Quilters meeting. We appreciate the effort required to pack up and transport goods to the meetings. Find out more about Ezy Quiltz and



Shirley from Ezy Quiltz and Stitching



Joyce told us a fun story



Jane's thimble collection



Jackie's pin cushions

SA Quilters Team members gave us an outline of activities planned for 2026:

**Modern Mix SA** team told us about the Summer challenge

**Sit and Sews:**

- Cindy, Jane and Jo for Sew it's Wednesday
- Rosanne for Saturday Starz
- Jackie for Unplugged Stitchers
- Denise told us about the new Northern Sit and Sew group

**Market Day:** Rosanne put out the call for Market Day Stall Holders to register their interest. Please refer to page 12 for further details.

**Festival of Quilts** - Ann launched the Festival raffle quilt which was made and donated by Chris O'Brien

**International Quilters Day** - Chris let us know about the activities planned for the day on Saturday, 14th March

**Quilts of Love** - Jill asked quilters to make isolette covers and quilts of love for the program as stocks are running low

**SHOW AND TELL (nothing is to scale here)**

**Emilie's mystery workshop quilt**



Jill's beautiful wave quilt



Cindy, Wendy, Sue and Jane parade their dresses made at a PennyLane workshop

# Festival of Quilts 2026



## 2026 Festival of Quilts

10–12 July | Adelaide Showgrounds  
in association with CraftAlive

Tickets \$2 each

Buy at SAQ Members' meetings

or

PennyLane Patchwork,

54 Victoria St,

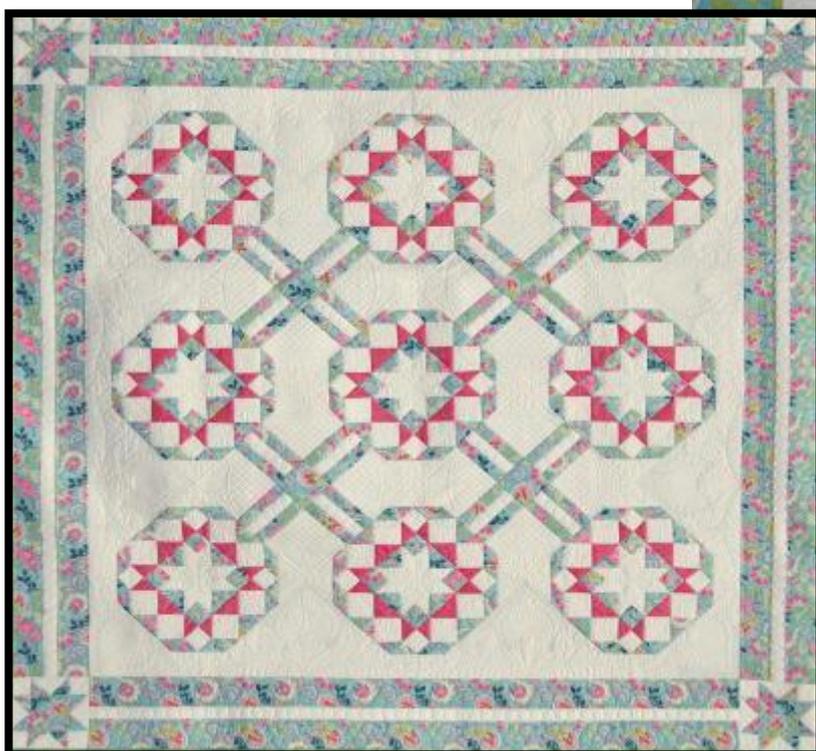
Victor Harbor.

Annual Raffle

**1st Prize**

*“Omicron Begone”*

*by Chris O’Brien*



**2nd Prize**

*Bernette b05 Sewing Machine*

*Valued at \$599*

Books may be obtained from Margaret Hurrell, telephone 0419 860 757

or from the Festival of Quilts table at any SA Quilters' Members meeting.

During the month of **March**

The quilt will be on display, with tickets available for purchase, at

**Jack n Jade,**

165 St Bernards Rd,

Rostrevor.

Proceeds from the Quilt will go to Second Chances which is a non-profit volunteer organisation supporting people in prison, their children and families with a range of custom designed programs to create brighter better futures.



**YOU ARE INVITED**

**PATCHWORK, SEWING  
CRAFT SUPPLIES  
FABRIC, NOTIONS  
DE-STASH ITEMS  
BOOKS  
HANDMADE TREASURES**

**WHERE:** Adelaide West Uniting Church  
312 Sir Donald Bradman Drive  
BROOKLYN PARK

**WHEN:** Saturday, 2nd May 2026

**TIME:** 10.00am to 2.00pm



 **\$5 ENTRY INCLUDES A DELICIOUS  
DEVONSHIRE TEA** 

**TELL YOUR FRIENDS**

# SA **MARKET DAY 2026**

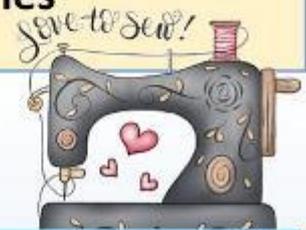
## Quilters **YOU ARE INVITED**

**Calling all stallholders ....**

|               |                                                                                                                      |
|---------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>DATE:</b>  | <b>Saturday, 2nd May 2026</b>                                                                                        |
| <b>TIME:</b>  | <b>10:00am to 2:00pm</b>                                                                                             |
| <b>WHERE:</b> | <b>Adelaide West Uniting Church<br/>312 Sir Donald Bradman Drive, Brooklyn Park</b>                                  |
| <b>WHAT:</b>  | <b>Hand-made, de-stash, pre-loved treasures,<br/>patchwork/sewing/craft supplies, fabric,<br/>books, notions etc</b> |
| <b>COST:</b>  | <b>Book a table for \$40 each<br/>Book early as tables are limited</b>                                               |

**Book a table to clear out your sewing room, move on your excess patchwork, sewing and crafting supplies.  
Sell your new hand-made items to those who don't make their own.**

**CONTACT:** Email [vicepresident.saquilters@gmail.com](mailto:vicepresident.saquilters@gmail.com) to request a booking form or for inquiries



**BOOK YOUR TABLE TODAY**

# Upcoming Workshops in 2026

Please refer to the SAQ website for further details on registering your interest in attending one of our workshops [here](#).

## SA Q FREE MOTION QUILTING with Chris O'Brien

**WHERE:** Vermont Uniting Church Hall  
576 Cross Road, South Plympton

**WHEN:** Saturday, 11th April 2026

**TIME:** 9.30am to 4.00pm

**COST:** \$ 85 - SA Quilters members per day  
\$105 - Affiliate Group member  
\$125 - non-SA Quilters member

**SA QUILTERS WORKSHOP CODE:** 20260411

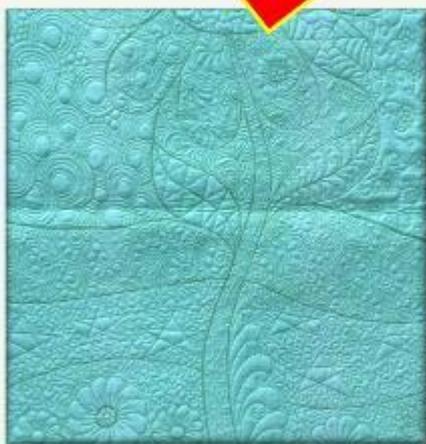


Chris O'Brien

- \* Early stage free motion quilting
- \* Confident free motion quilting
- \* Want to be challenged

This workshop can be a great opportunity to learn free motion quilting techniques. You will have the opportunity to choose a design that interests you and to experiment with different techniques and hopefully develop your own style. The skills that can be applied to both traditional and modern quilts. I will bring along some examples to inspire your choices.

**THIS WORKSHOP IS FULLY BOOKED**  
**CONTACT [workshops.saquilters@gmail.com](mailto:workshops.saquilters@gmail.com)**  
**TO ADD YOUR NAME TO A WAIT LIST**



Go to the Workshops page on the SA Quilters web site For details on how to register including application form. Click on [Workshops](#).

# Upcoming Workshop

## SA Slow Stitching with Sue Knuckey

**WHERE:** Vermont Uniting Church Hall  
576 Cross Road, South Plympton

**WHEN:** Saturday, 18th April 2026

**TIME:** 9.30am to 4.00pm

**COST:** \$ 85 - SA Quilters members per day  
\$105 - Affiliate Group members per day  
\$125 - non-SA Quilters members per day

**SA QUILTERS WORKSHOP CODE: SK26**



Sue Knuckey

Start a slow stitching project using your favourite colours, fabrics, threads and saved bits and pieces.

Projects you can choose are:

- A lap size quilt throw, sewing/needlework roll, needles book or as small as a pin cushion.
- Learn basic slow stitches, embroidery and appliqué techniques to embellish your work and attach doilies, trims, buttons and Suffolk puffs.



Bring your stash of fabrics, threads and embellishments to explore what you can create.



Go to the Workshops page on the SA Quilters web site For details on how to register including application form. Click on [Workshops](#).

# Upcoming Workshop

## SA Create Charming Slow Stitch Brooches with Pam Holland

**WHERE:** Vermont Uniting Church Hall  
576 Cross Road, South Plympton

**WHEN:** Saturday, 4th July 2026

**TIME:** 9.30am to 4.00pm

**COST:** \$ 85 - SA Quilters members per day  
\$105 - Affiliate Group members per day  
\$125 - non-SA Quilters members per day

**SA QUILTERS WORKSHOP CODE:** PH26



Pam Holland

These charming creations are not only delightful gifts but also a wonderful way to express your creativity. Gather a selection of fabrics and bits and bobs that speak to you, layer, then use simple embroidery stitches to secure the layers together.



These can be worn on jackets, bags, or hats, adding a touch of handmade elegance to any outfit.



Go to the Workshops page on the SA Quilters web site For details on how to register including application form. Click on [Workshops](#).

# Upcoming Workshop

## SA DYNAMIC DRESDENS with Heather Ford

**WHERE:** Vermont Uniting Church Hall  
576 Cross Road, South Plympton

**WHEN:** Saturday, 17 October 2026

**TIME:** 9.30am to 4.00pm

**COST:** \$ 85 - SA Quilters members per day  
\$105 - Affiliate Group members per day  
\$125 - non-SA Quilters members per day



Heather Ford

**SA QUILTERS WORKSHOP CODE: HF-26**

A ***Dresden Plate*** quilt features a distinctive circular block made from fabric "petals" or "blades" radiating from a central circle, named for its resemblance to ornate German porcelain plates from Dresden, Germany.

***Dynamic*** describes something full of energy, forceful, active, and constantly changing or developing which describes Dresdens perfectly.



Heather will guide you through the process as you make your ***Dynamic Dresden*** quilt.

*Book your place early as this popular workshop will fill fast.*



Go to the Workshops page on the SA Quilters web site For details on how to register including application form. Click on [Workshops](#).

# Upcoming Workshop

## SA RULER WORK RULES! with Chris O'Brien

**WHERE:** Vermont Uniting Church Hall  
576 Cross Road, South Plympton

**WHEN:** Saturday, 5th September 2026

**TIME:** 9.30am to 4.00pm

**COST:** \$ 85 - SA Quilters members per day  
\$105 - Affiliate Group members per day  
\$125 - non-SA Quilters members per day

**SA QUILTERS WORKSHOP CODE: COB26-2**



Chris O'Brien

Quilting with rulers is a form of guided free-motion quilting, allowing for decorative, repeatable, and geometric patterns without extensive marking.

Join Chris as she shares her amazing skills in the art of quilting with rulers.

"In this workshop I will guide you through the ruler work quilting of traditional pieced blocks, enabling you to develop skills applicable to any quilt top.

If you've done this workshop with me before, please come along and have some fun stitching out a mystery ruler worked wholecloth!" Chris.



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# Workshop Report: Lessa and Faye's Mystery Quilt



Workshops are back! 2026 started off with a big bang - what an incredible workshop to start the year with. The electricity in the air from the moment everyone started coming into the workshop right to the very end certainly was something to be part of. Lessa Siegele and Faye Packham held another of their incredible Mystery Quilt Workshops. OMG what a workshop - these two certainly are the dynamic duo. We are so fortunate to have these two tutors - they are nothing short of incredible. From start to finish this workshop was outstanding. So many happy quilters (31 in total) in one place is certainly a joy to witness. With Lessa and Faye were their team of helpers - undertaking endless hours of ironing student work.

It was decided by the Workshop Team that this workshop would run a little longer this year, running from 9.30 to 7pm and it certainly was a day of non-stop sewing. We celebrated a birthday at morning tea - happy birthday to Heather Hopkins.

Thank you to everyone who enrolled in this fabulous workshop - we all know this is a workshop not to be missed. I am sure everyone went home with a new piece of knowledge in their quilting journey. Lessa and Faye are loved and their willingness to share their knowledge and quilting skills are never ending.

A big thank you also to Lessa and Faye's helpers - ironing non-stop and helping wherever needed. Thank you to SA Quilters amazing Angels their work during a workshop is never ending - they prepared an awesome morning and afternoon tea and made endless cups of tea and coffee during the day. To our own talented photographer who attended during the day to make sure we had a great selection of photographs thank you Kathy. A brilliant start to SA Quilters Workshops for 2026.

# Jane and Cindy caught up with Darwin quilter Christine Garrett at QE 2025

I have lived in Darwin for 50 years now and have been sewing since I was 15. I began patchwork and quilting when my children were babies. I enjoy the friendships and skills learnt with fellow club members and to share what knowledge I have. Win-win for everyone.

And now that I have a special 'She-shed'. Well! This is where you will find me.

Christine

Make yourself a cuppa and enjoy the video of Jane and Cindy's visit with the very talented Christine [HERE](#).



## Vale Jean Deere

It is with much sadness that we inform fellow quilters of the passing of Jean Deere. Jean was a Life Member of SA Quilters, having been awarded it in 2013. At the time, the following statement written by Michele Hill, appeared in our newsletter, Patches:

*There were tears all round—but happy ones for a special Guild award recipient. Jean Deere is one of those quiet workers who never misses a meeting and makes sure there is always milk in the kitchen amongst many other duties. She greets everyone at the door month after month with the same sweet smiling face so it was wonderful that she received lifetime membership. So well deserved.*

Jean joined the Executive Committee in 2007/08 and took on the role of door and supper roster. Jean continued in those roles for 5 years, receiving a 5 year service badge in 2012. Jean continued to serve members from the kitchen each month. She didn't do email (in 2007) so she got her grandchildren to teach her and was then able to receive the minutes by email instead of post.

Vale to a much respected and loved South Australian quilter. Jean was 91.



Jean, being awarded Life Membership by President Kay Lovell

### Extract from Jean's granddaughter's eulogy:

***Nan showed her love through action. Her hands were rarely still. She was an artist and maker at heart, with a lifelong passion for sewing and craft. She belonged to many creative groups, including the Salisbury Stitchers, the Lace Guild, and the Quilters Guild. She hosted workshops, attended retreats, and delighted in bringing people together for sewing bees at her home, always making lunch and ensuring everyone felt welcome.***

# SAQ Community Quilts Team News

## Team Leader:

### Carolyn Daniels

Thank you Carolyn for taking on this important role, and to those quilters who have volunteered to support Carolyn.

SA Quilters has formed a new team that will receive and deliver quilts to palliative care centres in and around Adelaide. As of yet, team members are still considering a name for their team.

The team is starting small until they establish themselves and the collection and management of donated quilts.

The team's requirements are that only well-made quilts, worthy of being gifted and that reflect the reputation of SA Quilters in terms of the standard of quilt making, will be accepted.

## Check list for all quilt donations

- \* Bright, cheerful colours
- \* No larger than single bed size, no smaller than 40" x 48"
- \* No buttons
- \* Not too warm, to avoid overheating.
- \* Seams need to be secure.
- \* Aim for **all over** quilting that results in a soft quilt.
- \* Ditch stitched quilting should be avoided. Cross hatching is preferred for straight stitch quilting.
- \* Binding needs to be well put on – neat corners and no pleats.
- \* Ensure that there are no pins in binding or body of quilt.
- \* Clean, free of pet hair, with all marking lines removed.



Carolyn along with team member, Sue Zilm



Bright, cheerful and well made quilts are essential qualities for donated quilts.

Sadly not all donated quilts are suited for purpose - with some being rejected on the basis of poor technical skills such as piecing (split seams) and poorly applied binding while others simply don't have sufficient quilting on them to survive laundering. Maintaining the reputation of SA Quilters as donors of these quilts is paramount.

### The Golden Rule:

*If you wouldn't have it on your bed why should someone else?*

Sue will be liaising with Kylie from Laurel House, which is attached to Flinders Medical Centre. Laurel House is a palliative care unit and Kylie is happy to take as many quilts as we can supply. She is also more than happy to collect quilts in person from Sue on a regular basis.

# News From Our Quilting Community

## A Stitch in Time



### Patchwork & Quilting Display

by

**GOLDEN HARVEST QUILTERS**

**MINLATON 150<sup>th</sup> CELEBRATIONS**

Friday 27 March 10:00am - 4:00pm

Saturday 28 March 9:00am - 1:00pm

Minlaton Uniting Church Hall

Main Street

Free Admission



Dear Quilters

With the terrible event that happened in December 2025 at Bondi, I would like to make a quilt to send to Matilda's family, the little girl who was killed. The theme for this quilt will be bees, as in the flying variety, so if you would like to participate in this project, I am asking for you to provide a 6.5in square of bee fabric or you might like to embellish a 6.5in square of fabric with bees. It could be embroidery, buttons, beads or anything that takes your fancy. Please let me know your name and group that you are from. I will provide the wadding and the backing for the quilt.

I would like to get the quilt to the family in December 2026. If you have any questions feel free to email me.

Thank you for your support.

Sue Zilm

sukedan2010@hotmail.com or mobile 0448 896 514

Many of the featured artists involved in the **Between Black and White Exhibition** are South Australian

Nola Pearce, Mary Williams, Raelene Draheim, Suzanne Gummow, Julie Haddrick, Ann Head, Lisa Scarfe, Heather Ford, Christine Beardsley, Sue Knuckey, Marett Hancox, Catherine Summers, Stephanie Eland, Sue Morley, Julie-Anne Rogers, Tania Tanti, Julie Blake, Linda Steele, Bronwyn Cant, Ros McDougall and Zara Zannettino.



## Between Black and White: An Exploration of Pure Colour

Studio Art Quilt Associates-Oceania-Sturt Pea Pod

13 February - 6 March 2026, Hughes Gallery, Fullarton Park Community Centre, South Australia.

13 February – 6 March 2026

Exhibition Opening:  
Gallery open 5:30-7:30 pm. Friday 13 February 2026.

Welcome at 6pm.  
Speaker: Zara Zannettino (SAQA Board Member).

Beverages kindly donated by O'Leary Walker Wines.

HUGHES GALLERY, Fullarton Park Community Centre,  
411 Fullarton Road, Fullarton, SA, 5063  
P: (08) 8372 5180  
E: fpcc@unley.sa.gov.au

Open Mon to Fri: 10 am-4 pm  
and Sat 28 Feb 2025, 10 am-3 pm.  
Closed Sat, Sun & Public Holidays.

Meet the Artists: Saturday 28 February 2026  
10 am-3 pm (during the Fullarton Park Community  
Centre Market Day event, 9am-1 pm).

*Between Black and White explores the infinite colour possibilities between black and white, through a stunning collection of art quilts.*

*From vibrant hues to subtle shades, this exhibition celebrates the variety of tones within the spectrum of 24 pure colours.*

THE CITY OF  
*Unley*

SAQA  
STUDIO ART QUILT  
ASSOCIATES



We acknowledge that we meet and create on the traditional lands of the Kaurna people.

# McLaren Vale Patchworkers

## McLaren Vale Patchworkers 2026 Exhibition Re-cap

A HUGE thankyou to everyone who visited our exhibition in January 2026 featuring Quilter-in-Residence, Heather Weatherald. What an amazing turnout.

The Exhibition was officially opened by Ally Baum, Vice President of SA Quilters.

*Quilter-in-Residence,  
Heather Weatherald*



### Raffle Quilt

Congratulation to Mr B King who was lucky enough to win this year's Raffle Quilt. Here is a photo of Mrs K King with the Quilt.

All proceeds from the Raffle will be going to the McLaren Vale CFS.

### Viewers' Choice

All visitors to the Exhibition were asked to vote for their favourite Quilt from those displayed. And the Viewers' Choice has been awarded to Marg Hobby. Pictured is Marg with her prize which was kindly donated by Lyn Buttfield from Quilters Quarters

*Marg Hobby*



### The Challenge

Our Challenge this year was to make our own Sewing Machine Cover which made a beautiful display on the stage of the McLaren Flat Memorial Hall.

Here are two of the winning Covers:

*Pat Hosking*



*Elisa Thompson*



# McLaren Vale Patchworkers (continued)

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## *A view of the exhibition hall*



*The Reception Team -  
Elisa, Dianne and  
Robyn*

Congratulations, McLaren Vale Patchworkers, Quilter-in-Residence Heather Weatherald, Exhibition Convenor Jane Polden, PennyLane Patchwork and Quilters Quarters on what has been widely reported as a wonderful exhibition and quilting experience for all attendees.

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**HOLD THE DATE**

**Port Elliot Patchworkers**

**Biggest Morning Tea**

Tuesday, 28 April 2026  
Port Elliot Institute, The Strand,  
Port Elliot

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# News From Our Quilting Community



VICTORIAN QUILTERS INC.

[www.victorianquilters.org](http://www.victorianquilters.org)

# ONE STEP FURTHER 2026



2024 1<sup>st</sup> Prize. Bree Thomas.



Runner Up 2024 - Zara Zannettino

**Old Auction House Gallery  
52 – 56 Mollison Street  
KYNETON, VIC 3444**

**28 May - 22 June 2026**

***Contemporary Textile Artwork –  
an open, juried exhibition.***

***Open to all textile artists in  
Australia & New Zealand, not just  
members of Victorian Quilters Inc.  
OSF is for entrants who wish to push the  
boundaries of quilt making.***



Highly Commended 2024

Julie Tasker

Linda Balding

CONVENOR: LEE VAUSE

[onestepfurther@victorianquilters.org](mailto:onestepfurther@victorianquilters.org)

ENTRY DATE - TO BE ANNOUNCED

# News From Our Quilting Community

## 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.



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*Bringing inspiration, colour, and everything you need for your next project.  
We're excited to join you at the March guild meeting with a gorgeous selection of:*

- Quality Fabrics – half metres, fat quarters and packs
- Patterns and Kits
- Haberdashery – felt, essential tools, and more
- Exclusive Meeting Specials – one-day-only discounts

*Whether you're planning your next quilt, or creative experiment, we'll have something to spark your imagination.*

*Come browse, chat, and stock up on your favourites!*

## FOR SALE

### Sweet Sixteen Sit-down Quilting Machine



## FREE MOTION SEWING MACHINE FOR SALE HQ SWEET SIXTEEN - TABLE TOP

Height adjustable  
**\$5000 ONO**

Owner not using often enough  
All instruction manuals for machine and bobbin winder  
Numerous size needles, bobbins, and a few rulers  
Extension table on right side. Have adhesive table overlay but not used.  
Open toed foot put on but original closed toe foot and tools included

Original box for machine transport  
**Jeanne Treleaven**  
**0405521349**  
Colonel Light Gardens



# I-Patch Advertising Policy

- I-Patch is published eleven times a year (February to December). It is a digital publication which is sent via personalised email to all financial SA Quilters members, all financial affiliated groups and to members of affiliated groups who have opted in to receive the publication.
- I-Patch is sent by email on or about the 15<sup>th</sup> day of each month. The deadline for the receipt of advertising is on or about the 10<sup>th</sup> of each month. However, there is flexibility in this deadline due to the nature of the digital publication which can accommodate late changes/additions.
- Commercial advertisers requiring space or wishing to place articles in I-Patch, are to consider the required space as advertising, which will require the appropriate fee to be paid (see below for rates).
- Non-Members and individual members of affiliated groups requiring space or wishing to place articles in I-Patch, are to consider the required space as advertising, which will require the appropriate fee to be paid (see below for rates). However, the number of advertisements is capped at four (4) per person in any one year (February to December).
- Invoices will be emailed to advertisers with payment due prior to publication. A proof of the advertisement will be sent to the advertiser prior to publication and a complimentary copy of the newsletter will be sent following publication.
- Advertisements submitted for I-Patch must be related to quilting/sewing.

## Required advertising material format:

- Ideally display advertisements are supplied in a Microsoft Word document with the text set out as required. Images can be imbedded in the document to show layout requirements, but a separate jpeg of any image or logo must be emailed as an attachment to [ipatch.saquilters@gmail.com.au](mailto:ipatch.saquilters@gmail.com.au).
- Advertising submissions may be refused or edited at the Communication Team's discretion.

## Costs

| Page         | Size                  | Cost per issue (includes GST) |
|--------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------|
| Eighth page  | 87mm (w) x 60mm (h)   | \$ 25                         |
| Quarter page | 87mm (w) x 124mm (h)  | \$ 50                         |
| Half page    | 180mm (w) x 124mm (h) | \$ 75                         |
| Full page    | 180mm (w) x 254mm (h) | \$100                         |

## SA Quilters members and Affiliated Groups

- Advertising for SA Quilters financial members and financial affiliated groups is free. However, the number of advertisements is capped at four (4) per person or group in any one year (February to December).
- SA Quilters I-Patch team retains the right to edit or re-shape advertisements to fit the allocated space in the publication.
- SA Quilters (Quilters' Guild of South Australia Inc.) disclaims all responsibility for the contents of advertisements.
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