

I-Patch

Storm At Sea quilt made by Laurie Hann and displayed at the 2026 Geltwood Fabric Forum held in Millicent earlier this month. The pattern is Lessa Siegele's Ring Cycles. See inside for more photos from this fabulous event.



IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- * Please note the July meeting will be a normal meeting held on 2 July with guest speaker Alison Watts. A week later on 9 July **Festival of Quilts** will be opening at **Adelaide Showgrounds** along with the presentation launch of SAQA.
- * If you wish to have a quilt **appraised** before entering it in **Festival of Quilts** in July then there is only one appraisal day left in June. Please contact Heather Ford appraisals.saquilters@gmail.com for information and an application form.



Greetings Everyone!

I would like to introduce myself as Ally Baum, the new President of SA Quilters. Thank you to my predecessor, Rosanne Fuller, for her leadership over the past year as President of SA Quilters. She has done an excellent job, and I will definitely take her up on the offer of support when I'm feeling out of my depth. I would also like to thank the other retiring Leadership Team members:

Heather Ford, Kathleen Rossini, Peggy Argent, Gaylene Morgan and Denise Johnston. Your hard work and commitment to the Leadership Team is gratefully appreciated. Although you are stepping down from the Leadership Team, I look forward to seeing you all continuing to play an active role in SA Quilters.

I would like to welcome back the re-nominated Leadership Team members, and I appreciate your continued support: Michael Barton, Ann Ewer, Jan Goulter, Shez Hobbs, Wendy Hunt, Margaret Hurrell, Rosslyn Wyatt and Bev McBride

I also welcome the new members who have stepped up to a new challenge: Therese May (Second Vice President), Di Bessell (Membership Secretary), Sarah Addis, Shae Wiggins, Teresa Farrell and Tina Robson.

I look forward to the year ahead, and hope we continue to be an exciting and fun guild.

Unfortunately, the AGM was held at the time I am taking my long-awaited rescheduled Covid holiday. At the end of the May, I will be back refreshed and looking forward to this exciting and new chapter in this hobby which I love, quilting.

Warm regards,

Ally

Ally Baum - President, SA Quilters

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MAY PRESIDENT'S CHALLENGE



I-Patch is the monthly Newsletter of SA Quilters

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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 News and Information

June Meeting Details

SA QUILTERS - MONTHLY MEETING

Thursday, 4th June

Doors open at 7.15pm for an 8.00pm start

Welcome address: President, Ally Baum

Special Event: **Cyber Awareness—SA Police**

Shop: Kadina Craft and Sewing Centre – web site [here](#)

Fat Quarter Raffle: Pink and/or Blue and Hand Made Shoes

Show and Tell: Hand made shoes

Library: Open for borrowing and returns

Kitchen open for tea and coffee before the meeting



Modern Mix SA
2026 Calendar

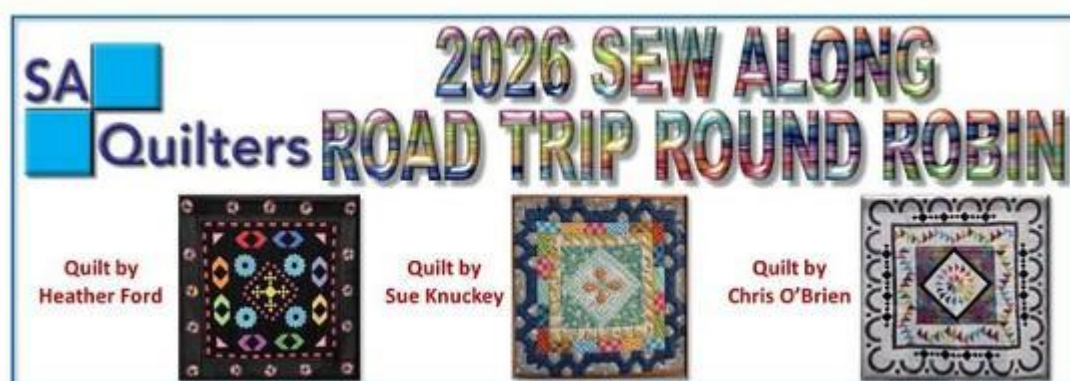


11 th January	Sit'n'Sew - Welcome back. Work on your own projects
8 th February	Sit'n'Sew – Work on your own projects and the Summer Challenge is due
8 th March	Long Day of Sewing 9am to 9pm. We're going to do the hugely popular Round Robin but there'll be a Twist
12 th April	Sit'n'Sew - Work on your own projects
10 th May	Sit'n'Sew - Work on your own projects
14 th June	Improv Letters and Numbers Workshop with Annette Byron
5 th July (1 st Sunday)	Modernising a traditional block
9 th August	Sit'n'Sew - Explore some videos on Transparency
13 th September	Transparency Day – Try your hand at transparency
11 th October	Long Day of Sewing – Tutor to be advised
8 th November	Sit'n'Sew – Summer Challenge will be revealed

Members' Meetings Suggestions

Our hardworking Meetings Team is already planning next year's Member Meeting program and would love your ideas for speakers. Please drop in your thoughts via email to Wendy Hunt, our Meetings Team Leader at jezmeg@bigpond.com. Think creatively! Interstate presenters, textile artists, or anyone whose work might inspire our creativity—all suggestions are welcome. Some presenters might even be prepared to do workshops for SA Quilters, affiliated groups, or local shops if they come for a meeting.

SA Quilters News and Information



At the May SAQ meeting, Heather Ford launched 2026 Sew Along – **Road Trip Round Robin**. Sample quilts were displayed on stage, made by Chris O'Brien, Sue Knuckey, Peggy Argent and Heather Ford.

Guidelines will be posted monthly on the website and in the SAQ sew along Facebook page [HERE](#).

Heather encouraged members to be creative and have fun. The four sample quilts demonstrated the diversity of interpretation of each month's clue.

MONTH ONE – MAY 2026 – ROUND ONE

Choose a centre block of your choice, no larger than 12" square or rectangular. It may make it easier if measurements are divisible by 2". This could be pieced or applique, modern or traditional. It may be a good opportunity to use an orphan block.

Remember that your choice of centre block, the colours and fabrics you choose, will determine the look the rest of your quilt will need to follow, for it to be a cohesive project.



ROYAL ADELAIDE SHOW 2026 Quilt Challenge



Theme: **HEXAGONS**

- Any method of piecing can be used including epp, applique.
- This quilt can be hand or machine pieced, hand or machine quilted.
- Must be at least 1 metre in size can be square or rectangle.
- Only one entry per class allowed.

In addition, the quilt must still meet the entry condition for the section.

KEY DATES

CLOSING DATE OF ENTRIES: Friday 19 June, 5pm



Festival of Quilts News and Information



2026 Festival of Quilts

10–12 July | Adelaide Showgrounds
in association with CraftAlive

Awards Presentation and Launch

of “Plus One” Exhibition

by Studio Art Quilt Associates (SAQA)

Jubilee Pavilion, Adelaide Showgrounds

Thursday 9th July, 6:30pm for 7:00pm



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Entries Close 29th May

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Note:

There will be no access to the Festival of Quilts Exhibition at this event.

The July SAQ meeting is still being held on the usual Thursday, ie 2nd July, at Burnside.



2026 Festival of Quilts

10–12 July | Adelaide Showgrounds
in association with CraftAlive

A Special Quilt to Come and See: **“Eringa Recreated”**

History:

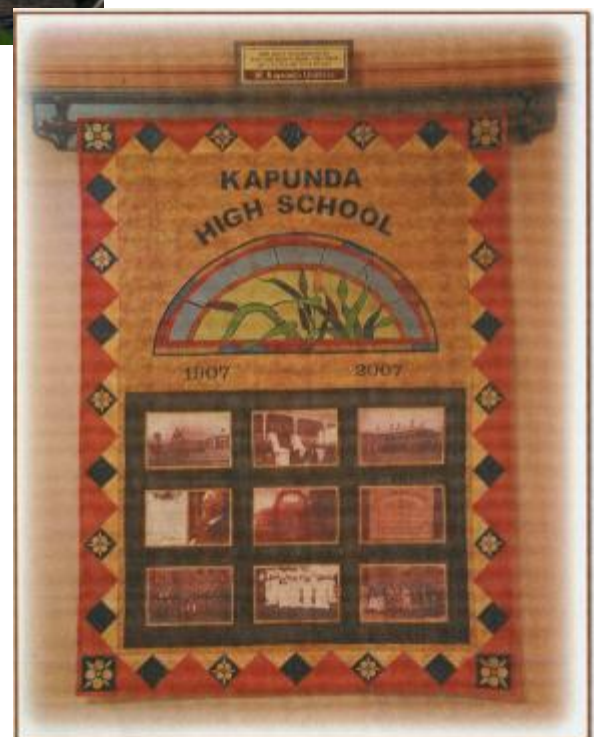
The Original Centenary Quilt was presented by Kapunda Quilters to the Kapunda High School in October 2007 as part of their celebration of 100 years of secondary schooling in Kapunda. The quilt proudly hung in the main Eringa meeting room, The Kidman Room. (Eringa is the historic building that houses the school administration that was gifted to public education, along with surrounding land, at Kapunda, by Sir Sidney Kidman and his wife, in 1921). The quilt was mainly funded by the Kapunda Quilters and, in addition, by a Quilters Guild of SA Country Group Grant in 2007.



Tragically in March 2022 a fire destroyed the historic building and a teaching block alongside. Student work, teaching resources and memorabilia were also destroyed in this heritage listed building. Amongst this loss was the centenary quilt pictured below.

Current:

4 years on, the original building has been rebuilt with its official opening pending. Kapunda Quilters has designed and constructed a replacement quilt ‘Eringa Recreated’, based on the original Quilt. It is a Kapunda Quilters club project under the leadership of Ms Trish Evans. It has been funded by their club and a grant from a Quilters Guild of SA Country Group Grant (2024) and a grant from the Friends of Kapunda Bookshop. The quilt measures 77” long, 58” wide. It will be donated soon to Kapunda High as part of the opening celebrations.





2026 Festival of Quilts

10–12 July | Adelaide Showgrounds
in association with CraftAlive

During **May** the quilt can be viewed and tickets purchased

at

Hobbysew.

360 North East Road

Klemzig

During **June** the quilt can be viewed and tickets purchased

at

Cynthia's Ark

7 Wasleys Road

Mallala



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.



**We need your help: Please obtain
raffle books and sell tickets!**

**Could you take a book and sell
some tickets at your sewing
group?**

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

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

Annual Raffle

1st Prize

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2nd Prize

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Community Project

**A Tactile Quilt / Fiddle Mat,
measuring 20" x 20" (50cm x 50cm)**

To be displayed at the 2026 Festival of Quilts

Visitors will be permitted to touch these quilts

To be donated to the **SA School and Services for Vision Impaired, (SASSVI)** and other facilities that use fiddle mats, including aged care and nursing homes.

Note:

The recipients may have very limited vision and can be young children through to adults, so the mats need bright colours, simple activities, and lots of texture. Any mats that are excess to the school's needs will be given to nursing homes or other facilities in need.

Full details on the SAQ web site.



Note: The July SAQ meeting is the last chance to bring your quilt in for collection to display at the Festival.



2026 Festival of Quilts

10–12 July | Adelaide Showgrounds
in association with CraftAlive

Be as creative as you like, but
your quilt must have three layers
and address the theme of En-
chanted Forest.

2026 Challenge Category *(eligible for judging)*

Any technique

Must have 3 layers and be quilted

No side to exceed 150 cm

Must address the theme: Enchanted Forest



2026 Festival of Quilts

10–12 July | Adelaide Showgrounds
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Opening Premiere of

“Plus ONE”

Studio Art Quilt Associates (SAQA)

Oceania-Sturt Pea Pod Exhibition

At the Awards Presentation Night

6:30pm Thursday 9th July 2026

in the Jubilee Pavilion, Adelaide Showgrounds

The SAQA-Oceania-Sturt Pea Pod is a group of South Australian-connected textile artists that formed in 2024 and are united by their love of creating wall-hung art quilts and developing a professional practise. All 21 artists are also members of the international Studio Art Quilt Associates (SAQA) organisation. This group encompasses students, emerging and professional art quilters, with many having extensive international and national recognition.

Participating Artists:

Julia Arden, Christine Beardsley, Julie Blake, Gina Burgess, Bronwyn Cant, Raelene Draheim, Stephanie Eland, Suzanne Gummow, Julie Haddrick, Marett Hancox, Ann Head, Ros McDougall, Sue Morley, Nola Pearce, Julie-Anne Rogers, Lisa Scarfe, Wendy Stanton, Linda Steele, Catherine Summers, Mary Williams and Zara Zannettino.





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SA Quilters Meeting Notes

Thursday
7 May 2026

Recently retired President, Rosanne Fuller, filling in for newly elected President Ally Baum, welcomed 103 members and one visitor to the SA Quilters May 2026 meeting. There was no guest speaker this month as it was the AGM.

Gwen Butler and Kathleen Rossini were presented with 10 Year Service Awards.

Scholarships were awarded to Therese May and Heather Ford. Sarah Addis was awarded the Lessa Siegele Scholarship to QE 2026. Clare Quilters, Northern Yorke Peninsula Quilters and the Inman Quilters were successful Grant applicants.

Kerri Duckworth was the recipient of the lucky door prize.

Our sincere thanks to Helen Campbell from The Quilting Room, which was May's feature shop at the SA Quilters meeting. The Quilting Room has developed into a thriving business with a focus on Sue Spargo embroidery and block of the month quilt patterns and kits. Find out more about The Quilting Room [here](#).

Helen promoted her regular retreats which can be booked on her website (except the Murray River Queen).

Helen was assisted by Leanne (Lucky) and Dawn from Kitty Rose Cottage.



Immediate past President, Chris O'Brien thanked retiring President Rosanne, presenting her with a bouquet of flowers.



Kathy and Gwen were presented with their 10 year Service Awards.



Helen Campbell

TEAM REPORTS:

- * Therese May, Team Leader of **Saturday Stars**, announced that on Saturday 23 May the hours will be 9am to 9pm.
- * Jill Iveson announced entries for **Festival of Quilts** will close on 29 May. The photo of the quilt does not have to be the finished product; just enough to show the main pattern and colours in order to identify it. Julie Lynch won the early bird prize. Jill also encouraged members to contribute to the Community Project by creating a small tactile mat.
- * Bev McBride launched the tutors for **Quilt Encounter – Live in Retreat** running from 13 to 18 September. Members who asked for a program should receive it in the post in the next week or so. The Trunk Show will be held on 18 September and presided by Sharon Nicholls Thomson.
- * Carolyn Daniels, **Care Quilts Team** welcomes finished lap size quilts, especially for men. Carolyn stated the quilts that have been provided really make a difference to the staff, room atmosphere and of course the clients.
- * There are vacancies in the following workshops: Jacky Eyre's Sashiko and Boro and Jill Radcliffe's Modern Improv Circles

Pam Holland

Pam recently returned from Uzbekistan and showed some beautiful handiwork pieces that she brought back. Some of these were made on silk. A jacket using the Suzani technique was made by hand, using a small crochet hook. The last piece shown on the night was beautifully embroidered by hand by a young man.



SA Quilters Meeting Notes

Thursday
7 May 2026

PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL CHALLENGE TO THE LEADERSHIP TEAM AND TEAM LEADERS

Each year the SAQ President announces a challenge to Leadership Team members and other Team Leaders, to be presented at the AGM and displayed at Festival of Quilts.

Rosanne's 2025/26 challenge theme was TEXTURE. Not all quilts were finished by the AGM, but those that were were shown on stage. The faced quilts measure 13"x 21".



As expected, the diversity of interpretation was very much on display.

Show and Tell

Show and Tell was once again interesting and versatile.

Diane – Birds of a Feather, Sue Spargo – not completed

Peg – Chirp, Sue Spargo, BOM

Wendy – bag made using Tilda fabric circles applied onto a background

Julie-ann – quilt jacket

Sonia – We are Family quilt

Sue Zilm – Straight around the bend quilt

Rosanne – free motion project completed after attending one of Chris O'Brien's workshops

Rosanne



Wendy



Diane



Peggy



Julie-ann



Sonia won the President's Encouragement Award for the story behind this quilt.

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Quilter of the Month: Heather Hopkins

My name is Heather Hopkins, and I have been involved in the sewing industry for almost my entire life. Sewing has always been a part of who I am, and over the years it naturally led me into the world of quilting.

I pieced my very first quilt in my early twenties, but it wasn't long before I discovered my true love — the quilting itself. I was instantly drawn to the feel, movement, and freedom that came with free-motion quilting. From that moment on, I was hooked. Over the years, I have spent countless hours experimenting with different threads, techniques, and machines, constantly learning and evolving my quilting style. I quilt for others on my longarm machine, and I also love the hands-on feel of free-motion quilting on a sit-down machine.

People often ask me what style of quilting I do, but I honestly don't know what to call it. What I do know is that I simply can't help myself — I want to stitch every last bit of the quilt top! For me, quilting is about texture, movement, and bringing the quilt to life through stitching.

Of course, no quilting journey happens entirely on your own, and I have to mention my husband and our two teenage children, who have all become wonderfully patient and supportive of my ever-growing collection of machines, threads, rolls of batting, fabrics and quilting “stuff” that has gradually taken over the house!

One of the greatest joys quilting has given me is the opportunity to teach and share my passion with others. I especially love encouraging and inspiring new quilters, helping them build confidence and discover their own creative style. There is nothing more rewarding than seeing someone realise what they are capable of creating.

Quilting has been an incredible journey of creativity, learning, and connection, and I look forward to continuing to share that journey with others for many years to come.



You can watch Cindy and Jane interview Heather on our YouTube channel [HERE](#).

Golden Harvest Quilters Report

Golden Harvest Quilters have continued their "Quilt for Others" program this year. This has been made possible with the aid of a Community Grant from the Yorke Peninsula Council. This grant was used to purchase wadding and backings to complete quilts that have been distributed. A total of 75 quilts have been completed.

40 of these have been delivered to nursing homes and hospitals. 7 to local groups for fund raising activities. 30 quilts to SA Quilters community quilts including 10 Isolette covers and 20 quilts for Flinders Kids. Isolette covers are used to brighten Neonatal ICU and are taken home with the babies. Flinders Kids are donated to the children's ward at Flinders Medical Centre. Palliative care and Yorketown, Port Pirie will also be supported.

Golden Harvest Quilters meet at the Uniting Church Hall Minlaton from 10.00 am on the 2nd & 4th Wednesdays of the month. General meetings are held on the 2nd Wednesday, then they work on "quilt for others" on the 4th Wednesday. New members are very welcome.



SAVE THE DATE

Saturday
October 24th
2026

INMAN QUILTERS

RURAL ROUND UP

@

Victor Harbor
Lutheran Church
21A Adelaide Road, McCracken

HIGHLIGHTS

- Lunch, Morning & Afternoon Tea Provided
- **REGISTRATIONS OPEN**
JUNE 1ST 2026
- Guest Speakers
- 5 Pop Up Shops
- Quilting Challenge (Optional)
- Door Prize Raffle

Rural Round Up

Can You Help?

SA Quilters frequently get requests from the public to create quilts, mend quilts, re-home quilts, finish quilts and general questions about quilt related issues. Recently we received the following requests— if you can help please contact the phone number listed.



Good morning, I am trying to find someone that can help finish off my mother's quilt for me, as she has recently passed away. My Mum made lots of beautiful quilts and she was just finishing one off but hadn't quite finished it.

I was wondering if you could put me in touch with someone who could finish the quilt for me as I would like to keep it for memories sake. It's not a complicated quilt Mum was just using up all her scrap materials, and it just needs to have a border put around it and then quilted.

Unfortunately, I am not as clever as my Mum was and cannot sew! Any information would be greatly appreciated

Kind Regards
Sylvanna Williams
0488927360

I have two quilts that I've been working on for a few years now.

The first one is a sample quilt that was started over 20 years ago when I first learnt to quilt, this has been pieced by hand.

The second is a Glorious Nine Patch that I started during Covid-19 and this is also pieced by hand.

Would there be any of your members who would like to continue & finish these projects as I'm ready to admit that I won't finish them. I'm happy to post these projects, fabric, cotton & patterns if someone was interested.

I don't need them returned, just knowing they'll be cared for & finished is enough for me.

Warmest regards
Chris Bennett
Alice Springs
0438 952 312



SA Quilters Workshop Reports

Free Motion Quilting with Chris O'Brien

17 students attended this incredibly creative workshop and throughout the day Chris provided constant individual support ensuring everyone received guidance tailored to their project.

She offered 3 levels of Free Motion Quilting to the students – each chose the level that suited their skill level most.

Level one – beginning your free motion quilting adventure

Level two – looking for a bit more of an adventure

Level three – looking for a challenging adventure

Chris demonstrated different techniques and tips throughout the day that were very informative. She provided a sketchbook to everyone along with lots of handouts during the day for the students, each suited to the level of free motion quilting they had chosen.

By the end of the workshop, every participant had increased their confidence in the techniques of free motion quilting. Even the experienced quilters went home with some newly learnt techniques.

Such was the enthusiasm in the room that participants barely paused for refreshment breaks and stayed stitching at their machines until it was time to pack up.

The term 'you could hear a pin drop' certainly applied in this workshop as everyone was eager to get on with their projects.

Our workshop angels kept everyone refreshed with tea, coffee and a delicious morning/afternoon tea.

A big thank you to Chris O'Brien for her expert teaching, and to all who attended for making it such a warm and rewarding day of learning.

Any day spent quilting is enjoyable – but a day spent quilting with friends is priceless.

Slow Stitching with Sue Knuckey

On Saturday the 18th April 2026, twelve enthusiastic attendees enjoyed the chance to relax, create and connect during the wonderful Sue Knuckey Slow Stitching workshop. This was my 2nd workshop where Sue was the tutor and she never fails to inspire, motivate and encourage you to create something you didn't know was possible (well for me anyway:))

Using doilies, hexagons, buttons, cross stitch, lace, ric rac braid, suffolk puffs, threads and a variety of other embellishments everyone explored their own unique designs at a gentle pace.

It was inspiring to see so much imagination and the joy that comes from simply slowing down and stitching together.

If you have ever thought about attending an SA Quilters workshop do yourself a favour and don't hesitate to book into the next workshop that inspires you. You will not be disappointed and once again thank you to the wonderful workshop angels who pander to our every need.



Bronwyn Cant - Workshop Report

Saturday, 9th May saw nineteen quilters gather at Vermont for a Bronwyn Cant “Who Says you Cant” workshop. Some were excited and a few wondering what they had let themselves in for!

Bronwyn spoke about her methods, her thinking, the fabrics and other materials she gathers to use in her pieces and everyone started to relax and go with the flow. The Op Shop is her friend. Nothing is off the table, nothing is wrong and if you don't like it, decide it doesn't work, cover it up, go off on another tangent. A truly liberating experience. As the day evolved everyone had an idea of where they were going and things were starting to take shape.

Bronwyn was an absolute trooper having had a hip replacement twelve days prior to the workshop. She was determined to teach and with the blessing of her surgeon, she went the distance. We sincerely thank her for her dedication.



Some of the participants in the workshop with their “liberating” achievements.



Upcoming Workshop

SA Have fun with Sashiko and Boro! with Jacky Eyre

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

WHEN: Saturday, 8th August 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: JE26



Jacky Eyre

Do you have a favourite garment which just needs a spruce up, or has a tear or mark which needs covering?

Something from the op shop you want to revamp, for yourself or the kids.

Join Jacky and learn to stitch Sashiko and or boro to do just this.

Bring some fabrics for decoration and some threads plus a garment or three.

Specialist threads or embroidery threads, they will all work.



Now, this looks like it will be fun!!

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, 10th 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

SA QUILTERS WORKSHOP CODE: COB26-3



Chris O'Brien

Due to popular demand, this workshop is offered for a second time in 2026.

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.



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 MODERN IMPROV CIRCLES with Jill Radcliffe

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

WHEN: Saturday, 7 November 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

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Jill Radcliffe



DO YOU LOVE IMPROV QUILTING? HAVE YOU TRIED CURVED PIECING?

Why not combine both techniques. Join Jill in this fabulous workshop and she will inspire you and take you into the exciting world of modern Improv Quilting.

Challenge yourself to learn creative new ideas and techniques. It's easier than you think.

This workshop will be popular, so be quick to reserve your place!

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Geltwood Fabric Forum Report

Earlier this month President Rosanne Fuller, Ann Ewer and Chris O'Brien were invited to be guest speakers at the annual Geltwood Fabric Forum in Millicent, along with Irene Blanck and other local speakers. The organizing committee (Julie Wesolowski, Marg Hamilton and Susanne Casimaty) and their support team do an amazing job setting up displays, helping attending shops (Habit Patch/Millicent, Creatively Sewn/Mt Gambier and Quilts by the Lake/Mt Gambier) and answering a gazillion questions from attendees and helpers. Karen Duncan from Habit Patch MC'd the forum, a task she and husband Scott have done so capably for the past several years. Irene was in attendance having taught a workshop over the previous weekend in Millicent.

Local clothing shop Sassy presented a fashion parade, attending quilters provided lots of eye candy with several Show and Tell sessions and after lunch Millicent High School students modelled some historic bridal gowns.

On behalf of everyone who attended, a huge thank you to the committee, helpers, shops and guest speakers for your support.



The following photos are of displays at the Forum. No maker information was available, but enjoy the eye candy!



Two of the three shops
in attendance



Geltwood Fabric Forum Report



Some of the displays in the foyer and main hall



Port Elliot Patchworkers' News

Heather Hopkins Workshop

PEP members thoroughly enjoyed Heather's workshop on Saturday 21 March. Fourteen very enthusiastic members learnt how to make Heather's Wild Bloom zipper bag. We managed to free motion quilt the background using two different designs and add a fabric raw edge flower feature. There was much laughter and possibly a swear word or two used while many of us initially struggled with the concept of free motion quilting. Thank you Heather for a fun day and such an achievable project.



Biggest Morning Tea

Port Elliot Patchworkers (PEP) held their Biggest Morning Tea on 28 April 2026. The venue was decorated with bright quilts, wall hangings and a cushion cover made by members. LoveLee Fabrics from Mt Barker was our shop this year. Leonie brought many beautiful fabric ranges including Kaffe Fassett and the latest range from Tula Pink which was instantly "devoured" by attendees. Our normal prolific and yummy homemade sweets and savoury treats were enjoyed with many taking home food parcels!

An outstanding crowd of 90 plus tapped along to the musical entertainment provided by Garry Searle.

PEP organised a selection of raffles which included two quilts and numerous mystery bag prizes.

Door takings and raffle ticket sales allowed PEP to donate \$1,250 to the Fleurieu Cancer Support Foundation which is based in Victor Harbor.

PEP would like to say thank you to all who attended our BMT which is one of a number of events we regularly hold to raise funds for our local charities.

Rose-Marie Vasiljuk
Secretary



Garry Searle entertaining 90 plus attendees



Cancer Foundation President receiving donation
from Lindsay Robertson, PEP President

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GIVE



This Resign insert came from Marketplace. The lady who had originally purchased it found that it didn't fit her machine so she gave it to me. Unfortunately it also doesn't fit my bench or machine. She advised it was for a Brother machine but the model type is not known. Contact Diane on **0416121537**

The Pink Quilters' Retreat Mannum - July 2026

Friday 24 July, 10am - Monday 27 July, 10am

I'd love to invite you to join us for *The Pink Retreat* in Mannum — a relaxed, creative weekend of quilting, company, and plenty of laughs. We'll be based at the Mannum Senior Citizens' Rooms, with guests arranging their own accommodation for the weekend.

Cost: Approx. \$50 per person (covers room hire and insurance) plus your own accommodation, final pricing will be confirmed shortly.

Have we tempted you — are you coming along?

For more information, please contact Susan
 Zilm via Messenger or at
sukedan2010@hotmail.com

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The Heritage Fleurieu Coast Festival is a biennial Festival conducted as part of the statewide SA History Festival. Initiated by the Yankalilla and District Historical Society in 2018, this Festival showcases the rich and diverse indigenous, natural, built and community heritage of the Western Fleurieu.

*Our wonderful **Michele Hill** lives in this district and recently posted the following message:*

We invite you to visit @lot50yankalilla5203 to see what some of us have been up to!

I have some thread sketches on display of local historic buildings along with magpies, fish and insects! There is also local ceramics along with delicious home baked cakes and coffee. Open from 9-2pm every Friday and Saturday for the rest of May.

64 Main Street, Yankalilla
(@lot50yankalilla5203)



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- Instruction Book
- Stitch Information Card
- A walking foot
- Second bobbin case to allow for out of the ordinary threads

Please contact Heather Ridley: 0450 537 852





MEDIA RELEASE

GOVERNMENT HOUSE OPEN DAY SUNDAY 24 MAY 2026

Government House will hold an Open Day on 24 May, in conjunction with the 2026 History Festival. From 10am-2pm visitors can see inside the public rooms of Government House, learn of its history and contemporary workings, and ask questions of knowledgeable guides.

People can take a garden tour or explore the grounds on their own, taking in the beehives, which produce honey used in the Government House kitchen; the Governor's Rose Garden, which features a stand of roses celebrating each Governor in our state's history; and the sweeping lawns, vegetable garden and ceremonial plantings, which include a descendent of the Lone Pine at Gallipoli.

People can also enjoy tours of the house and garden, live music from the Playford City Bands and other family-friendly activities. Food and beverages can be purchased from the Novita Grounds for Growth coffee van and the Eden Hills Scout Group BBQ.

Visitors to the Government House Open Day will also be able to view a fascinating object representing our State's connections with pioneering naval explorer Captain Mathew Flinders, who is famed for the first recorded circumnavigation of Australia between 1801 and 1803 and bringing the name "Australia" into common usage.

In 2019 archaeologists in London excavated a former burial ground to prepare for a railway expansion. While it was known that Matthew Flinders was among the 30,000 burials on the site, the location of his grave was unknown and excavators were not in fact looking for it.

It was only through the state of preservation of the name plate on his coffin plate that his remains were identified. They were subsequently reinterred in his hometown of Donington in Lincolnshire, in a ceremony at which South Australia was represented by Her Excellency the Governor.

Flinders family bequeathed the lead coffin plate to the state of South Australia. It returned home with Her Excellency and is currently on display in the Government House Ballroom.

Flinders is remembered through many place names in South Australia connections, including Flinders University and the Flinders Ranges. Also on display at Government House are 500 million years old fossils from the Flinders Ranges, including *Spriggina*,

SA Quilters Calendar

MAY						
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
				1	2 Sewing in Public Spaces FOQ Team Meeting	3
4 Geltwood Fabric Forum	5	6 Unplugged Stitchers QE Team Meeting	7 SA Quilters Meetings	8 Judging Team Meeting	9 Workshop - Short Story Quilt	10 Modern Mix
11 Northern Sit & Sew	12	13 Sew It's Wednesday	14	15	16 Sewing in Public Spaces	17
18	19	20	21 Meetings Team Meeting	22	23 Saturday Starz	24
25 Northern Sit & Sew	26	27 Sew It's Wednesday	28 Leadership Team Meeting	29 Appraisal & Judging Team Retreat	30 Sewing in Public Spaces Appraisal & Judging Team Retreat FOQ Team Meeting	31 Appraisal & Judging Team Retreat

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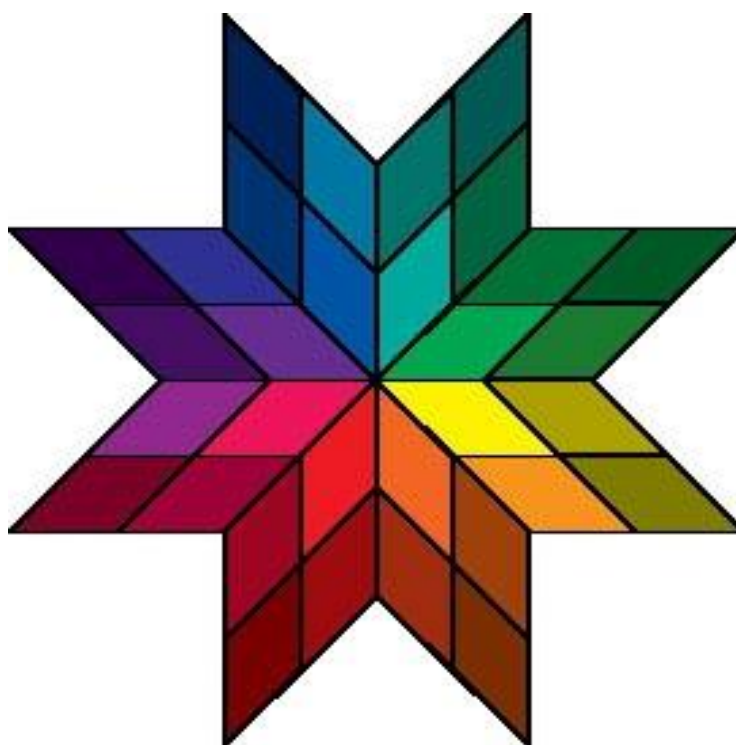
JUNE						
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
1 Appraisal & Judging Team Retreat	2	3 Unplugged Stitchers QE Team Meeting	4 SA Quilters Meetings	5 Appraisal Team Meeting	6	7
8 King's Birthday Northern Sit & Sew	9	10 Sew It's Wednesday	11	12	13 Sewing in Public Spaces	14 Modern Mix
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JULY						
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
		1 Unplugged Stitchers QE Team Meeting	2 SA Quilters Meetings	3 Judging Team Meeting	4 Workshop - Slow Stitch Brooches	5 Modern Mix
6	7 Festival of Quilts Entries	8 Festival of Quilts Judging	9 Festival of Quilts Awards Night	10 Festival of Quilts	11 Festival of Quilts Sewing in Public Spaces	12 Festival of Quilts
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