



QUILTERS' GUILD OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA INC.

2025 ANNUAL REPORTS
to be tabled at the

2026 **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

To be held Thursday 7th May 2026 at 8pm
at the
Burnside Community Centre
Portrush Road, Tusmore SA 5066

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SA Quilters– Leadership Team 2025/2026

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Flinders Kids Project	Chris O'Brien
Quilts of Love	After Dark Quilters
Supper Roster	Jan Huckel and Ruth Richards
Website/Social Media	Kathleen Rossini
Frame Hire Bookings	Angela Yeates
Modern Mix Quilters	Jill Radcliffe
Sew it's Wednesday	Cindy Massey
Unplugged Stitchers	Jackie Harris
Saturday Starz	Therese May

Team Leaders

Appraisal Team	Heather Ford
Dare to Differ	Sue Knuckey
Festival of Quilts	Ann Ewer
Judging Team	Jill Christian
Quilt Encounter	Bev McBride

President's Report

President's Report 2025

It is with much pleasure that I present the 2025 President's Annual Report for the Quilters' Guild of SA, also known as SA Quilters (SAQ). Thank you one and all for continuing the work of the Quilters' Guild of South Australia Incorporated, in promoting the key aims of the Guild:

- Promoting patchwork and quilting
- Providing a forum for South Australian quilters
- Encouraging the formation and maintenance of quilters' groups
- Holding, organising and take part in exhibitions and workshops
- Providing information, knowledge and skills with regard to quilt making

Membership in 2025 remained stable with 562 individual members but the number of affiliated groups dipped slightly to 86.

Attendance at monthly SAQ meetings was strong throughout 2025, with average attendances of about 120 members at each meeting. Thank you to the Meetings Team, made up of Wendy Hunt (Team Leader), Rosanne Fuller, Jill Christian, Heather Ford, Ros Wyatt, Peggy Argent, Margaret Hurrell, Denise Johnston, Gaylene Morgan, Diane Lewitzke and Shez Hobbs who met each month to formulate plans to ensure our monthly meetings ran smoothly. Also thank you Jan Huckel and Ruth Richards, the Kitchen Angels making members a cuppa, Nola Pearce the official greeter and the new team, the Loose Threaders who welcomed new members or visitors to their first meeting then checked in on them at their second meeting. This team is Therese May (Team Leader), Sue Zilm, Emilie Knight, Di Bessell, Jill Radcliffe, Ally Baum, Jennie Martin, Jo Reardon, Kay Hammil, Angela Yeates, Lisa Scarfe, Faye Packham, Christine Reich and Kay McInerney. Thanks also to Librarian, Michael Barton and Assistant Librarians, Jackie Harris and Christine Baker who have kept the library ticking over for members to access books at our monthly meetings, and Gwen Butler for assisting with the monthly SAQ raffles.

Thanks to Ros Wyatt the Workshops convenor and team members Peggy Argent, Heather Ford, Jill Christian, Cindy Massey, Wendy Hunt and Chris O'Brien who oversaw a busy and successful workshop programme for the year. Workshops were well attended and were presented by Lessa Siegele, Faye Packham, Heather Ford, Jill Christian, Sue Knuckey, Jill Radcliffe, Cindy Massey, Jacky Eyre, Claire Smith, Elizabeth Chadwick, Wendy Williams, Chris O'Brien, Heather Hopkins and Suzanne Gummow. Thank you to members who supported these workshops and the tutors for their inspiring teaching.

The Communications Team of Kathleen Rossini (Team Leader), Cindy Massey, Chris O'Brien, Jane Polden, Ally Baum, Rosanne Fuller and Tina Robson have worked tirelessly to keep our members informed and entertained. Thank you to this team for the dedication and many, many hours of work across all our digital platforms. I-Patch continued its significant role in facilitating SAQ communication with our members and now reaches the inbox of over 900 recipients. Members are kept up to date with news from SA Quilters, groups, shops and the wider quilting community. Our thanks go to those affiliated groups who contributed to a greater understanding of what happened across quilting communities throughout the State with their activity reports. The SAQ Facebook Page is certainly an effective method of notifying our individual and affiliate members of SAQ news and information together with items of interest from the wider quilting world, including SAQ member shops and groups. Reactions have been recorded from across the globe.

A new Facebook Group was created for Affiliated groups and those who attended Country Forum. The Groups News informs of opportunities and support available, Affiliate Group activities and SAQ events that might be of interest to groups. The SA Quilters YouTube Channel holds an amazing array of videos, including sewing room visits, interviews and tutorials. Cindy and Jane have developed a high profile not only locally but nationally with their sewing room visits. This year they visited a few country sewers. The SA Quilters Website has continued to be an important means of information communication with our members and interested others. Thank you to Kathleen Rossini for her hours of work in keeping our website dynamic, as well as

her continued maintenance of the site, which is a mine of information.

Thank you to our archivist Candy Walker who oversees the 40 years of accumulated SAQ history. Candy continues to develop the digital archive and can provide a myriad of details to anyone who needs it.

The SAQ Finance Team, led by Ann Ewer, has again closely monitored the budget. I would like to acknowledge the outstanding commitment and contribution of Keith Holland, our Honorary Treasurer and Jan Goulter the Assistant Treasurer in ensuring SA Quilter's financial well-being and for their guidance of the rest of this team, Marg Hurrell, Bev McBride, Heather Ford, Ally Baum and Rosanne Fuller.

Insurance continues to be a big expense for SAQ and I thank Margaret Hurrell for continuing to liaise with the insurance broker, our groups and individual members with regard to insurance matters.

The Governor, Her Excellency the Honorable Frances Adamson AC and her husband Mr Rod Buntzen are our joint Patrons. Both attended the Festival of Quilts venue the day before it opened in order to review the exhibited quilts and select the Patron's Award. Her Excellency was the special guest presenter at the Festival of Quilts Awards Presentation the following evening. In November Ally Baum, Therese May, Shez Hobbs and Joyce Chapman represented SA Quilters at an official garden party in the grounds of Government House where they were able to meet and chat with the Governor.

Quilt Australia (formerly Australian Council of Quilters), a group made up of representatives of all the State and Territory Guilds, met via Zoom on two occasions. SAQ was represented by Heather Ford, Gaylene Morgan, Ally Baum, Rosanne Fuller and Jill Christain. Many topics were discussed and this continues to be a valuable method of sharing information among States and Territories.

Scholarships, Country Grants and City Grants were announced at the Annual General Meeting in May. Congratulations to Lara and the following groups.

- Scholarship: Lara Motta to attend the European Patchwork Meeting in France, September 2025.

- Country Grants: Burra Quilters (bus tour), Cleve Country Quilters (workshop), Cummins Stitchers (workshop), Mt Remarkable Quilters (retreat), Naracoorte Mill Quilters (workshop), Pt Lincoln Textile, Quilting & Fibre Group (workshop), Threads Quilt Group (materials for charity quilts), Woodpatch Quilters (exhibition).
- City Groups: After Dark Quilters (bus trip), Coromandel Quilters (exhibition).
- Wadding: Vintage Quilters, Aldinga Quilters, Goolwa Quilters, Sew Together.

Frame Hire is not as active as it has been in previous years. Thanks to Angela Yeates, Frame Hire Liaison Officer and David Hart, Frame Hire Checker for facilitating this service offered to our member groups.

The 2025 SAQ events started with an inaugural International Quilters Day held at Vermont Uniting Church Hall. Over 200 people braved a 40+degree day to celebrate everything Quilting. Thank you to the team; Chris O'Brien, Heather Ford, Peggy Argent, Kathy Rossini, Jo Reardon, Bronwyn Savage and Rosanne Fuller for coordinating this successful event.

2025 saw SA Quilters team up with CraftAlive for two major events at the Adelaide Showgrounds. In March SA Quilters assisted CraftAlive with the Australian Machine Quilting Festival, (AMQF) by managing the machine quilting exhibition. In July SA Quilters held a very successful Festival of Quilts exhibition. The theme was "Christmas in July". Thanks to the exhibitors, sponsors and all the many volunteers who worked to make it a success, but especially the Festival of Quilts Team. The Team consisted of Ann Ewer (Team Leader), Margaret Hurrell, Jennifer Kempson, Wendy Hunt, Jill Iveson, Carmel Loughry, Rosanne Fuller, Rhoda Ryan, Ann Shuttleworth, and Di Bessell, all of whom worked tirelessly to make it a huge success.

Quilt Encounter was held in September at the Stamford Grand Hotel in Glenelg. As always thanks must go to the participants, teachers, sponsors and shops but especially the QE team consisting of Bev McBride (Team Leader), Kerryn Brand, Joyce Chapman, Ros Holmes, Sonia Holton, Cindy Massey, Jane Polden, Margaret Sampson, Carmel Wauchope, Jan Huckel, Ellie McPerson and Robyn McDonald who spend months each year juggling workshops, tutors, participants, travel

arrangements and more, while planning and organising this amazing event. The Team also hosted the 2025 On the Couch evening with Wendy Williams and Kathy Doughty. Thank you, Team, for once again hosting an amazing and very successful QE event.

Dare to Differ, a juried exhibition open to residents of Australia and New Zealand was held in September 2025 at Galley M. Thank you Sue Knuckey for convening the exhibition this year, the judges, Zara Zannettino and Suzanne Gummow, and the rest of the Dare to Differ team Heather Ford, Cindy Masey, Bronwyn Savage and Angela Yeates. Thank you, Sue.

Country Forum, a biannual event for Country Affiliated group members to meet for a day of guest speakers, demonstrations, show and tell, shopping and lots of socialising was held in October at the Adelaide West Uniting Church. This year SA Quilters received an Ageing Well grant through the Council of Ageing which significantly subsidised the cost for the attendees. The organising team for this event were Rosanne Fuller, Heather Ford, Peggy Argent, Marg Hurrell, Di Bessell, Gaylene Morgan, Jan Goulter Ros Wyatt, Jennie Martin and Carmel Baxter.

Modern Mix, the SA Quilters Modern Quilt Group continued to meet to share modern quilting ideas, techniques, inspiration and challenges. Team leader Jill Radcliffe, with a steering group of Cindy Massey, Lesley Miller, Michael Barton, Tina Gillespe and Sue Knuckey organised activities, a workshop and guest speakers during the year at the Cumberland Park Community Centre. A glance at the group's Facebook page shows the enthusiasm of all those who attend this group. Thank you to Jill and her team for inspiring this SAQ group.

2025 was another successful year for our Sit and Sew groups who meet at Vermont Church Hall. The Unplugged Stitchers led by Jackie Harris, are the hand sewers who meet on the first Wednesday each month. Sew It's Wednesday, led by Cindy Massey, Jane Polden and Jo Reardon are both hand and machine sewers and meet on the second and fourth Wednesday each month. Saturday Starz, led by Therese May are both hand and machine sewers and meet on the fourth Saturday each month. Sewing in Public Spaces group started in August and meet at Save the Children Op Shop at Croydon every fortnight, led by Tina Robson. All groups have seen an increase in attendance over the year. Lots

of happy times, with friendship, laughter and food is had by all. Thank you to the Team Leaders and all who support these groups.

The Appraisal Team meets bi-monthly on the Friday after SAQ Meetings, beginning in February. They met four times in 2025, during which time 31 quilts were appraised with a combined replacement value of \$237,744.00. Team Leader is Heather Ford, Gaylene Morgan (Secretary), Sue Wege (Computer Data), Caroline Thurtell (morning tea angel). Other team members are Bronwyn Savage, Chris Beauchamp, Cindy Massey, Judy Carter, Kathleen Rossini, Nola Pearce, Patricia Grocock, Sarah Addis, Tina Robson, Vicki Hart and Wendy Hunt. All fifteen of these team members are qualified appraisers. Having recently joined the team Leanne Harms, Chris O'Brien, Sue Knuckey and Robyn McDonald are in training. Thank you, Team, for all that you do to support our members.

The Judging Team enjoyed the opportunity to judge at seven different locations throughout 2025 and continued to enhance their skills with various education days. Thank you to those groups who have used the services of the Judging Panel in the past. Group exhibition organisers are encouraged to have their shows judged using the services of SAQ trained and experienced judges. Four meetings were held through the year starting with an Education/Training day, led by Michelle Bouchier, on "Focus on judging Australian Machine Quilting Festival (AMQF) - what Judges need to be looking for". The Judging Team comprises Team Leader Jill Christian, Judy Carter, Heather Ford, Emilie Knight, Gaylene Morgan, Bronwyn Savage, Carolyn Thurtell and Judges in training: Chris Beauchamp and Wendy Whellum.

SA Quilters supports several groups to facilitate the distribution of quilts within our community. After Dark Quilters, a city-based SAQ affiliated group, represented by Jill Clausen, manages the Quilts of Love program and Chris O'Brien maintains the Flinders' Kids project. A new team which manages quilts for palliative care centres was set up and is led by Carolyn Daniels. Heartfelt thanks to the Team Leaders, the hard-working groups and to everyone who help in the making of these very much appreciated quilts.

We are very appreciative of the support SA Quilters receives from our major sponsor Bernina Australia who in 2025 continued to support Festival of Quilts, Quilt Encounter and Dare to Differ. Christina Kasiz

from Melann's Fabrics in Dernancourt continued to support SA Quilters as a major sponsor. Sincere thanks to Christina. There are many others who support SAQ with sponsorship of Festival of Quilts, Quilt Encounter, Dare to Differ, Country Forum and Rural Roundup including local and interstate quilt shops, sewing machine retailers, quilting wholesalers, SAQ affiliated groups and individual SAQ members. We thank you all for your much-appreciated generosity.

About 67 volunteers in Leadership and in day-to-day planning /organising teams have kept SAQ organisation ticking along, putting in the time and effort to organise all of the above activities for members to enjoy. Thank you for the support everyone has given during another amazing year. In 2025 SA Quilters was managed by a Leadership Team of 16 elected members. These being Rosanne Fuller (President), Heather Ford (Vice President), Ally Baum (Vice President), Gaylene Morgan (Secretary), Keith Holland (Honorary Treasurer), Jan Goulter (Assistant Treasurer), Ann Ewer, Kathleen Rossini (Membership Secretary), Wendy Hunt, Peggy Argent, Michael Barton, Shez Hobbs, Margaret Hurrell, Denise Johnston, Rosslyn Wyatt and Bev McBride. Last but by no means least, a huge thank you to this wonderful Leadership Team for all that you have done for SAQ this last year.

Thank you everyone for your support and enthusiasm in my first year as President.

Rosanne Fuller
President

Treasurer's Report 2024

President (Rosanne Fuller), Leadership Team Members, Guild Members, Friends and Guests. I present to you the Audited Financial statements of **Quilters' Guild of South Australia Inc.** for the year ended 31st December 2025.

For the 2025 financial year the **Guild** achieved a Net Surplus of \$39,433.04 (an increase of \$8,903.50 over the 2024 financial year). The Net Surplus is again a pleasing result due once again to the financial performance of the various **Guild** groups. The Leadership Team together with the Guild Groups need to be acknowledged for their efforts in 2025. Most Group activities of the **Guild** had a surplus for the year and together with the Government Grant (for Country Forum) and Interest Income made for the increased Surplus in 2025. This was also assisted by increases in Donations, Festival of Quilts and Workshops.

Income from Individual and Group Membership Subscriptions were again up compared with 2024.

Overall, the **Guild** has achieved another pleasing financial year.

I would like to acknowledge the valuable assistance of Jan Goulter (Assistant Treasurer/Banker) who continues to contribute significantly to assistance with financial management of the **Guild** Accounts and Finances. Also thank you to President (Rosanne Fuller) and members of the Leadership Team (and all other teams) for your assistance and support. Finally, to my wife Pam, son Matthew and our office staff as always thank you for your ongoing assistance and support in assisting me in my role as the Honorary Treasurer of the **Quilters' Guild of South Australia Inc.**

I now submit the Audited Financial Report of the **Quilters' Guild of South Australia Inc.** for the year ended 31st December 2025 for the acceptance and approval of **Guild members.**

Keith Holland FCPA
Honorary Treasurer

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT
TO THE MEMBERS OF THE QUILTERS GUILD OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA INC.
ABN : 95 168 292 747**

Report on the Financial Report

I have audited the accompanying financial report, being a special purpose financial report, of THE QUILTERS GUILD OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA INC. (the association) which comprises the Balance Sheet as at 31st December 2025, and the Income Statement for the year ended 31st December 2025, a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes and the statement by members of the committee.

Committee's Responsibility for the Financial Report

The committee of the association is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report and have determined that the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements, which form part of the financial report, are consistent with the financial reporting requirements of the Associations Incorporations Act SA 1985 and are appropriate to meet the needs of the members. The Committee's responsibility also includes establishing and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement whether due to fraud or error, selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies, and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

Auditor's Responsibility

My responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on my audit. No opinion is expressed as to whether the accounting policies used, as described in Note 1, are appropriate to meet the needs of the members. I conducted my audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. These Auditing Standards require that I comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial report is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. The procedures selected depend on the auditors' judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditors consider internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the committee, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report.

In common with organisations of this type, it is not practical to establish adequate records or controls over cash receipts prior to their receipt and entry in the accounting records. Accordingly, my audit of cash receipts was limited to the amount recorded in the accounting records of the Association.

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT
TO THE MEMBERS OF THE QUILTERS GUILD OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA INC.
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In my opinion, as so far as it appears from my testing and examination, monies recorded as receipts have been properly brought to account by the Association.

The financial report has been prepared for distribution to members for the purpose of fulfilling the committee's financial reporting under the Association Incorporation Act SA 1985. I disclaim any assumption of responsibility for any reliance on this report or on the financial report to which it relates to any person other than the members, for any purpose other than that for which it was prepared.

I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my audit opinion.

Independence

In conducting my audit, I have complied with the independence requirements of Australian Professional Ethical Pronouncements.

Auditors' Opinion

In my opinion, the financial report of THE QUILTERS GUILD OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA INC. presents fairly, in all material respects the financial position of THE QUILTERS GUILD OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA INC. as of 31st December 2025 and of its financial performance for the year then ended in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements.

Name of Firm: Peter Hall – Chartered Accountant

Name of Partner: 
PETER JOHN HALL

Address: 13A Wigley Street, Largs Bay 5015

Dated this: 24th April 2026

Team Reports

Appraisal Team

The Team comprises Team Leader - Heather Ford, Secretary - Gaylene Morgan, Data Entry - Sue Wege, Morning Tea Angel - Carolyn Thurtell. Along with Bronwyn Savage, Chris Beauchamp, Cindy Massey, Judy Carter, Kathleen Rossini, Nola Pearce, Patricia Grocock, Sarah Addis, Tina Robson, Vicki Hart, and Wendy Hunt. All 15 team members are qualified appraisers.

Chris O'Brien, Leanne Harms and Robyn McDonald made application to join the Team in August and Sue Knuckey applied in December. These four applications were accepted and they have joined the team as trainees. The Team meets bi-monthly on the Friday after Guild Meetings, commencing in February.

In 2025, the Team met four times and appraised 31 quilts for a total value of \$237,744.00

A successful retreat for members was held in May at Mannum offering professional development.

The professional development exercise saw members make a quilt top 'Just Can't Cut it'. Team members timed the construction processes from start to finish.

In December the team undertook to make another timed piece ready for appraisal in February 2026. 16" square, black and white with no more than 20% of a colour, bound in black, any technique.

The Appraisal Team provides appraisal services for both members and non-members, recognising the value of the time taken to make a quilt and materials used. The Team look forward to assisting members in appraising their quilts in the future.

Gaylene Morgan

Secretary
Appraisal Team

Archives

The Archive is now receiving various committee minutes as well as Leadership.

This is an 'extra' avenue of long-term third-party back-up.

There are some older scanned examples from sub-groups, e.g. Appraisal Committee, Festival of Quilts and Quilt Encounter.

With no legal requirement for minutes to be held long term, keeping samples from the past allows us a glimpse into the history of activity and involvement of members.

Naming and filing documents received is complete for 2025 and prior years.

There is still a trove of scanned documents to examine, name and file.

A future task will be to update simple databases so that extracted information can be accessed efficiently on request.

Thanks to Kathleen and her continuous website improvement, Leadership access to some policies and useful documents is available online.

Candy Walker

Communications Team

Communications Team

The Communications Team comprises six members – Cindy Massey, Chris O'Brien, Jane Polden, Ally Baum, Rosanne Fuller and Kathy Rossini. Rosanne, Ally and Kathy are also members of the SA Quilters Leadership Team. Cindy and Jane are also on the Quilt Encounter Team. The Committee is actively supported by the SA Quilters Leadership Team and other SA Quilters Teams.

The Team is responsible for the management of I-Patch, Facebook, Instagram, YouTube and the SA Quilters web site.

I-Patch

I-Patch is the SA Quilters digital online newsletter, which is in its seventh year and is available on or about the 15th of each month, from February to December to SA Quilters members, SA Quilters affiliated groups and members of affiliated groups who opt in to receive **I-Patch**. Members are emailed a secure link to enable them to download I-Patch from the SA Quilters web site. Feedback and suggestions are welcomed from members. I-Patch is not produced in January. In 2025, I-Patch production was shared by Ally, Chris and Kathy.

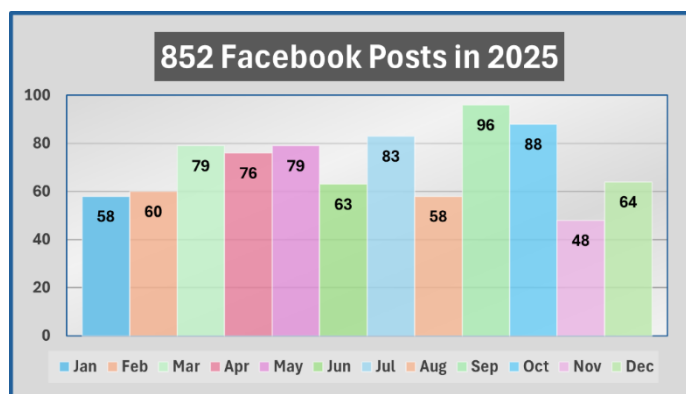
Facebook

The SA Quilters Facebook page web address is <https://www.facebook.com/saquilters/>.

Members of the Communications Team and other team leaders have the required level of permission to post, edit, monitor, moderate and delete on the SA Quilters Facebook page. Facebook continues to be a valuable communication tool for members through posting notices of workshops, interesting quilting related information and advertising for the affiliated groups and member shops.

In 2025, SA Quilters page had 6,484 followers, an increase of 16.1% over the previous year. According to Facebook Insights, there were 2,448,136 views on the Facebook page during 2025 with 48.5% of the views from followers and 51.5% from non-followers. 67.5% of views were from Australia, 18.5% from the United States and the remainder from other countries. Associated Facebook pages are also established for SA Quilters Flinders Kids, Modern Mix SA, SA Quilters Sit and Sew and, in 2025, SA Quilters Medallion Sew Along.

There was a total of 852 posts to the SA Quilters Facebook page in 2025.



Instagram

The SA Quilters Instagram page web address is <https://www.instagram.com/saquilters/>.

Instagram posts include information about quilting and shared links of interest from Facebook. SA Quilters Instagram page has 536 followers, an increase of over 300% on the previous year when the page was established. There were 240 posts in 2025 and almost 40,000 views.

YouTube

The SA Quilters YouTube channel web address is <https://www.youtube.com/@saquilters6630>.

SA Quilters YouTube Channel holds a total of 174 videos and has 888 subscribers. According to YouTube analytics the channel recorded 10,585 views of which 41.9% were from Australia, 14.3% from the United States and the remainder from other countries. There were 1,293 hours of watch time in 2025. The most watched video in 2025 was "A Sewing Room Visit with Raelene Draheim" in May 2025 with 1,306 views.

SA Quilters web site

The SA Quilters web site address is <https://www.saquilters.org.au/>.

The web site is updated with advice from the various Team Leaders. The site is a repository for photos and slideshows from events such as Quilt Encounter, Dare to Differ, Festival of Quilts, Country Forum, Rural Roundup, annual Sew Alongs and Sit and Sews. It also holds administrative information in relation to membership, Annual Reports and forms and policies. In addition to discrete pages for the various teams and services, new pages for one-off events are established and removed from the menu as required, eg Market Day and International Quilters Day. The web site was populated by and is managed by Kathy.

Groups Liaison

Rosanne manages the role of groups Liaison. The Groups Newsletter is produced quarterly which is uploaded to the Affiliated Groups page on the SA Quilters web site. The link is sent to groups so that they can download the newsletter direct from the web site and distribute to their members.

Kathleen Rossini

Community Quilts

Flinders Kids

The liaison nurse from the children's ward at Flinders Medical Centre with whom Flinders Kids had worked for many years had retired, and it was hoped that their replacement would be equally passionate about maintaining lines of contact and making use of the quilts that South Australian quilters made for the children's ward. Sadly, that has not proven to be the case, with much less communication and requests for quilts throughout 2025. In three deliveries – February, July and September – 265 quilts were donated. Since a considerable number of quilts have been accumulated that, hopefully, will be allocated for an early 2026 delivery.

Nevertheless, it is timely to acknowledge the efforts of both individual quilters as well as the city and country groups who provided a steady supply of quilts throughout the year. No doubt we have put a smile on the faces of many children with the range of absolutely delightful quilts that have been donated. Not all quilts that are donated are suitable for young children – we ask that quilters provide bright, cheerful quilts for youngsters experiencing a range of chronic health issues – and some were passed on to other community quilt groups.

Unfortunately, we were also gifted a significant number of quilts that, for numerous reasons, could not be passed on due to quality control concerns. This issue was addressed at the December SA Quilters meeting, one shared by SAQ's other community quilts teams. We are mindful that quilts that we give to community groups are done so under the auspice of SA Quilters and must therefore positively reflect our reputation as quilt makers.

Most of children in the children's ward tend to be under four years of age, so we have had regular requests for quilts made from popular fabrics such as Bluey as well as those made with Indigenous fabrics. A huge thank you to those quilters who sourced such fabrics and made some delightful quilts.

The staff and volunteers in the children's ward continue to stress the invaluable difference that these quilts make to the ambience within the ward.

Thank you everyone who participated in this valuable community quilts programme. Your support is truly appreciated.

Chris O'Brien

Quilts of Love

In 2025 quilts continued to be delivered to regular clients and some additional clients. Quilts delivered were:

• Crib quilts	9
• Isolette Covers	78
• Pouches	23
• Miscellaneous quilts	67
• Indigenous Quilts	48

Quilts were donated by a number of groups and individuals including:

- Purple Patches who donated the majority of Isolette Covers
- Vintage Quilters
- Northern Yorke Peninsula Quilters

Recipients of the quilts were:

- Burnside Maternity Unit
- Lyell McEwin Hospital Special Care Nursery
- Treasure Boxes
- Helen Mayo House
- Flinders Medical Centre Birthing Unit
- Aboriginal Birthing Unit Lyell McEwin Hospital
- Royal Adelaide Hospital Geriatric Palliative Care
- Gawler Health Service

Requests for Isolette covers for Lyell McEwin Hospital have continued to be slow, the Nurse Unit Manager is monitoring their supply.

Quilts of Love supply Helen Mayo House with 32-inch square quilts to be used as play mats for the babies while in their care. This unit provides care for Mums who have either post natal depression or mental health issues. Mums and babies are often there for weeks, and the play mats are very much appreciated by both Mums and staff.

There is a strong focus on ensuring all quilts received are distributed as soon as possible and this has enabled us to maintain only a very small supply in storage.

Jill Clausen

Quilts of Love Team Leader

Festival of Quilts

The 2025 annual exhibition showcased a wide range of quilts, from traditional pieces to contemporary and artistic works by SA Quilters members. The variety and quality were excellent and all entrants are to be congratulated on participating. Details of the event follow:

THEME: “Christmas in July”

DATES: Friday 11 – Sunday 13 July 2025

VENUE: Held in conjunction with CraftAlive, at Goyder Pavilion, Adelaide Showground

QUILTER IN RESIDENCE: Zara Zannettino

COMMUNITY PROJECT: Over 200 Christmas place mats were donated by members for display at the Festival, which were subsequently donated to Salisbury Meals on Wheels to give to their clients. These were very well received and greatly appreciated.

SPONSORS:

Diamond Sponsors:

Bernina, Melann’s Fabrics & Sewing Centre, Olfa, Quality Always

Platinum Sponsors:

Hobbysew, Kookaburra Quilts, Lloyd Curzon, The Quilting Room, Ann Ewer

Gold Sponsors:

After Dark Quilters, Chris O’Brien, Constantine Quilts, Coromandel Valley Quilters, Cynthia’s Ark, Jack n Jayde Sewing Centre, McLaren Vale Patchworkers, Modern Mix

Group, Northern Yorke Peninsula Quilters, Oasis Quilting Services, Officeworks, Peggy Argent and Margaret Hurrell, Pennylane Patchwork, Pip Porter and Jo Bickerstaff, Quilters’ Quarters, Renmark Evening Star Quilters, Stitching Matters, Tea Tree Gully Quilters, The Patchy Affair, Vicki Hart

Silver Sponsors:

Bridge Patches and Quilters, Broughton Rainbow Quilters, Gawler Quilting Circle, Glenelg Quilters, Golden Harvest Quilters, Inspirations Studios, Jill Iveson, Kapunda Quilters, Jennifer Kempson, Kitty Rose Cottage, Make Modern, Montague Farm Quilters, Naracoorte Mill Quilters, Pt Lincoln Quilting Group, Quilters’ Guild of Whyalla, Silver City Quilters Inc.

ENTRIES:

- 171 entries from 97 entrants
- 28 hand quilted entries and many hand-appliquéd entries, which reflected a surge in the slow stitching movement
- Categories were:
 - Applique (Amateur and Professional)
 - Art Abstract
 - Art Pictorial (Amateur and Professional)
 - Challenge “Christmas in July”
 - Junior
 - Modern (Amateur and Professional)
 - Other Techniques
 - Pieced and Applique Amateur (Small and Large)
 - Pieced and Applique (Professional and 2 persons)
 - Pieced Small and Large (Amateur, Professional and 2 persons)

JUDGES:

Interstate Judge: Julie Adamson; SA judges: Jill Christian and Bronwyn Savage.

Each judge conducted a floor talk on a day of the Festival and these were very well received.

MAJOR PRIZES

Best of Show: “Lily Rosenberry Revisited”, by Tara Sniedze,

The Best of Show Runner Up: “The Invisible Connection”, by Zara Zannettino

Excellence in Hand Quilting: “Lily Rosenberry Revisited” by Tara Sniedze

Excellence in Machine Quilting – Stationary Machine: “Celtic Feathers” by Christine Boxer

Excellence in Machine Quilting – Frame Mounted: “Goose on the Loose” by Heather Hopkins

Excellence in Embellishment/Embroidery: “Around My Bundaleer Garden” Sharon Porter (and Heather Hopkins)

Retaining the Tradition: “Lily Rosenberry Revisited” by Tara Sniedze

Bernina Encouragement Award: “My Memory Quilt” by Robyn McDonald

Patrons’ Award: “2024 Adelaide Temperature Quilt” by Vicki Daly

Viewers’ Choice: “Chloe Word Quest” by Michael Barton. This tactile quilt was made for Michael’s sister Ruth, who is blind, and attended each day. She spoke with visitors, who were encouraged to

touch the quilt which created a lot of interest and conversation.

SPECIAL EXHIBITS

These exhibits were striking in appearance and very inspiring. We thank each group for managing their displays.

- Tree of Us +1: "A Moment in Time"
- Lions Club of Quilters Victoria: "Our World Coming Together International Quilt Challenge"
- Lions Club of Quilters Victoria: "Australian Designer & Textile Collection"
- Modern Mix: "Hidden in Plain Sight"
- President's Challenge (to the Leadership Team): "Dot"
- The Claytons Committee sold quilt kits at the Festival and raised \$6,000 for the annual charity – Puddle Jumpers.

ANNUAL RAFFLE: Beneficiary – Puddle Jumpers

This was drawn at the August SAQ Members' Meeting and the winners were:

1st prize: Rosie Carr; 2nd Prize: Erica Bartlett. Funds raised were combined with other fundraising efforts by SAQ throughout the year.

FESTIVAL OF QUILTS TEAM

We thank the following members of the organising team for staging an excellent event:

Di Bessell, Ann Ewer (Convenor), Rosanne Fuller, Jan Goulter, Margaret Hurrell, Jennifer Kempson, Wendy Hunt, Jill Iveson, Carmel Loughry, Christine Reich, Rhoda Ryan, Ann Shuttleworth

THANKS TO SA Quilters MEMBERS

This event would not come together without the huge amount of support from over 70 volunteers who set up, pulled down, white glove, demonstrate and do whatever is asked of them. Their efforts were greatly appreciated.

Ann Ewer

Festival of Quilts Co-ordinator

Events

International Quilters Day

International Quilters Day is a special occasion dedicated to the celebration of quilting. Quilters gather all over the world to share their passion,

creativity, and skills. Held annually on the third Saturday of March; the SA Quilters event fell on Saturday, 15th March 2025.

The Bureau of Meteorology predicted a very hot day for Adelaide and, true to their word, the International Quilters Day experienced a temperature of 41.7° Celsius!! However, that didn't deter the Team or quilters from around South Australia. Over 240 quilters, family, visitors and friends dropped into the hall which was very comfortably air conditioned; some stayed a short while and some stayed for a good part of the day.

Quilters Quarters was the featured shop and owner, Lyn Buttfield, brought along a great selection of relevant goods to enable quilters to enjoy some retail therapy. Special thanks to McLaren Vale Patchworkers group for providing their beautiful quilts to be hung around the hall for everyone to enjoy.

Thanks to the talented demonstrators who worked for the entire day showing their skill in various quilting techniques:

- Lisa Scarfe and Ann Shuttleworth – Sashiko
- Wendy Hunt – Hand Appliqué
- Jill Christian – Embellishment wool felt appliqué
- Cindy Massey – Shopper Docket Scrap Quilting
- Chris O'Brien – Quilting with Rulers

Visitors enjoyed a delicious Devonshire tea, major quilt raffle and shoebox raffles, library book sales and Clayton's kit sales.

Special thanks to all the helpers who made it such an enjoyable experience. Thanks to the team who worked in the kitchen, serving visitors and washing dishes - nothing was too much trouble for them. And a very special thank you to the partners of some of the quilters who did some of the heavy lifting - it was very much appreciated.

Feedback from both visitors on the day and members of the International Quilters Team was positive with only some minor suggestions which will be taken on board for future events.

Country Forum

Saturday, 25th October 2025 saw one hundred and fifty-five SA Quilters rural and some city members meet at Adelaide West Uniting Church, Brooklyn Park for a day of friendship and all things

quilting at the SAQ bi-annual Country Forum. As SA Quilters had obtained a government Ageing Well grant the admission fee was able to be reduced to \$20 for 2025.

Attendees were greeted with a venue decorated with quilts including one from each of the presenters and both an Appraisal Team display and a Modern Mix display.

A programme of guest presenters, demonstrations, two shops, two raffle quilts, library book sales and Clayton's kit sales plus SA Quilters information meant there was plenty on offer to entertain those attending. All groups attending were encouraged to bring show and tell and it was truly amazing. Two lucky draws during the day meant that some happy people went home with a lovely prize. All attendees received a goodie bag, filled with gifts and information, on arrival.

Presenters for the day were Wendy Hunt who showed us some forty of her amazing quilts, Bronwen Sayers who spoke about her machine embroidered and quilted quilts and Jackie Harris had a selection of handmade dolls and critters to inspire us all.

Gaylene Morgan and Monique Reed demonstrated quilted postcards and invited members to be part of a postcard swap. Margaret Hurrell demonstrated binding a quilt, Carmel Loughry demonstrated Eppiflex EPP and Di Bessell demonstrated making playing card holders using old CD's.

The two shops were Strath Sewing & Quilting from Strathalbyn and Sew Focus from Albert Park.

A delicious morning tea and lunch was provided for all those attending.

The Country Forum team was comprised of Rosanne Fuller, Peggy Argent, Marg Hurrell, Di Bessell, Gaylene Morgan, Jan Goulter, Ros Wyatt, Jennie Martin, Heather Ford and Carmel Baxter. However, a team of some forty volunteers came together to make the day a success.

The Country Forum Team

SA Quilters Booth at CraftAlive/Festival of Quilts

Another successful three days was spent spreading the word about SA Quilters at CraftAlive during

Festival of Quilts 2025, Friday July 11 to Sunday July 13.

Booth

CraftAlive provided SA Quilters (SAQ) a complimentary booth along with tables, chairs, light and power. SAQ were able to display workshop samples, appraisal timed pieces, 2025 sew along quilt, Flinders Kids quilts and isolette samples. Along with posters with information about what SAQ offer members.

Membership

New member sign ups numbered 16 including one Junior member.

One current member renewed their membership

Four past members renewed

Cost: Individual member \$30 and \$10 Junior member for the second half of the year

Workshops

5 workshop signups

1 signed up and will redeem her workshop credit

1 added to the wait list for a workshop which is full

Free Raffle

Some 150 people entered the free raffle for a workshop, the winner choosing Suzanne Gummow's Lace Flowers as her workshop of choice (one day of the two-day workshop). The raffle was drawn at about 2.45pm on the Sunday, just before the show finished.

Fat Quarter Give Away

An estimated 60 fat quarters were given away predominately to younger people passing by, inviting them to make something from the fat quarter and post pictures on our FB page.

Blue Quilt Bags

For the first time we had a display of blue quilt bags and sold eight. Well worth doing again. \$8 for members and \$10 non-members

Volunteers

A team of volunteers, wearing SA Quilters blue aprons were on hand to answer questions and hand out flyers and information about what SAQ does. Thank you to them all.

All in all, a very successful event.

Heather Ford
Booth Team Leader

Grants and Scholarships

The SA Quilters Finance Team considered grants and scholarships applications for 2025.

A \$500 scholarship was awarded to Lara Motta, to attend the 30th European Patchwork Meeting, held in France, in September 2025. Lara was very appreciative of SA Quilters support and published an article, entitled “Quilts and Cobblestones” in the November 2025 issue of I-Patch.

Grants to the value of \$6,450 were awarded to City and Country Groups, as follows:

After Dark Quilters	\$500	Bus charter to country shops
Aldinga Quilters	\$500	Wadding for charity quilts
Burra Quilters	\$500	Educational bus tour
Cleve Country Quilters	\$400	Subsidise-two-day Helen Godden Workshop
Coromandel Valley Quilters	\$500	Hold an exhibition – A Dash of Modern
Cummins Quilters	\$400	Helen Godden Workshop
Goolwa Patchers	\$250	Wadding
Mt Remarkable Quilters	\$500	Assist with retreat expenses (cannot take their own food)
Naracoorte Mill Quilters	\$500	Subsidise Elizabeth Chadwick workshop at retreat
Port Lincoln Textile, Quilting & Fabric Group	\$400	Subsidise two-day Helen Godden Workshop
Sew Together (previously Crystal Brook Quilters)	\$500	Charity Quilt Projects
Threads Quilt Group	\$500	Materials for charity quilts
Vintage Quilters	\$500	Wadding and backing for charity quilts, focussing on Flinders Kids.
Woodpatch Quilters	\$500	Hold an exhibition "Forty Years of Threads of Friendship" 20-21 September

After allocation of grants in 2025, it was resolved by the Leadership Team that wadding grants will be offered annually to SA Quilters affiliated groups, separately from the Grants and Scholarships program. Groups, which have been affiliated with SA Quilters for the immediate past

three years, may apply every two years to a maximum of \$250 per application. Applications may be made at any time during the year and a maximum of two city and four country groups will be awarded each year.

The following groups received \$250 each in 2025:

- Northern Yorke Peninsula Quilters
- Peterborough Patchworkers
- Tumby Bay Quilting Group

Group Liaison

Affiliated Groups

In 2025, SA Quilters had 86 affiliated groups with about 2000 members. Of those groups, 32 were city groups and 54 were country groups. At the 2025 AGM ten groups received grants from SA Quilters for various projects, ranging from assisting workshop costs, educational Bus Tour and retreat. Four groups received grants for wadding for charity quilts.

SA Quilters hosted a very successful Country Forum event at Adelaide West Uniting Church in October. On the day there were three presenters: Bronwen Sayers, Wendy Hunt, Jackie Harris, demonstrations by Gaylene Morgan and Monique Reed on quilted postcard making, Carmel Loughry on Eppiflex, Margaret Hurrell on Binding and Di Bessell on making a Playing card holder and a show and tell by attendees. Attendees were also invited to join a Country Forum Facebook page to continue the fun of the day and receive some extra bonuses. The event was significantly funded by an Older Persons Aging Well grant of \$8850. Thank you to the organising team, Rosanne Fuller (Team Leader), Heather Ford, Peg Argent, Margaret Hurrell, Di Bessell, Gaylene Morgan, Jan Goulter, Ros Wyatt, Jennie Martin and Carmel Baxter for a fantastic day. Thank you also to our other sponsors of this event, The Bobbin Tree and Sweet Pea.

Some groups held successful exhibitions, many inviting the Judging Team to either judge their exhibition or use the exhibition as a training opportunity for their trainee judges. Thank you to these groups for providing the Judging Team with the opportunity to train trainee judges and keep the judges upskilled. The Appraisal Team also offered to visit groups to do talks and appraise quilts.

The Leadership Team were invited to join some groups in their special activities; exhibitions, Biggest Morning Tea fundraisers, a general meeting, an AGM, and attend a special morning tea to thank their Council for a grant. Thank you for the invitations, joining your group's activities is always a lot of fun.

Thank you to the Groups who used the SA Quilters social media pages, and the Monthly Members meeting to advertise their special events and sharing their celebrations and achievements through articles in I-Patch.

Groups Liaison

Groups News newsletters were sent out to groups electronically on an as need basis, about one every two months, with information specifically to support and engage groups and group members. A survey was sent out in January 2025 asking for interest in a couple of new ideas.

A 'Grievance and Dispute procedure guidelines for Groups' document was shared through the newsletter and posted on the SA Quilters website to help groups if they should need it. In response to groups asking for ideas to attract younger members the 'Ideas for revitalising your group' documents was launched at Country Forum, distributed by newsletter, shared on the Country Forum Facebook page and posted on the SA Quilters website.

It has been another busy and productive year for groups, many supporting their local communities through providing quilts, raffle quilts, sewn goods and fundraising. Congratulations on a successful 2025.

Rosanne Fuller

Insurance

In 2025 there were twelve exhibitions, one Riverland Get-together event, Country Forum, International Quilters Day, Market Day and five retreats covered under the Group Events Insurance.

The insurance cover is not automatic. It must be applied for on the appropriate form and accompanied by a fee of \$50, at least two months prior to the event, so that, for example, displayed quilted items are covered in the event of damage

or theft. Display items used to enhance the event are not covered. Cover is limited to \$10,000 per item, therefore if the quilt has been assessed at a value exceeding the limit, the extra value should be covered by the owner.

Questions are often asked about coverage for occasional visitors at group meetings or retreats. Anyone who attends a planned group event but is not a member, either of the group or SA Quilters, does so at their own risk. One of the benefits of SA Quilters membership, either as an individual member or as a member of a financial affiliated group, is that membership fees include insurance for quilting related activities.

The insurance policy covers Public/Products liability (\$20,000,000) which includes General Property (\$100,000), money in transit (up to \$6,000), Personal Accident for volunteers working in an official capacity (various benefits) and Associations Liability cover (\$1,000,000 in any one claim). Also covered are speakers at SA Quilters meetings or group meetings (up to 50 speakers per annum in total) and tutors who do not have their own Public Liability cover. Tutors who do not have their own cover are charged a fee enabling them to be covered by SA Quilters policy. There is a \$500 excess which applies in the event of a claim.

SA Quilters insurance is arranged through the services of a broker, who does not charge a fee for this service, and the underwriter is CGU Insurance.

Margaret Hurrell
Insurance Liaison Officer

Judging Team

Four meetings were held throughout the year beginning with an Education / Training Day held in March with the theme, "Focus on judging Australian Machine Quilting Festival (AMQF) - what Judges need to be looking for". The training was to be led by Michelle Bouchier but at short notice she was unable to attend. Instead, the training was based on information Michelle provided based on her experience, having judged past AMQF events. Using Michelle's information as a guide, the Judging team worked through the judging process with the quilting aspect the focus of the judging of machine quilted quilts team members had provided.

The Team also met in May, September and November.

The 2025 Judging Team member experiences were:

- AMQF March 2025, judged by Jill Christian and Emilie Knight.
- Port Elliot exhibition April 2025, judging training exercise attended by Jill Christian, Heather Ford, Emilie Knight, Bronwyn Savage and Carolyn Thurtell.
- Northern Yorke Peninsular Quilters exhibition at Moonta May 2025, training exercise attended by Jill Christian, Heather Ford, Gaylene Morgan, Bronwyn Savage and Carolyn Thurtell.
- Festival of Quilts July 2025 judged by Jill Christian, Bronwyn Savage and interstate judge Julie Adamson from Victoria, with judging team members in attendance.
- Woodpatch Quilters exhibition at Verdun September 2025, training exercise attended by Jill Christian, Gaylene Morgan, Carolyn Thurtell and Wendy Whellum.
- Inman Quilters exhibition October 2025, judged by Gaylene Morgan and Carolyn Thurtell with Jill Christian and Wendy Whellum in attendance.
- Masonic Quilters and Craft Group exhibition Taillem Bend November 2025, training exercise attended by Jill Christian, Chris Beauchamp, Bronwyn Savage, Carolyn Thurtell.

The Judging Team appreciates every training opportunity and would like to thank those groups who asked to have their shows judged or allowed us into their exhibition for training purposes. To ensure SA Quilters have competent, confident, well-trained Judges available for the SA Quilters and member group events, real training experiences at exhibitions is an essential part of our training program. If your group is having an exhibition, please consider having the show judged, or if this is not for your group, please allow Judging Team to use the exhibition for a training exercise. Using the voluntary services of our trained and experienced judges, can avoid problems that may arise by having untrained judges judge events.

Thank you, to the members of the Judging Team and the Judges in Training for volunteering their time and expertise, and their ongoing support. This

year Murette Hancox resigned from the Team and Wendy Whellum joined the Team.

If you are interested in joining the Judging Team, please contact Jill.

Jill Christian
SA Quilters
Judging Panel Team Leader

Library

Thank you to all the SA Quilters for another fun (and at small moments challenging) year in the library.

New computers were purchased in 2025 and, after some initial “bugs”, they were successfully up and running. Thanks to everyone for their assistance and patience during the installation and setting up process.

Thank you to all the members and non-members who donated books to the library through clean-outs and donations through Tiger Team.

Our donations arrive through three possible routes:

- If the book is not in the library and is in good condition, it is reserved for future library shelving. Books donated also replace copies that are well used and worn.
- If the book is already in the library, then it is saved for the yearly book sales. These help raise money for new current books which are just being published or have been recommended by members. The book sales this past year raised about \$900 for new acquisitions.
- Books that are not required or are often subjects not quilt related, go straight to op shops to be passed on.

Thank you to library assistants Jackie and Christine. And thank you to all the SA Quilters members who use the library for putting up with all our little blips along the way and who make it so much fun.

Mike Barton
Jackie Harris
Christine Baker

Meetings Team

Attendance Registrar for 2025

2024 Meeting Numbers: The total attendance was 1331 members attending 11 meetings.

2025 Meeting Numbers: There were 1320 members attending 11 night time meetings.

The attendance numbers at monthly night meetings for 2025 are fairly consistent with the 2024 figures.

The first meeting of the year drew a high number of members - July also had a large number of people who attended for the Festival of Quilts Awards Presentation, and the December Christmas meeting also drew a large number of attendees.

2025	Members	Life Members	Leadership Members	Helpers	Guests	Total
1 Feb	108	10	11	4	9	142
6 March	100	10	12	3	7	132
3 April	87	12	11	2	10	122
1 May	86	11	11	3	3	114
5 June	84	10	13	2	8	117
10 July	91	10	14	4	28	147
7 Aug	79	10	12	4	8	113
4 Sep	86	10	11	4	6	117
2 Oct	64	6	10	1	5	88
6 Nov	71	8	11	4	9	103
4 Dec	89	12	11	5	8	125
						1320

General Meeting Notes:

Each of the eleven meetings had a guest speaker. They were Tina Gillespie, Margaret Hurrell, Jude McBain and Margaret Hurrell in February, Cheryl Bridgart in March, Rachel Dettman in April, Jen Guest (physiotherapist) in June, Rosanne Fuller in August, Michele Hill in September, Tara Sneider in October and Mark Lewis (Greenbox) in November.

A quilt made by the Appraisal Team was raffled at the August meeting which was won by Rosie Carr. Second prize was a Bernette sewing machine which was won by Erica Bartlett. A raffle for a quilt made by Peggy Argent was drawn at the December 2025 meeting. The quilt was won by Sharon Walker.

The welcome desk at each monthly night meeting comprises three team members to check off members' names on entry. There is always a separate team member to welcome and document any new members or guests. The treasurer and assistant treasurer are also part of the welcome table. They collected membership fees as well as payments for workshops being held in 2025.

Promotion of all the various A Quilters activities held during the year was at tables around the meeting area and during the meeting. The library was available for borrowing and returning library books, tea and coffee was on offer to everyone who brought their own mug, and a team (Loose Threaders) was rostered to make sure visitors and new members were welcomed, given a welcome pack, shown all that was on offer, and connected with another member prior to the official meeting.

At each meeting members had the opportunity to participate in a themed fat quarter raffle and Show and Tell, and the SA Quilters raffle.

The Meetings Team:

The meetings team comprises of: Meetings Team Leader, Wendy Hunt; Secretary, Gaylene Morgan; Shop Liaison, Peg Argent; Community Quilt Raffles, Denise Johnston; Merchandise/Raffles, Shez Hobbs; Library, Jackie Harris; Workshops, Ros Wyatt; Guest Speaker Liaison, Diane Lewitzke; Welcomers, Margaret Hurrell, Jill Christian; Leadership Team, Heather Ford, Rosanne Fuller.

The Meetings Team have had planning meetings in a café. Thank you to everyone on the team. The team is productive and works together well.

Wendy Hunt

Meetings Team Leader

Community Quilt Raffle

The Community Quilts featured at the SA Quilters monthly meetings were successfully raffled for Port Elliott Patchworkers, Festival of Quilts, Coromandel Valley Quilters, Woodpatch Quilters, Quilt Encounter, Gawler Quilting Circle and McLaren Vale Patchworkers.

The funds from the December raffle supported the SA Quilters 2025 charity, Puddle Jumpers. The quilt was kindly donated by Peg Argent.

Denise Johnston

Merchandise

Lighter blue quilt bags are available this year with sales traditionally peaking prior to the Festival of Quilts in July. Calico bags with the previous Guild logo are also available. Sales of bottled water remains steady at meetings.

Shez Hobbs

Raffles

The Guild Raffle is generously supported by the visiting quilting shops that provide three of the six prizes and remains popular with tickets being sold out at most meetings.

The cost of living pressure continues and with it the challenge to purchase prizes of interest and value.

With a different colour or pattern every month, the Fat Quarter Raffle produces an amazing variety of fabrics from member's stashes.

Shez Hobbs

Shops Liaison

Shop owners attending the various events for 2025 have reported a positive experience and well worth the huge effort it takes to set up a pop-up shop for a limited time of trading. They expressed appreciation for the opportunity to be included in the monthly roster.

With one shop at each of the eleven General Meetings, two shops at Country Forum in October, one at the inaugural International Quilter's Day in March and two at Quilt Encounter in September; this gave sixteen shops the opportunity to support SA Quilters members.

Three new shops were welcomed to the meetings for 2025 and their support was very much appreciated.

One shop closed late in the year as the owner retired. This left thirty-five SA Quilters members who are shop owners.

The following shops attended meetings and events in 2025:

Feb	Heart n' Soul Patchwork
March	Cornerstone Creations
April	Love Lee Fabric
May	Melanns Fabric and Sewing Centre
June	Hobby Sew

July	Rustic Charms Quilt Shop
Aug	Cynthia Ark
Sept	Jack and Jayde
Oct	Arts on Ormerod
Nov	The Stitch Saloon
Dec	Lemon Lyrebird

Country Forum: Sew Focus and Strath Sewing and Stitching

International Quilter's Day: Quilters Quarters

Quilt Encounter: The Patchy Affaire and Widebacks Australia

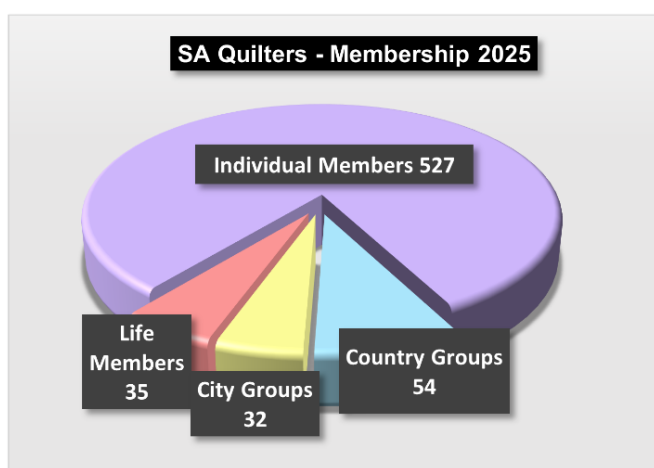
Peg Argent

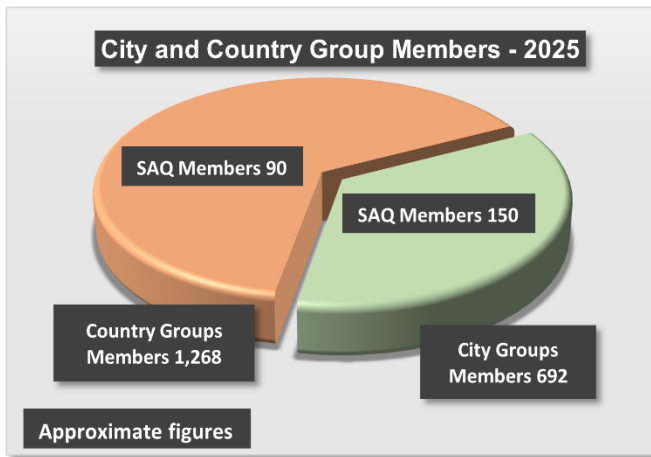
Membership

Membership

Some statistics as at 31 December 2025:

- Individual financial members 562, including 35 recorded Life Members (5 deceased)
- Located:
 - NSW 6; VIC 7; QLD 3; WA 1.
 - SA City PC 5000 (Adelaide)-5201 (Meadows) – 405
 - SA Country PC 5203 (Yankalilla)-5725 (Roxby Downs) – 135
- 70 new members joined in 2025.
- 44 members declined to re-join in 2025.
- Financial Groups – 86. 32 City Groups and 54 Country Groups.
- Those groups have a total membership of approximately 1,960.
- SA Quilters members included in groups:
 - Country Groups – 90
 - City Groups – 150
- 2 new groups joined in 2025.
- 5 groups declined to re-join in 2025.





Kathleen Rossini

Modern Mix

In 2025 Modern Mix has been wonderful, challenging, insightful and rewarding. There is a core group of 15 to 25 quilters that meet monthly at the Cumberland Park Community Centre on the second Sunday of each month from February to November, 9am till 4pm.

An email is sent to 90 members each month, which advises them the planned upcoming activities and encourages them to attend. Modern Mix has a Facebook following that has now reached 300 members. Photos are posted on Facebook of show and tell each meeting as well as showing what the group has learned. Members are encouraged to post information about inspirational ideas, sewing tips, techniques and upcoming quilt shows.

Each year the group has been given a “Summer Challenge” which is set by the leadership team, and is to be completed over the Christmas break. It is a quilted piece measuring 12” by 18”, in portrait mode and faced. At the end of 2024 the Challenge was “Hidden Initials” and the work by members was awe inspiring and demonstrated members’ talent. This challenge was displayed at the 2025 Festival of Quilts and was retained by SA Quilters for a travelling show to quilting groups wishing to display it.

Show and Tell has been an integral part of the monthly meetings and members are encouraged to share the details of their process and their expertise.

Every second month members are encouraged to work on their own projects with the alternate

months filled with challenges and demonstrations of technique by the leadership team and other members of the group.

Two “Long Days of Sewing” were held in March and October, where the group met from 9am till 9pm with the express purpose of welcoming a Tutor or learning and practising a technique or process.

Highlights of the Year include –

- The Brenda Gael Smith zoom workshop called “Geometriks”, where members learned Improv sewing of floating shapes: triangles, quadrilaterals, diamond and hexagons.
- Demo Day where members learned about Interleaving with Lesley Miller
- The highly successful Gees Bend day.
- Demo Day of the members choice. Lesley demonstrated Skinny inset strips, Jill demonstrated walking foot and free motion quilting, Michael and Candy demonstrated inset circles, Sue doing Pods, Tina demonstrated Half Square Rectangles.
- Members of Modern Mix won prizes at the Festival of Quilts for the first time.
- In October the Round Robin improv workshop, “In Conversation” was held. This was a fantastic day of collaborative sewing.

In 2026 plans for workshops include:

- Another day of Round Robin sewing day...but with a difference.
- A quilting workshop with Chris O’Brien.
- An Improv workshop on Letters and Numbers with one of Modern Mix member, Annette Byron.
- Modernising a traditional block.
- Exploring transparency with videos and a technique day.

Modern Mix has a devoted and inspired leadership group comprising Jill Radcliffe, Lesley Miller, Michael Barton, Tina Robson, Cindy Massey and Sue Knuckey. The team is unchanged going into 2026.

Jill Radcliffe

On the Couch

The finale evening event on the Friday Night was a “Chat on the Couch” with friends Wendy Williams and Kathy Doughty – and what a fun, entertaining and insightful night it was! Sonia Holton and Jane Polden from the QE team were the guest interviewers with plenty of interesting questions for our internationally renowned Australian quilting icons. The 85 audience members learned about the two different approaches they had to creating and developing a new project, the individual ways they each see colour and perspective. Everyone left with a few ideas and insights into quilting. The discussion was followed by a delicious supper and plenty of chit chat.

The wonderful staff at the Stamford Grand Hotel are always incredibly supportive of the SA Quilters event. Kirsten from the Events Management team provided the guidance in the months leading up to QE, through the planning and prepping stages. Then every one of the staff at Glenelg – from the kitchen and catering, hotel check-in, concierge, events team and the capable crew on the conference floor, moving furniture, setting tables etc are reliably on hand to assist at every step. Their help and support is appreciated.

Finally, huge thanks to the Quilt Encounter Team for all the volunteer hours that they have contributed to the success of this year’s event. Two of the long serving Team members, Ros Holmes and Margaret Sampson, were bid farewell. Ros has worked with Sonia to make sure the classrooms run smoothly and make sure all the irons are turned off after late night sewing. Margaret has been maintaining and tweaking the database that runs QE as well as managing the finances. They will both be missed. Coming onto the team are Robyn McDonald and Ellie Sargent. A massive thank you is owed to the SA Quilters Honorary Treasurer, Keith Holland and Assistant Treasurer, Jan Goulter who are always available to assist with support and advice. Thanks also to SA Quilters Leadership Team for their ongoing support to make sure this event continues to grow and maintain the fabulous reputation that it holds across the Australian Quilting Community.

The Quilt Encounter Team
Bev McBride

Quilt Encounter

The 33rd Annual Quilt Encounter (QE) was a successful and profitable event, wrapping up with very positive and happy responses from the attendees this year. This reflected all the work put in by the QE team, shops and the great line-up of tutors in 2025. This was the 6th year at the Stamford Grand Hotel with 164 participants including 34 first timers coming from around Australia. The Stamford Grand staff continue to welcome SA Quilters back and genuinely look forward to the event each year despite all the cotton threads on the carpets.

This year there were two new local tutors teaching at Quilt Encounter for the first time, presenting workshop options for the participants as well as eight fabulous tutors who have taught at QE previously. Wendy Williams (NSW) taught her fabulous embroidery and felted wool work. Wendy’s Ollies fish cushion class an instant favourite able to be improv or pieced and a cushion or a quilt. Kathy Doughty (NSW) returned again this year, her Soul Searching class in high demand as it took students out of their comfort zone to consider colour, tone, scale and texture. Lynne Wilson taught a great fat quarter stash buster quilt and how to make a By Annie Duffel bag. Christine Lethlean (Vic) returned to teach two Textile Art classes, one hand worked project and one machine project. These are stunning art works and one lucky QE participant went home with one of Christine’s pieces she had donated to the major prize draw. Jodi Godfey taught three English paper piecing projects. Jodi’s students were happy but so was Jodi giving a fabulous review on her Instagram page Tales of Cloth <https://www.instagram.com/talesofcloth/>. Michelle Marvig (NSW) taught her new Whirling Pinwheels quilt pattern and templates, and classes using classic designs Dresden Plate and Mariner’s compass with a twist. Great projects to use up the stash.

SA quilt icon and treasure Rachele Denny is always popular at QE teaching her Little Moments quilt. Rachele’s mystery classes are always oversubscribed, this year was no different. Heather Hopkins (SA) two-day class on machine quilting produced some amazing quilting by the participants and they were all really keen to have her back next year. First time tutors were two

locals. Ali Phillips (SA) presented a beautiful, practical sewing journal cover which is part of her range of practical projects to keep your sewing organised and looking gorgeous. Allison Watts (SA) taught a one-day Sashiko class that was an absolute student favourite. Starting with a single stitch Allison shared her in depth understanding of Japanese culture and Sashiko.

Sunday night Opening Night was again a highlight, with Glyn Singleton, Managing Director of Bernina Australia, officially opening QE 2025. Introduction of tutors with all their inspiring workshop samples, plus the Show and Tell from previous years' participants is always great to see. The returning tutors were so delighted to see what they had inspired in students work.

SA Quilters is very grateful to the individuals and businesses who choose to support Quilt Encounter through Sponsorship. There are so many wonderful sponsors who support QE providing so much – from the Goody Bag items to prizes for the major prize draw. A full list of 2025 sponsors can be downloaded from the SA Quilters website on the QE page.

Many of the participants like to share their own creativity by making various items to be included in the Goody Bags – so 180 “things” are made and donated! Always a lovely surprise and everyone appreciates their time and generosity with these “crafty items”. Their support is valued and the event benefits from their generosity.

Bernina Australia has supported this event for the entirety of its 33 years. In 2025 Christina Kazis from Melanns continued her sponsorship providing Bernina machines for the interstate ladies to hire. This year Bernina increased their sponsorship, and the *Bernina Bar* was trialled at QE. Bernina set up a mini shop, the Bernina Bar, supplying Bernina accessories, and some demonstration sewing machines. Glynn and Christina were also available to sort any queries participants had with their machines. It was a very popular and successful addition.

The two shops are also major sponsors with their fabulous, tempting displays and providing the “back up” supplies that participants seem to need! Sincere thanks to Tracey and Brenda Wade from Widebacks in Seaford providing amazing support all week and to Julie Nixon from The Patchy Affair in Cunningham, Yorke Peninsula for her support to the event.

This year's Tropicana theme made for a very bright Dinner Night event where sponsors were acknowledged and thanked. This year's Lessa Siegele Scholarship winner Rosslyn Wyatt was celebrated by all. The Major Prize Draw was conducted with delighted recipients of the many donations that are received.

Each year the Quilt Encounter Team make a raffle quilt (in colours to compliment the theme) and choose a country charity group to receive the fundraising proceeds. In 2025 the funds raised were donated to the Uniting Country Domestic and Family Violence Service. Funds will be used to provide a safe and comforting space to support women and children in crisis housing. The winner of the bright tropical inspired quilt was Di Krause from Proserpine, North Queensland who said she loves the quilt and it matches beautifully with her house! The Stamford Grand Hotel also support QE with this fundraising by providing a High Tea for Six, raffled during the week of the event. A beautiful “Hexies quilt” created by many of the ladies from little packs donated by Kornacraft from last year's Goody Bags and beautifully put together by Sonia Holton was also raffled. It went to another very delighted winner. Three thousand dollars was donated to the Uniting Country Domestic and Family Violence Service.

Bev McBride
Team Leader, Quilt Encounter Team

Sit and Sew

Sew its Wednesday

Sew It's Wednesday, led by Cindy Massey, Jane Polden, and Jo Reardon, met at Vermont Uniting Church Hall twice monthly from February to December, with an average attendance of 31 participants and a peak of 46 in November. Five participants joined SA Quilters through the group. Activities included socialising, skill sharing, show-and-tell, demonstrations, and morning tea. The Festival of Quilts Team collected exhibition quilts during sessions. The year concluded with a shared Christmas lunch at the final meeting in December.

Cindy Massey

Saturday Starz

During the reporting period, Saturday Starz conducted regular Sit n Sew sessions on the fourth Saturday of each month. Average attendance across the year was 17 participants per month. Attendance varied between sessions but remained consistent overall.

In addition to the regular sessions, an extended 12-hour sewing day was held, along with seasonal initiatives included winter shared lunches collaborative activities such as Christmas in July and a traditional Christmas party with fun, games and gift giving.

A new initiative and end of year highlight was the post-Christmas gathering, which provided members with an additional camaraderie at a time when other SA Quilters events had finished for the year.

Members continued to support one another by sharing technical advice, offering design input, and assisting with projects. Informal peer support networks were evident, with experienced members providing guidance to other participants as required. Contributions from members, including donated items and quilting-related gifts, were acknowledged and supported group activities throughout the year.

Saturday Starz maintained stable operations and continued to provide a positive and inclusive sewing environment for members of SA Quilters.

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Sewing in Public Spaces

Report period – July 2025 to February 2026

SiPS is held every fortnight on Saturdays, at Save the Children Op Shop in Croydon, 10am to 1pm.

Attendees vary with each session, average attendance during this period is 6.

SA Quilters has been given a crafting space to use free of charge, attendees pay a gold coin donation which goes directly to the Save the Children (StC) charity. StC staff and volunteers also assist with setting up, and have offered to clean mugs, etc after each session.

Initially the thoughts of using this space was purely for SA Quilters (SAQ) to have a public presence in the community, in the interests of promoting

quilting and attracting new members. This has evolved to include a social sewing and crafting aspect for regular attendees.

There has been some successful days with customers shopping in the op shop being curious and asking questions. Some examples:

- op shopping parents and children visiting (children normally upper primary age), curious about fabric or what we're working on
- curious 20 to 40 year olds as their mother or grandmother used to quilt
- queries and requests around if we will be running sewing workshops in the space
- non SAQ members making enquiries on quilting, or seeking assistance on their own projects

During this period the sessions have been informal and predominantly social, for both members and non-members of SAQ. Moving forward more information will be recorded on attendees and activities.

Tina Robson

Unplugged Stitchers

2025 was another very successful year for the hand sewing group. The group met on the first Wednesday of the month (except January) from 10am to 3pm at Vermont Uniting Church Hall on Cross Road, South Plympton.

Thanks to everybody for setting up and packing up after each session.

An average of twelve people attended each session throughout the year.

Jackie Harris

Workshops

SA Quilters Workshops 2025 was another very successful year; our aim as the workshops team is to present interesting, educational, inspirational and up to date workshops for the enjoyment of our members. We endeavour to use local and interstate tutors when available.

Our Tutors for 2025 were all extremely talented and our workshops were well attended and the participants feedback after each workshop was very positive.

The venue where workshops are held has continued to prove to be successful, providing a large light filled space for learning along with a very functional kitchen – a wonderful environment for everyone to come along and enjoy their workshop.

The fee for workshops during 2025 was maintained to keep this service to members as affordable as possible whilst still covering costs.

We are extremely fortunate to have an amazing team of “Workshop Angels” who volunteer their time at the workshops providing everyone with morning and afternoon tea, endless cups of tea and coffee, whilst the students are hard at work with their projects.

The Workshops Team has 7 members – Rosslyn Wyatt (Team Leader), Peg Argent, Jill Christian Heather Ford, Wendy Hunt, Cindy Massey and Chris O’Brien.

2025 was a full year of workshops with lots of wonderful Tutors sharing their incredible knowledge, tips, skills, and expertise.

- February 2025 – Lessa Seigele and Faye Packham – It’s a Mystery – 29 students
- March 2025 – Heather Ford – Kaleidoscope – 10 students
- May 2025 – Jill Christian – Sampler Embroidery – 16 students
- May 2025 – Sue Knuckey – Laura Heine – 13 students
- June 2025 – Jill Radcliffe – Modern – 13 students
- July 2025 – Cindy Massey – Plant a Seed – Christmas in July – 9 students
- August 2025 – Jacky Eyre – Boro/Sashiko project – 14 students
- August 2025 – Claire Smith – Denim Bags – 10 students
- September 2025 – Elizabeth Chadwick – Desert Sky – MFP – 14 students
- September 2025 – Wendy Williams – Thread Pods – 20 students
- October/November 2025 – 2-days with Suzanne Gummow – Lace Flowers – 10 students

- November 2025 – Heather Hopkins – Natures Stitch – Free Motion Quilting – 17 Students

After Quilt Encounter 2025 – Wendy Williams an interstate Tutor agreed to stay on and do a workshop for us – this workshop filled very quickly and was very successful.

We are fortunate to have so many talented Tutors and quilters in South Australia – so much inspiration – so many new skills for us all to learn.

We had students signing up as members of SA Quilters to enrol in some of our Workshops and we also noticed that in 2025 a number of the students enrolled in workshops had never done workshops with us before – this was seen as very positive for future workshops.

Overall 2025 was a very successful year for SA Quilters Workshops.

Ros Wyatt
Workshops Team Leader