

2026 Festival of Quilts Full List of Winners

Place	Title	Winner	Sponsor
Junior			
First	Moonlight Dancing	Eloise Harding	SAQ Life Members
Second	Pretty in Pink	Kayla Shepherd	Port Elliott Patchworkers
Third	Flower Dreaming	Elena Motta	Naracoorte Mill Quilters
Pieced and Applique Small – Amateur			
First	Message in a Bottle	Roslyn Holmes	Oasis Quilting Services
Second	2025 Medallion Sew Along	Julie Tanska	Olfa/Scissorman
Third	Little Moments	Patricia Payne	Hobbysew
Pieced and Applique Large – Amateur			
First	Letter to My Daughter	Bobbi Nette	Peggy Argent/Margaret Hurrell
Second	Dedicated to Missy	Bobbi Nette	Olfa/Hobbysew
Third	Down the Rabbit Hole	Shelley Page	Pennylane Patchwork
Pieced and Applique – Professional			
First	Star of Sedona	Bronwen Sayers	The Patchy Affair
Second	Sew in Love	Joyleen Miller	Olfa
Third	Harmony	Julie Lynch	Hobbysew
Pieced and Applique – 2+ Persons			
First	Hexolicious	Helen Pavlich Julie Nixon	SAQ Life Members
Second	Owl and Hare Hollow	Patricia Shipley Brenda Wade	Olfa
Third	Little Moments in the Garden	Joanne Bluntish Brenda Wade	Kookaburra Quilts
Applique – Amateur			
First	Medieval Magic	Marion Cook	McLaren Vale Patchworkers
Second	Simple Folk	Shelley Page	Olfa
Third	Blooming Brightly	Emilie Knight	Quilters Quarters
Applique – Professional			
First	Pemberley	Margaret Hobby Tracey Browning	Kitty Rose Cottage
Second	Lapis and Lemons	Carolyn Biggs	Olfa
Third	Danielle's Heirloom Quilt	Helen Petit Judy Carter	Quilters Quarters

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Pieced Small – Amateur			
First	Emperor's Wheel	Patricia Payne	The Patchy Affair
Second	My Dutch Heritage Quilt	Barbara Higgins	Olfa
Third	Liberty Blooms	Tina Gillespie	Hobbysew
Pieced Large – Amateur			
First	Twirly Balls and Pinwheels	Lois Webster	After Dark Quilters
Second	My Stars from the Past	Barbara Olsen	Olfa
Third	Oriana	Georgina Threadgold	Quality Always
Pieced Small – Professional			
First	Log Cabin Broken Star	Joyleen Miller	Golden Harvest Quilters/ Inman Quilters
Second	Streetscape	Julie Lynch	Olfa
Third	Dutch Heritage Stars	Kay Wilson	Hobbysew
Pieced Large – Professional			
First	Ring Cycles Meander	Ann Ewer	Tea Tree Gully Quilters
Second	A Travellers Quilt	Carmel Loughry	Olfa
Third	Front Row	Rachelle Denny	Quality Always
Pieced Small – 2+ Persons			
First	Bundaleer Beauty	Sharon Porter Heather Hopkins	After Dark Quilters
Second	Child's Play	Helen Pavlich Julie Nixon	Olfa
Third	Duo by Rachelle Denny Designs	Carol Sanderson Patricia Payne	Hobbysew
Pieced Large – 2+ Persons			
First	Mustard Pickle	Sue Morris Helen Campbell	Stitching Matters
Second	Cartwheel	Taryn Shotton Elaine Kennedy	Olfa
Third	Winter Garden	Elizabeth Chadwick Cheryl Prater	Hobbysew

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Modern - Amateur			
First	Black and White	Annette Byron	Pip Porter & Jo Bickerstaff
Second	Structured Abstract	Denise Cooter	PennyLane Patchwork
Third	Midnight Horizon	Ange Yeates	Olfa
Modern – Professional			
First	Dreams of Colour	Rachelle Denny	Montague Farm Quilters Kapunda Quilters
Second	Rainfall: a Translation	Pip Porter	Kookaburra Quilts
Third	Circling the Periphery	Pip Porter	Olfa
Other Techniques			
First	The Story of My Life	Chris O'Brien	Peggy Argent/Margaret Hurrell
Second	Ruby Reincarnated	Carolyn Biggs	Olfa
Third	Trispective	Julie Lynch	Olfa
Highly Commended	Heavenly Hearts	Jennifer Kempson	Olfa
Embellished			
First	Chirp	Wendy Hunt	Vicki Hart
Second	Double Delight	Ange Yeates	Olfa Hobbysew
Third	A Country Tea Party	Mignon Smulders	Quilters Quarters
Art – Abstract			
First	Dichotomy	Zara Zannettino	Coromandel Valley Quilters
Second	Walking Track in Summer	Jill Christian	Wonderfil Olfa
Third	Test Pattern	Penelope Morrison	Olfa
Art Pictorial			
First	Nature's Jewel	Zara Zannettino	Marion Quilters Circle Renmark Patchwork Quilters
Second	Willow in the Wind	Patricia Daly	Olfa
Third	Nyi-Nyi (Zebra Finch)	Zara Zannettino	Quilters Quarters
Highly Commended	Down Under Botanical	Dorothy Paterson	Olfa
Highly Commended	Ruby the Zebra	Kylie Duncan	Olfa



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Craft Alive

Place	Title	Winner	Sponsor
Challenge "Enchanted Forest"			
First	Marci the Fairy	Kylie Duncan	SAQ Life Members
Second	Open a Door and Enter a World	Tina Gillespie	Olfa
Third	Forrest Foxtrot	Bobbi Nette	Olfa

Award	Title	Winner	Sponsor
Judges' Awards			
Judge – Julie Adamson	Scrappity Doo-Dah	Shelley Page	
Judge – Heather Ford	Midnight Dream	Lesley Miller	
Judge – Carolyn Thurtell	Twilight Dreaming	Georgina Threadgold	
Special Awards			
Patron's Award	Down Under Botanical	Dorothy Paterson	
Convenor's Award	Making Tiny Bubbles	Taryn Shotton	Ann Ewer
Hangers' Award	It's All a Mystery to Me	Di Besssell	
Bernina Amateur Encouragement	Burrows and Boughs	Carol Pilborough	Melann's Fabrics & Sewing Centre
VIP Award	Fireflies	Chris O'Brien	
First Time Entrant	My Stars from the Past	Barbara Olson	Jack n Jayde Sewing Centre/Hobbysew
Retaining the Tradition	Childs Play	Helen Pavlich	Kookaburra Quilts/Hobbysew
Excellence in Embellishment/ Embroidery	Walking Track in Summer	Jill Christian	The Quilting Room
Excellence in Machine Quilting – Stationary	Ring Cycles Meander	Ann Ewer	Chris O'Brien
Excellence in Machine Quilting – Frame Mounted	Bundaleer Beauty	Heather Hopkins (Sharon Porter quilt maker)	The Quilting Room
Excellence in Hand Quilting	Antique Wedding Sampler	Rachel Dettman	Jack n Jayde Sewing Centre/Cynthia's Ark
Viewers' Choice	Down Under Botanical	Dorothy Paterson	Kookaburra Quilts
Runner Up Best of Show	Ring Cycles Meander	Ann Ewer	Bernina Australia
Best of Show	Dreams of Colour	Rachelle Denny	Bernina Australia