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President's Report

The Annual Report is an opportunity for us to review the events and the achievements of Victorian Quilters Inc. during the past year.

Sometimes it is easy to say nothing much happened or changed, however, I feel that we as an organisation must be doing something right as many members who had let their membership lapse, are now re-joining Victorian Quilters Inc., welcome back to each and every one of you, also a big welcome if you have become a member for the first time.

Communication

There are a number of ways in which Victorian Quilters Inc. communicate with our members.

The Vic Quilter magazine is published quarterly by a small team that collaborates and works with the graphic artist from the printing firm to publish each issue. There is a template that we follow to ensure members are aware of future regular events. However, we are always seeking articles about the activities of the Member Groups and their members to be included.

The E-Newsletter is published monthly and contains information that is not necessarily included in the magazine. This is a timely manner in which to advise members and Member Groups of items of interest and also of Member Group events. I have received many favourable comments about the E Newsletter and our statistical data shows confirms that it is read by the majority of members. I would ask that the Secretary (or person who distributes your Member Group newsletter), also forwards this newsletter onto your members.

The Website is currently being worked on, and the committee has given an undertaking that the entries for 2020 Showcase will be able to be done online. There are many things to consider and we ask that you work with us and provide constructive feedback if this process needs refining.

Social Media is another way in which we can communicate not only with our members but also the general public instantly. Facebook and Instagram need to be constantly fed with information that is current and relevant to our organisation. It is a great way to share activities of State Guilds and our member groups. I ask that you and Member Groups like & follow Victorian Quilters & Very Snuggly Quilts Facebook & Instagram pages, and then invite your friends to do the same.

President's Gathering

During the last year we divided the state into Zones and then allocated a specific committee member to be the contact person if a Member Group needs advice or assistance on any matter. I think this is working as some Zone representatives have attended Member Group Activities.

In February 2019, we held the inaugural President's Gathering. This was a success and showed that many Member Groups faced similar problems and the attendees shared how each group had responded to issues and what worked and what didn't.

I have been asked when the next Gathering is, and this is still being discussed, but my initial thoughts are that it could be a biennial event and that the next President's Gathering could be held in early 2021. I also think it would be appropriate to hold this in a regional area. Is there a Member Group who would like to host this?

QuiltAustralia Conference

Immediately following the Australasian Quilt Convention in April, the QuiltAustralia Conference was held over two days. This conference is held biennially and was attended by representatives of each State Guild. QuiltAustralia Conferences, ensures that with agreement by all state guilds that a number of policies and procedures of consistent across Australia. A report regarding the Conference was included in the July Edition of the Vic Quilter Magazine.

Quilt Study Group

Is this group for you?

If you are an accredited quilt judge, quilt appraiser, quilt teacher (or trainee), or have an interest in quilting, I would recommend that you attend the sessions organised by this group. There will be a regular article in the magazine on the activities both past & future and we have opened these sessions up to all Victorian Quilter Inc. members with a \$10 entry fee.

Showcase

My thanks to the members who made our recent Showcase Exhibition one of the best ones held. The number of entries from both experienced quilters and first-time entrants was the most entries for many years. Thank you to Linda Steele and her team of many volunteers for bringing this together.

My thanks also to Janet O'Dell for photographing all the quilts, preparing the award ceremony Powerpoint presentation and updating the website.

This year we were privileged to host members from the NSW & SA Quilt Guilds to observe the judging process for Showcase. They all commented that the judging process operated like a well-oiled machine, with processes being followed. They commented that when someone's allotted task was finished, they left the judging area, e.g. the photography team. However, that does not mean we should not be looking for how we can improve the process.

I would like to advise that the Victorian Quilters Inc. Executive is intending to formalise a Showcase sub-committee to include:

- Showcase Co-ordinator - Chairperson
- Planning set up & take down representative. Including transporting quilt stands and other items required from storage to Exhibition Centre and back.
- Sponsorship representative
- Website representative – working toward having entries lodged online in 2020.
- Vice President (to document procedures)
- Secretary – Raffle
- President (ex officio)

This sub-committee will have the opportunity to ask questions:

Who? What? When? Where? & Why?

There are many things to be considered when preparing for an Exhibition and planning for 2020 has already commenced.

Examples of decisions to be made include:

- Having on line entry forms
- the making of the raffle quilt, we are currently approaching a member to make the 2021 Raffle Quilt.
- determining who will judge the Exhibition,

- the judging process. Due to commitments, it is sometimes necessary to plan well into the future for example; and the list goes on.

I would like to thank the committee who have freely given their time to Victorian Quilters Inc. during the past year. The skills and knowledge you have contributed to our events and the behind the scene work is what makes Victorian Quilters Inc. the vibrant organisation that it is. This behind the scenes work is also supported by our families and I thank them as sometimes we take an important family member away at what can be an inconvenient time.

I would like to acknowledge the passing of our first Patron, Dr Morna Sturrcok AM, in September of 2018. Morna provided wise advice and guidance for over 25 years and although many of us miss her, Victorian Quilters Inc. recognises her many contributions to our organisation. Janet O'Dell accepted our invitation to be co-patron and we look forward to Janet continuing in this role for many years.

I know that members have had many significant family events during the past year, both happy and sad and that some of you, or a family member, have serious health issues and my thoughts are with you. However, it would be remiss of me not to mention the recent death of John Parkinson. John assisted Margaret in many ways during her involvement with Victorian Quilters Inc. John was always there to assist with set up and take down at an event, it didn't matter where it was in the State (or interstate). John also provided assistance at Murray River Quilters Inc., Margaret's home Guild. Our thoughts and prayers are with Margaret and her family at this sad time.

In closing, thank you to my family for their support, without this I cannot do what I do and I am looking forward to the next twelve months.

Marie Lee

President

Secretary's Report

Following secondment to the committee in February 2018, in the role of Assistant Secretary while Denise Reynolds was on leave, I officially took on the Secretary's role in August.

The behind the scenes work and attention to detail required to keep Vic Quilters running never ceases to astound me. We are constantly reviewing events, processes and costs in an effort to increase productivity, our exposure in the quilting community and value for members. It is very rewarding to be part of such a knowledgeable, talented, hardworking committee.

Lyn Cooper

Secretary

Membership

At the end of the 2018-2019 year Victorian Quilters had 568 members. This includes 96 Groups and 472 Individual members. We have welcomed 66 new members and this includes 4 new groups. It is also pleasing to note that a number of members, whose membership has lapsed, have re-joined.

Our special membership package promoted at AQC (Australian Quilting Convention) and Showcase, is very popular and continues to attract a number of new memberships.

Many members have embraced our EFT facility to renew their membership.

I have enjoyed attending Gatherings and Exhibitions and being able to meet with existing and new members.

Thank you to everyone for their assistance with membership.

Val Lewis

Membership Secretary

Group Insurance

Victorian Quilters Inc. are able to offer insurance cover for Member Groups at a very competitive rate. This is due to the fact that we can combine all the groups into the one policy, therefore reducing the premium for each group.

At present we have 96 Member Groups of which 84 take advantage of our insurance cover.

To receive coverage in our insurance policy, your Group must be a member of Victorian Quilters Inc.

The renewal notices have recently been posted to all our member groups and the forms and payment must be received by 16th August 2019 to be accepted. A late fee is charged after that date.

If you want any further information about insurance please don't hesitate to contact me.

Wendy Blyth

Group Insurance Co-ordinator

Grants/Scholarship

In recent years Victorian Quilters Inc. have supported Mornington Peninsula Patchworkers Inc. and Kilmore Quilters Inc. with a grant to bring a well known tutor to their Group to run a class for their members. In the case of the Geelong Patchwork & Quilters Guild Inc. the grant assisted with bringing Ricky Timms to Geelong for Masterclasses.

Victorian Quilters Inc. also provided a grant to assist Jan Preston with costs associated with Exhibiting her *Courage and Determination Exhibition* throughout Victoria & Interstate. As part of this grant, *Courage & Determination* will be Exhibited at Showcase in 2020.

Grants are provided to Groups or individuals who wish to take on a project which is a little out of their ability to fund. It is available for those who want to run a course or study to improve the skills of their Group members and to broaden their knowledge of techniques that are available. It is then expected that they will pass these skills on to other members.

In return we require a report for our magazine and a completed project entered into Showcase within a couple of years.

I look forward to hearing from Groups whom are interested in a Grant.

The profits from our annual raffle quilt is where the funding for these grants come from, so please support our raffle and sell as many tickets as you can.

Wendy Blyth

Grants Co-ordinator

Quilt Appraisals

The Appraisal Team has accomplished the appraisal of 32 quilts in 5 appraisal sessions between July 2018 and June 2019. In addition, during Showcase on 28th July 2018, the appraisal team conducted appraisal for 2 quilts.

Congratulations Heather Shepherd who successfully finished her training and became a qualified appraiser in July 2018. Esther Aliu, Margaret Mew and Joanne Krause retired from the team during the financial year. Victorian Quilters Inc. and the Appraisal Team are greatly appreciative of their long years of service and valuable contribution. The Appraisal Team welcomed 3 new trainees (Maureen Mackie, Robyn Roberts and Jocelyne Leath). Currently, there are 9 qualified appraisers and 8 trainees in the team.

The Appraisal Team reviewed the appraisal program on hand quilting and machine quilting made few changes and updated the appraisal documents.

Appraisal application forms can be downloaded directly from the website or can be posted on request. You can send an email to Sugy Kim (appraisal@victorianquilters.org) for enquiries and for booking confirmation of your quilt appraisal.

I would like to thank Appraisal Team members for their valuable time and effort at each appraisal session. The team is privileged to see many wonderful quilts from Victorian Quilters' members and from the general public, who trust us to value their quilts. The appraisers work as a cohesive team and take a professional approach to the appraisal of every quilt. Their commitment to training and appraisal is more than evident.

Sugy Kim

Appraisal Coordinator

Quilt Stands

The Quilt Stands continue to be hired out and the trailer is working well. I would like to thank Robert Sushames for continuing to store the trailer at ChemPack Pty Ltd factory in Derrimut. It is important to understand that there are times when you may need to wait while other trucks are being loaded/unloaded before collecting/returning the trailer. I understand that at the end of an Exhibition we are all tired and just want to finish packing up, however as I am no longer able to check the trailer on return or between hiring's, please ensure that it is packed correctly for the next Group.

Thank you to all the Groups who take care to pack the trailer as requested and make the next Group's exhibition set up start on a positive note. The equipment will now only be checked once a year at Showcase.

The email only booking system seems to be working well and last year the stands were hired out 4 times to Groups

Denise Reynolds

Quilt Stand Hire

Quilt Showcase

We've had a very successful Showcase again this year. Wonderful Quilts, catching up with friends, making new friends, shopping and even a little stitching.

Thank you to the Quilt Collection volunteers, who make the business side of the show run more smoothly. Without them it would be difficult to ensure your quilts are well looked after from the time you drop them off at the collection point, right through the next couple of weeks and back to you again. Thank you to Jennifer Wain, Lola Petschauer, Kaye Hardman, Josephine Kelly, Maria Byrne, Lyn Cooper, Ruth Turner, Mary Phillips, Wendy Blyth, Deb Layt, Marilyn Davidson and Marie Lee for all your help.

This is my 1st Showcase at convenor and I have had a lot of support from Julie Adamson who has looked after the quilt stands and floor plan for me as well as being a loyal and supportive sounding board. Thank you, Julie.

This year our raffle quilt, Annie's Stars was hand pieced and hand quilted by foundation member Anne Andrews. We are very grateful to Anne who donated the quilt to us for the 2019 raffle.

Thank you also to Josephine Kelly who has been the one to organise all the prizes at Showcase and Shirley Lodington who has been in charge of the administration side of the prizes. Showcase is a massive undertaking every year and it's not until you become involved that you realise all the work that goes on behind the scenes. The committee work very hard to put our show on every year and this year two committee members were unable to attend and Kaye Hardman and Val Lewis stepped in to take their place.

Lyn Cooper organises the raffle tickets, Jennifer Wain looks after our finances, Janet O'Dell does our PowerPoint Display at the opening and puts the winners list on the website, Lola Petschauer writes and prints all the quilt labels and President Marie Lee is constantly working in the background and is a reliable help at all times to make our show run smoothly.

Thank you also to our Arc Angel, Chris Serong and her assistant Anna Amory who keep those white gloves clean and your quilts looked after. Wendy Blyth managed our hand sewing demonstrations and Kath Crichton looked after the Very Snuggly Quilts area. Val Jackson provided the lunches for the judges and Val and Mariya Waters also had two of our judges stay with them during the judging days. Thank you, Val and Mariya for your support.

All categories had an increase in numbers except for miniatures which were down this year. We had previously advised that this was the last year that we were going to have a Coverlet section and once again the numbers were low but I have decided to have it for another year as people have told me that they are still making one.

The most popular category is the Mainly Pieced section, it seems that everyone loves piecing and traditional quilts are just as popular as ever in Victoria. Pictorial Quilts were also very popular and with 23 quilts in that section, it might be time to divide the category up into two sections.

We trialled having two first time entrant sections, allowing first time entrants who had their quilts quilted by a professional to be included. This was very successful and took the pressure off the Mainly Pieced categories. It's always such a thrill for First Time Entrants to see their quilt hanging in our prestigious show.

We have been disappointed in the number of people entering our Challenge in the last few years and so this year we issued the more traditional challenge of Clam Shells, which was open to all techniques, traditional and art. This was very well received when announced but despite all good intentions only 11 people managed to finish one in time. We are going to give the challenge category a rest for a couple of years.

The Judges, Sandra Lyons, Stephanie Knudsen and Lorinda Freeman reported that the standard of quilts was very high and many times they wished that there were more prizes to award because some very beautiful quilts had to miss out on a prize.

On behalf of all members we also extend congratulations to Jocelyne Leath for her Best of Show spectacular quilt Formidable Grace.

We had the largest number of quilts entered for many years and it is always interesting to view the statistics.

- ❖ 214 general category entries received – 1 withdrawn
- ❖ plus 11 Clamshell Challenge entries
- ❖ 3 display quilts from interstate Judge Sandra Lyons, NSW, Stephanie Knudsen, Vic and Lorinda Freeman, Vic.
- ❖ 14 display quilts from Profile a Member Group- Kilmore Quilters
- ❖ 11 display quilts from Profile a Member Group- Murray River Quilters
- ❖ 20 display quilts from Profile Quilter, Barbara Dellar
- ❖ 16 cushions on display from Mornington Peninsula Patchworkers
- ❖ 18 volunteers for judging days to support the 14 committee members
- ❖ 110 white glove offers (but many offering more than 1 session &/or doing other volunteer tasks as well)
- ❖ 5 volunteer quilt collection ladies as well as 7 committee members
- ❖ 30 AQC Challenges – Magic
- ❖ countless hands-on demo attendees
- ❖ lots of new members
- ❖ bags of Very Snuggly Quilts received, blocks & tops prepared for quilting, more bound & finished
- ❖ Raffle Winners - 1st to Beryl Adam (*Annie's Stars* quilt) and 2nd to Nick Burhop-Keller (BERNINA sewing machine)

Our most significant achievements are always the social connections we create, promote & enhance. Touching base with old friends, make the vital link of a name to a new face, but being able to assist anyone with a simple or complex question, or a link to a group, is very rewarding.

Our highest valuable asset are the volunteers who attend to the tasks that make the presentation look so professional & sophisticated. Unfortunately, some of these volunteers are experiencing strength & stamina challenges. We need more able bodies to spread the work load. If you are able to help us with setting up the show, packing up the show or volunteering while the show is in progress by doing white glove duty please contact us. Many hands make light work. Once again, I thank everyone who has helped with Showcase this year, your support is invaluable.

Lastly, but by far not the least, is our continued partnership with Expertise Events & BERNINA Australia. Without the support of these two companies we could not present the calibre of exhibition that we do. The association is not only a business one, but has extended to a mutual personal association. Moving forward we see no adverse change for either parties.

Linda Steele

Showcase Convenor

Sponsorship

Showcase Judging Day

Thank you to Shirley Lodington, Val Lewis and Marilyn Davidson for their support on judging days and in the lead up to 2019 Quilt Showcase. Between the three of us the two days ran well with very little stress.

Sponsors

Sponsorship values and numbers were down on the previous year. The decline in value and sponsor numbers is a trend that has been visibly declining.

- Overall, there was a total 60 industry sponsors that contributed to approx. 50 prizes.
- Total value of Business sponsorships = \$19,870
- There were 23 member groups that contributed to sponsorship prizes
- Total value of Financial member groups sponsorship = \$6,700
- Thank you to BERNINA and Expertise Events for their ongoing sponsorship for Showcase.

Given the decline in sponsorship values, prize values were reviewed. Values for prizes were as follows:

First Place to the value of \$300.

Runner Up to the value of \$200.

Victorian Quilters Inc. sponsorship included providing a quilt bag and Rosette to all prize winners and the Highly Commended awards.

Excellence awards to the value of \$800.

One Step Further

Thank you to Brother Australia who are the major sponsor for One Step Further 2019. Their support and sponsorship for the program is greatly appreciated.

Other sponsors are: Fibre Arts Australia and Bellarine Sewing Centre

AGM

Brother Australia has again donated a Scan and Cut as first prize for the 2019 AGM raffle.

Josephine Kelly

Sponsorship Coordinator

Travelling Suitcase

There was no travelling suitcase during 2018-2019. However, the Clamshell Challenge quilts will be available between the middle of September 2019 and July 2020.

Please contact either the Secretary if you are interested in displaying these quilts at a Member Group Event.

Marie Lee

President

Victorian Quilters Showcase 2019 Sponsors

Victorian Quilters Inc. would like to acknowledge and thank the following sponsors:

Expertise Events
BERNINA Australia Pty Ltd
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Strathdale (Bendigo) Quilters Inc.	Sue de Vanny
Waverley Patchworkers Inc.	Wendy Blyth

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Stawell Quilters Inc	The Patchwork Gallery Quilt Group
Tied with a Ribbon	Verandah
Wabi-Sabi Designs	Wangaratta Centre Quilters Circle

One Step Further

After a short lull, 2019 a hive of activity in preparation for the 2019 Contemporary Quilt Exhibition being held from July 13 to September 1, 2019 at the Bundoora Homestead. We would encourage all members to visit this beautiful venue and to see the amazing variety of entries.

It is a challenge to find gallery space for a textile exhibition, coupled with the fact that galleries work a number of years in advance. It is Victorian Quilters Inc. aim to hold this exhibition biennially commencing in 2020. OSF is scheduled to be held at the Kyabram Town Hall in October 2020 and the closing date for entries is 1 August 2020.

We are applying to other Galleries and Exhibition spaces during 2022.

For further information contact Sue de Vanny at sue@suedevannyartist.com.au.

Sue de Vanny

One Step Further

Gatherings

The gatherings held this past year by our host groups in conjunction with Victorian Quilters Inc. have been very well attended and enjoyed by all.

Victorian Quilters Inc. hosted the **Winter Gathering** on 11th August 2018 at the Ivalda Masonic Centre and included the Annual General Meeting. Our guest speaker was Katrina Hadjimichael who shared her Jane Austen inspired quilting journey with us.

For our **Spring Gathering** we travelled to Deniliquin in New South Wales for our gathering on Saturday 13th October 2018 where we were hosted by Deniliquilters & Friends. An amazing number of people attended this gathering. Our own Linda Steele was one of the speakers, as was Janice Behsmann, a local apiarist.

This year, Victorian Quilters Inc. hosted the **Summer Gathering** on the 16th March 2019 as a fund raiser to pay for storage costs for the Very Snuggly Quilts program. This event was very well attended and due to its success, will be repeated again next year.

On the 18th May 2019 we again hit the road and travelled to Bairnsdale where Riviera Quilters Inc. hosted the gathering at the Bairnsdale Racing Club Function Centre. A local Yorta Yorta, Mutti Mutti and Boon Wurrung woman, Lee Darroch, a local artist and community cultural worker was our guest speaker.

Our thanks go to our host groups for their hospitality and to the businesses who bring along their temptations to satisfy our need for retail therapy. We look forward to the continued support of our member groups, as without them, we would not be able to make our way around the State sharing the passion we all enjoy.

Lola Petschauer

Gatherings and Groups Coordinator

Vic Quilter Magazine

As this magazine is distributed to our members, all State Guilds and our sponsors it is vital that this magazine is of a high quality with a range of interesting articles.

The production of the magazine using the graphic artist employed by the printer has worked well and we have endeavoured to have paid advertising to offset some of these costs. The feedback from both members and sponsors has been positive.

Thank you to Emma Sampson who has edited the last few editions of the magazine, however, due to a change in Emma's work commitments she is unable to continue in this role.

As this is a member's magazine, we invite both the members and member Groups to submit articles about an event your Guild has held.

And did I mention that we are once again seeking an Editor? Please contact the President if you would like to apply for this position.

Marie Lee

President

Social Media

Victorian Quilters are currently managing the below two Facebook pages:

- Victorian Quilts Inc. AUS (VQ)
- Very Snuggly Quilt Program (VSQ)

Both VQ and VSQ Facebook pages are growing with 998 and 961 followers respectively. Follow numbers are up 50% on the same period last year and follower engagement on both these pages is encouraging with lots of sharing occurring.

Both Facebook pages give us the opportunity to share what our member groups are doing and to promote our sponsors and the happenings within the industry. We are also able to share the quilts and thank you letters we receive for VSQ. We encourage members to be active on this page and well guest posts.

In addition to Facebook, Victorian Quilters Inc. manages two Instagram pages @victorianquiltersaus and @verysnugglyquiltprogram. These two pages, like Facebook also have great engagement with 752 and 835 followers respectively. These figures are encouraging as they too continue to grow month on month.

In addition to social media, VQ is also communicating on a monthly basis with its individual and member groups via the monthly e-newsletter. The newsletter has been introduced to complement our quarterly magazine and has proven to be a great way to get information out to our members in between magazine publications. We too have received great feedback from the newsletter.

We understand that not all Victorian Members have email access and ask that if you know of anyone not getting the emails, to you print it off so they too can have a read.

Josephine Kelly

Social Media Coordinator

Website

The website is an area that the committee has resolved to work on and improve within the next year. This includes being able to lodge entry forms on line, including an image of the quilt. This process will need to be worked on by both the website personnel and the Showcase Sub-committee.

Marie Lee

President

Judging Accreditation

In their second year our trainees have been working on their Open Research Assignment which covers a wide range of patchwork and quilting terms and techniques. The trainees are required to demonstrate they have completed a wide range research of the genre to further empower knowledge and encourage a lifelong learning of said genre.

Studying quilts at Quilt Shows has been a focus and recently trainees were encouraged to create their own critique sheets for when they visited. Further Modules for this year are Design (Janet O'Dell) and Jurying (Margaret Parkinson). We are also going as a group to critique and find Best of Show at a Member Group Quilt Exhibition. Some trainees took the opportunity to be helpers and scribes at VQ's Judging Days. By all accounts they really enjoyed it and learnt heaps.

Congratulations to Lorinda Freeman who was the junior judge at Showcase – a task she completed admirably. Lorinda finished her Open Research Assignment in record time. Margaret Parkinson believes it is the best she has ever read. Lorinda will graduate at the AGM this year but she will continue with our sessions as will all our judges when possible to keep their knowledge and skills up to date.

We look forward to our other trainees graduating sometime in the future.

Mary Hitchens & Margaret Parkinson

Judging Accreditation Coordinators

Quilt Study Group

Meetings of the Quilt Study Group Victoria are held quarterly. All meetings listed here were held at 383 Toorak Road, South Yarra. All meetings include an in-depth hands-on session viewing quilts, new books and related items. Attendees are encouraged to bring examples on topic for Show & Tell.

23 September 2019: Heather Shepherd continued her talk about a recent quilt study visit to the US. Main topic was Hexagons in Depth following my presentation at the Leah Zieber Quilt Study Retreat in Temecula, California in May.

There was no December Meeting as I was overseas.

31 March 2019: Report on the American Quilt Study Group Seminar in Bethesda, Maryland, USA; the British Quilt Study Group Seminar in St Fagan's, Wales, UK: visit to the Chintz Exhibition at the Chateau de Prangins in Switzerland; visit to the Textile Museum in St. Gallen in Switzerland.

30 June 2019: Reports for the day were: Costume and textiles from the Snowhill Collection at Berrington Hall, UK; Velvet exhibition at the Textile Research Centre in Leyden, the

Netherlands; The Power of Pattern – an exhibition of Ikat clothing from Central Asia at the Los Angeles County Museum of Art; the DAR Museum A Piece of Her Mind quilt exhibition in Washington DC; Baltimore Album and Sampler Quilts seen at the Leah Zieber Quilt Study Retreat in Temecula, California in May.

From July 1 2019 and in order to ensure that attendees are covered by Victorian Quilters' insurance, the Group will no longer require a separate membership. There will instead be an entry fee for each meeting: \$10 for members and \$15 for non-members.

Janet O'Dell

Quilt Study Group Co-ordinator

Australia's Biggest Quilting Bee (ABQB)

I'm happy to report the Australia's Biggest Morning Tea for 2019 raised an amazing \$7,367.20. This means Victorian Quilters Inc. is able to fund a specific research award and we have chosen -- Low Survival Cancers – this includes, esophageal, stomach, brain, lung and liver cancer types.

How privileged are we as a group to have so many caring and generous members? Thank you to everyone that helped make this year's Australia's Biggest Morning Tea a huge success.

Therese Cossens

Victorian Quilters ABQB Representative

Very Snuggly Quilts

When I became involved with this program in 2005, I never envisaged in my wildest dreams that the program would grow to the amazing organization that it is. There are now more than 500 generous people involved that enable the Very Snuggly Quilt Auxiliary and since 2007, the Auxiliary has gifted more than 15,000 quilts to children who have a chronic, life threatening illness and are in patients at the Royal Children's Hospital. During the past year we gave more than 1,700 children a quilt.

Without the support of the individuals and Member Groups, who have donated completed quilts, fabric, pieced quilt tops, quilted the quilts, sewn the binding or the person who comes to a quilt making day and looks after the morning tea and lunch and reminds us to take a break from stitching every now and then. Your contribution, no matter small plays a vital role in creating these quilts. On behalf of the children and their families a huge thank you to you all.

We are a unique Auxiliary in that our members are accredited to visit the wards and deliver the quilts directly to the children. To the team of very special volunteers who visit the RCH each month distributing the quilts, many thanks to you all. During the past year we welcomed new members to the team, thank you for being part of this Auxiliary.

Some days it can be very stressful visiting extremely ill children and seeing how worried their parents are, however, the gift of a quilt can generally bring a smile to both the parent & the child. The reaction is generally one of disbelief that some-one will take the time to create a beautiful quilt and then give it to a stranger.

I would like to acknowledge the support by manufacturers, distributors and retailers who provide not only batting and fabric, but also support the Auxiliary by having quilt making days at your premises. Thank you for your continued support.

The list of sponsors, groups and people who have contributed to this program during the past 12 months are included separately in the Annual Report. Please accept my apologies if I have missed including your name, it was not intentional.

A special thank you to Victorian Textiles for providing Matilda's Own batting for many of these quilts since 2005. Please remember to support the businesses who sponsor the program, as this is the only way we have of thanking them. Their sponsorship also makes it possible for us to concentrate on making quilts and not having to raise funds to purchase batting, fabric, thread etc.

During the past 12 months we have held many days quilt making days in the community, both in Victoria and interstate. To the Member Groups who have hosted these days, please accept our thanks for your generosity. On a personal note, thank you for also providing accommodation when I am travelling away from home and sharing your home with me.

Quilt making days are a great way of sharing / learning a new skill or technique, catching up with old friends or making a new friendship. If you were one of the brave people who came to a quilt making day on their own, a big thank you and we hope you will be able to join us on another quilt making day. We encourage people from the local community to call in and join us for a cuppa and see what we are doing.

A Very Snuggly Quilt is a gift to each child and is how we can show the children and their families that we, the community, are thinking of them during what is a very difficult time. In some instances the child and parent are in Melbourne many miles from home which may be interstate or overseas as the child is spending an extended time in hospital. Our family is fortunate never to have been in this situation.

Our followers on Facebook and Instagram continue to grow and this is such a great way to let everyone know what we are doing and show some of the amazing quilts we have received.

My thanks to everyone who has continued to make this program so successful, without your valuable contributions it would not be possible to visit the hospital each month and continue to make a difference to the life of some many children.

Marie Lee

VSQ Quiltmaking Coordinator

Very Snuggly Quilts Auxiliary

A year has passed so quickly. Our team consists of Agnes Girdwood, Anne Sushames, Betty Scott, Bronwyn Inman, Elaine Hicks, Felicity Gilchrist, Josephine Kelly, Judy Malcolm, Lorraine Hocking, Robyn Rule and Marie Lee. In May, we welcomed Kaye Hardman to our team. Betty along with Marie act as our "emergency helpers" who have been called upon to accommodate our holiday makers!

During one of our visits, 6 of the team were “lucky” to be photographed for the hospital’s foundation magazine “A Year in Review” which in turn now sees some of their faces on the wall of the Auxiliary shop on the ground floor of the hospital. Before anyone asks – Marie doesn’t feature in this mural though she probably should for her passionate commitment.

Josephine and Marie are active in keeping Facebook updated with beautiful photos of the donated quilts as they are received. This in turn, is how we are seeing the patients/parent’s kind words.

I am enjoying my role as Co-ordinator and wish to thank each volunteer for their continued commitment to this program.

Also, a very BIG THANK YOU to all the ladies (and gents) and shops who donate their time or fabric towards making quilts to make this program a success.

Elaine Hicks

Coordinator, Very Snuggly Quilts Auxiliary (Royal Children’s Hospital)

Quilt Making Days

The following organisations provided facilities for quilt making days or quilt demonstrations.

Mornington Peninsula Shire	Keysborough Bowling Club
Hastings Community Centre	Sorrento Community Centre
Westernport Craft Expo	Millrose Cottage & Gallery, Ballan
Crib Point Community House	Sewing Connection Pakenham
Palm Beach Quilting, Carrum Downs	Create Retreats @ Harcourt & Warburton
Mrs Martin's Quilt Shop	Everything Patchwork & Quilting, Gembrook
Royal Children’s Hospital Foundation & Auxiliary Office	

Groups who supported Very Snuggly Quilts 2018-2019

The Very Snuggly Quilts Program acknowledges and thanks the following Groups for their continued support by contributing completed quilts and or hosting quilt making days during 2018-2019.

Bacchus Marsh Friendship Group
Bacchus Marsh U3A
Ballarat Quilt Grans
Bay Quilters Inc.
Bellbrae Quilters
Corowa Quilters
Drouin Fireflies
Geelong Patchwork and Quilters Guild Inc.
Girgarre Patchwork Group
Lanky Ladies
Gisborne Presbyterian Craft Ladies
Goulburn Valley Quilters Inc.
Harmony Quilters
Horsham Patchwork Quilters Inc.
Inner West Snugglies
Krafty Kats, Panton Hills
Lake Mulwala Quilters
The Melbourne Modern Quilt Guild Inc.
Mornington Peninsula Patchworkers Inc.
Patchwork Collections of Yarra Valley Inc.
Patchwork & Quilters Guild Inc.
Portland Secondary College
Regent Street Quilters
Richfield Thursday Quilters
Rotary Club, Tallangatta
Strawberry Patchers Shepparton
Tocumwal Sew & Sews
Tocumwal Girls Shed
Toolamba Patchwork Group
Warracknabeal Patchwork and Quilters
Wattle Park Chapel
Windmill Quilters Kaniva
Yangery Cottage Quilt

Very Snuggly Quilts Major Sponsors 2018-2019

Expertise Events	Space for demonstrating quilt making during Craft & Quilt Fair
BERNINA Australia Pty Ltd	Demonstration machines for use during the Craft & Quilt Fair
Victorian Textiles	Matilda's Own Wadding, fabric & templates
Westalee Design	Rulers and templates
Horn	Cabinet sponsorship during the Quilt & Craft fair
Accuquilt	Loan of Go Big & dyes
Brother	ScanNCut
Janome	Quilting baby quilts
Kids Quilts	Patchwork Patterns
Faye Packham	Louisa's Star Quilt Pattern
Stockdale & Leggo Rye	Photocopying

Storage space

Victorian Quilters Inc	Rosebud Mini-Warehousing Pty Ltd Moor Room, Yarraville
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Assistance with travelling

Yarra Valley Toyota	Rye RSL Sub Branch & Women's Auxiliary
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The following organisations provided fabric:

G J's Discount Fabrics	Millrose Cottage & Gallery
PK Fabrics	The Cotton Factory
Treehouse Textiles	Lily Patches
Millhouse Fabrics	My Little Patch
Lavender Pink Quilting	Verandah Craft
Catharina's Vintage Stitches	Patchwork Unlimited
Lyn's Craft Nest	Charles Parsons
Katies Stitch by Stitch	Palm Beach Quilting
Mrs Martin's Quilt Shop	Patchwork Collections
Serenity Glen	Heights Sewing Centre
Sewing Connection	Periwinkle Patchwork

Individual contributors to Very Snuggly Quilt Program.

Thank you all for your assistance during 2018-2019

Abigail	Beth Lavery	Collette Fink Lees	Felicity Garde
Agnes Girdwood	Bettianne Foster	Carole Keane	Felicity Gilchrist
Alex Elliott	Betty Moulden	Carol McGregor	Fiona McKenzie
Alison Fanthorpe	Betty Scott	Carol Sonogan	Fiona Carruthers
Alison Nixon	Bev Aitken	Caroline Jaksch	Fleur Maddern
Ally Knight	Bev Busiko	Coral Saunders	Folk Wilde
Alyce Blyth	Bev Button	Darcy Oldfield	Fran Batrouney
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Janine Winchombe	Julie Hill	Lola Petschauer	Lynne Van Hooy
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Jean Sheriff	Julie March	Lesley Lowe	Maggie Brown
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