



Dear Members,

As a result of a recent Victorian Quilters Inc. committee meeting I am able to advise the following changes to Committee portfolios:

Member Group contact is Denise Longmire. This includes any enquiry that you may have regarding your membership and Group Insurance. Denise may be contacted via email at insurance@victorianquilters.org or by phone on 0407 252 746.

Applications for **Grants** will be handled by Judith Oke, who can be contacted via email at grants@victorianquilters.org or by phone 0448 388 872.

Gatherings will be coordinated by Andrea Taylor. Andrea can be contacted at bitternbythebug@gmail.com or by phone on 0427 060 007. Andrea will be in contact with the Member Groups who had offered to host a Gathering during 2020/2021 to discuss future dates.

Sub committee portfolios

Wendy Blyth will be the contact representing The Applique Guild for **Andersons Mill Heritage Weekend at Smeaton**. Please note this event is not being held in 2021.

A full list of portfolios will be available on the website and in the next issue of the magazine.

Gatherings

We have discussed whether or not it would be possible to hold any Gatherings during 2021. At this stage the Autumn Gathering for May has

been cancelled and we will make a decision regarding the Winter Gathering for August at the next committee meeting in May.

As Showcase is being held in mid November, the committee has decided that there will not be a Spring Gathering in 2021. All being well, the Summer Gathering will be held on 19 March 2022. This will include the Annual General Meeting.

Member Benefits

We spent considerable time discussing the benefits of being a member of Victorian Quilters Inc, and how we can make this more attractive to our members. We acknowledged that COVID had affected many members who have patchwork & quilting business and it has been decided that one of the ways to support these members is to promote these businesses both in the magazine and via the website.

It has been decided that we will feature patchwork and quilting shops in an area of Victoria in each issue of the magazine. As we are currently being encouraged to travel within our state, and we know many people are travelling along the painted silo trail, this is a great time to stop by the patchwork shops in the area. There are also a number of textile related galleries throughout Victoria that we can visit at the same time.

A separate email will be forwarded to the members with businesses. Businesses who are not currently a member will be invited to join Victorian Quilters Inc. if they would like to be part of this initiative.

The first ***Patchwork Track*** will be the Western District from Geelong to the South Australian Border. This feature will be toward the back of each issue of the magazine. If you would like more information regarding this initiative, or can recommend a business to be included, [please email me](#).

Website

We are in the process of updating the website to include the location of:

- Member Groups
- Members who provide long arm quilting services
- Businesses operated by Victorian Quilter members (including accommodation and online businesses)

These will be displayed on separate maps of Victoria with a flag to indicate the location and a link to the website or how to contact the business or Member Group.

If you find something out of date on the website, please bring this to our attention by using the contact us page on the website, with a reference to the item that needs attention.

I hope you all enjoyed time with family and friends over Easter and are now able to meet with your stitching buddies as our Member Groups are resuming the usual activities after COVID restrictions.

I have had my first COVID vaccination and fortunately did not have any side effects and I am booked into have the flu vaccination next week. Take care, stay well & find some time for yourself each day.

Kind regards

Marie

Marie Lee

President

Winter Wonderland Workshop

Let us tempt you to a wonderful workshop at 'Mainly Sewing', surrounded by beautiful woodlands at Main Ridge on the Mornington Peninsula.

'DAISIES SECRETS'

with internationally renowned Embroidery Artist

Catherine Howell



Catherine Howell

Sunday 16th May 2021

This full-day session allows you to try your hand at different stitches and techniques for creating velvet Toadstools, wispy Daisies, and metallic Cobwebs set amongst thread-painted Grasses.

This project has been designed to suit all levels of Stitching experience.

The cost for the day is \$125, starting at 10am and concluding at 4pm.

Cost includes a full 'Daisies Secrets' kit (including instructions, photos, threads, fabric, needles, and signature hand-painted background), and Morning/Afternoon tea.

What to bring: your basic needlework kit including a pair of Embroidery scissors and a small pair of Fabric cutting scissors, Pins, Spare Needles, H.B pencils/Tracing pens, one 14" Embroidery hoop or frame to encompass an A4 printed design.

Please bring your own lunch - if this is not possible, we can place an order with a local cafe (at your own expense).

Book early to avoid missing out!

Call Louise on 0458 449 646 or email: louise@mainlysewing.com.au



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AQIPP 2021
Where in the World?**

11th November - 18th December 2021
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Quilters are invited to demonstrate their talents and originality interpreting the theme "Where in the World?". AQIPP is a juried, judged and sponsored exhibition which is open to all quilters in Australia.

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The theme "Where in the World?" can be interpreted in time, in space, in form and in meaning.

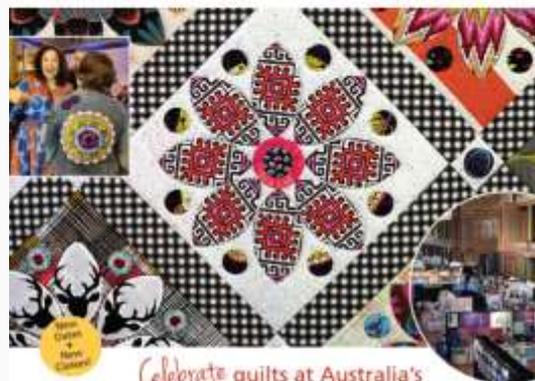
Entries close: 17th September 2021

For **Entry Form** www.australianquiltersassociation.com
For **more information email** judyvel@bigpond.net.au



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The Applique Guild of Australia Inc. wish to inform you that we have been able to obtain the services of Rita Verocca who does Baltimore quilts.

Rita will be in Australia from approx. 9th September but needs to leave on the 9th October. She already has engagements on the evening of 16th September, 19th September, & 3rd & 4th October.

Rita is available to do Trunk Shows @ \$400 Australian or teaching at \$750 Australian per day and will have 20-24 students including beginners.

Please contact Heather on 0428 864 864 or email Soot1psy@gmail.com if you wish to express an interest in the above.

Kind Regards

Heather Shepherd
President
The Applique Guild of Australia Inc.

**THREADS OF GOLDFIELDS QUILTERS
IN THE GOODS SHED**



WHEN: Saturday 29th, and Sunday 30th May, 2021.

TIMES: Saturday 10.00 am to 4.00 pm

Sunday 10.00 am to 3.00 pm

WHERE: Railway Goods Shed

**Kennedy Street, Castlemaine,
(Next to the railway station.)**

ENTRY: \$5.00

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**Lee French from VILLAGE
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on both days.**

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