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Victorian Quilters Inc.

Dear Members

As we launch ourselves into 2023, some more enthusiastically than others, I hope that we can all look forward to a better year ahead. The fun part of being president is that I now have the perfect excuse to visit quilt shows and shops. I am very aware that, while active in the Geelong Patchwork & Quilters Guild, I do not know a lot of others around the state, so please introduce yourself as I visit.

Firstly, apologies from VicQuilters for the lack of the October 2022 magazine. Unfortunately personal challenges and a computer melt-down meant that this magazine did not go to print. We plan to amalgamate both October and January editions and to have the magazine sent out in March. Deadlines for 2023 are unchanged.

My year started by attending the biannual Southern Right Creative Festival, in Warrnambool, showing over 200 quilts. This inspiring quilt show is organised by a small but experienced committee led by Ann Donaldson of Periwinkle Patchwork, working closely with the local Rotary Club. Funds raised go to charity. Ann tells me this is an open show inviting entries from any quilter, not a single group exhibition. I loved the two-colour challenge which produced some stunning quilts. Viewer's choice was a red and white star quilt made and quilted by Fiona, VQ member. There was also a warm and colourful display of family made crocheted rugs. I hope to see some of these quilts at Showcase in July.

Do you make quilts to order or on commission? From time to time, we receive enquiries from people who would like a quilt partially or wholly made. It is a big responsibility to make something to match another's vision, however you may be interested or already be doing this. Enquires for quilting only are referred to member quilting businesses found on our website map. Victorian Quilters Inc. act as an information broker only, referrals being made with regard to the needs of the enquiree. All subsequent communication is between you and the enquiree, with no responsibility for the result taken by VicQuilters. If you are a member or a quilting business member, available to make quilts on commission, please let me know so we can add you to our referral list.

Australasian Quilt Convention April 13-16 2023. VicQuilters is pleased to support AQC - Expertise Events. As part of this we will be asking members to volunteer for 'white gloving' in the quilt section overseen by VicQuilters and for members to volunteer as 'workshop angels', looking after tutors. Volunteer opportunities will be listed on VicQuilters website very soon. We will be having a VicQuilters table at AQC to display information about us and any forthcoming events member groups may like to promote. Our 2023 raffle quilt will be on display with tickets available. This raffle,

Can you help out? As a volunteer organisation Victorian Quilters runs on the generosity of our members. If you have been wondering about joining in this year please have a look at our Help Wanted. There are a variety of short-term tasks, a number which can be fitted around your usual activities, some able to be done mostly from home with the aid of a computer, some only need you for a few days at Showcase in July. Or you may feel a task could be shared with a friend. Please read through and contact us. We look forward to welcoming you to the team. SEARCH: 'help wanted'

Coming events If your group is planning an event - exhibition, workshop, quilt-in, de-stash or similar, remember these can be advertised free on our website. Submit your information online and once approved the event is promoted through VQ website and social media, as appropriate.

Entering Exhibitions: If you like a challenge and are interested in quilting and textile exhibitions around Victoria and interstate, there is a page on our website under: Events & Exhibitions – Call for Entries. If interested click on the link to find out further information about how to enter.

Once again I direct your attention to our website, full of interesting information, including our interactive map showing member groups, businesses and other resources, which is continually being added to. This is my first place to go when planning a road trip. www.victorianquilters.org

Lastly you are receiving this newsletter because you are either an individual Victorian Quilters Inc. member or the quilting group or guild you belong to is a member of Victorian Quilters Inc. ***Secretary's please send this newsletter on to your members.***

If you'd like to hear about Victorian Quilters Inc. from the President, I am happy to attend and speak at your local group, if at all possible. Please contact me to discuss a potential visit.

Best wishes for a creative and healthy 2023.

Warm regards

Judith Oke

President

Victorian Quilters Inc

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You are invited to the

SUMMER GATHERING

18TH MARCH 2023

10am to 4pm

BYO Mug, Lunch & Snacks

MOUNT WAVERLEY YOUTH CENTRE
MILLER CRESCENT, MOUNT WAVERLEY

ENTRY \$10.00

(Tickets to be pre-booked via [TryBooking.com](https://www.trybooking.com))

SHOPS Can Do Books • These Clever Hands

Very Snuggly Quilt trading table:

Fabric \$5 metre, Fat Quarters \$1,

One Kilogram fabric (colour coordinated) \$25

Lots of bargains

ENQUIRIES

Andrea Taylor - gathering@victorianquilters.org
or 0427 060 007

Help Wanted

To lodge an expressions of interest or for further information please email president@victorianquilters.org

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

There are approximately 6 committee meetings a year which are now held via zoom, so there is no travelling.

As a committee member it is expected that you will be able to attend and assist at Victorian Quilters Inc. events, including Quilt Showcase, Australasian Quilt Convention, Gatherings and represent Victorian Quilters Inc. at events being held by our member groups.

APPRAISAL CO-ORDINATOR

This is an administrative role and you will be responsible for:

- Ensuring that the hall for the appraisal session is booked. These sessions are held in Surry Hills.
- Receiving and recording requests for quilt appraisals.
- Confirming the date & time of the appraisal with the person requesting the quilt appraisal.
- Ensuring that volunteer appraisers are available for the appraisal session
- Preparing the documentation following the appraisal session.

The quilts are to be dropped at the venue on the morning of the appraisal and collected after the appraisal session.

SHOWCASE ASSISTANCE

Assistance with set up of the quilt show.
Tuesday 11 July, 2pm to 5pm (approx.)

Wednesday 12 July, 7am to 5pm

Assistance to take down quilt show
Sunday 4pm to 6.00pm (approx.)

QUILT COLLECTORS

Accept quilts for exhibit at Quilt Showcase
26 June to 3 July.

Collection of Quilts by members
20 July to 30 July.

Available to drop off the quilts & assist with quilt set up at the Exhibition Centre, Melbourne at 7am on **Wednesday 12 July 2022.**

Available to assist with take down at 4pm on **Sunday 16 July.** At the completion of take down, quilts will be returned to the collectors.

PREPARATION OF POWER POINT PRESENTATION

Prepare Power Point presentation prior to judging, including the sponsorship details.

On judging day, insert details of winning quilt, including photograph that was submitted with the entry.

Have a practise run through prior to the presentation to ensure that the projector is working.

Award ceremony present Power Point presentation.

SOCIAL MEDIA FACEBOOK AND INSTAGRAM

Attend showcase each day, take photographs of members with their entries, post on social media, acknowledge and promote the sponsors.

It is envisaged that this person will promote the Exhibition and our sponsors both before and after the exhibition.

SPONSORSHIP

There are a number of opportunities available in this team, including on judging day, including preparing and printing Certificates, checking the categories and that the prizes are correct.

There will be some work in the lead up to the Exhibition and you will be required at the Exhibition centre from 9am to 6pm on **Wednesday 12 July.**

Complete list of category winners & forward this to the website administrator and the social media coordinator.

Your assistance may be required at the Award presentation.



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