

**Minutes of the General Meeting of Patchworkers and Quilters Guild of Victoria Inc. held on Saturday 3rd August 2024 at Monash Lodge, 318 Stephenson's Road, Mount Waverley, Melbourne at 2.00pm.**

Preceded by

Merchant- These Clever Hands

Pups - Pin cushion bowl with Sue Pascoe

Showcase Prizewinners Show and Tell

Marie Lee thanked all helpers for Showcase. Several helpers are retiring so more helpers will be needed next year and Marie encouraged members to volunteer. 172 quilts were exhibited Show and Tell

Attendance- 67 members, 0 visitors.

Chair- Toni Antoney.

Toni welcomed everyone.

Minutes of the meeting will be available on the members section of the website or by request at the meetings.

Christmas in July raised \$920. The Committee suggested increasing the figure to \$1000, with \$500 each going to Beyond Blue and the Black Dog Institute. Approved by acclamation. Helen Droussinis was thanked for her organisation of this very successful event.

Congratulations were extended to the 8 members who were prizewinners at Showcase.

The Committee have agreed to publicise events by other guilds in our newsletter on request.

Lee Hanmer reported that there are 165 members. 69 members need to pay urgently so they are eligible to vote in the AGM and attend Retreat.

Bendigo Bank have approved 2025 sponsorship of \$2000 for Caring and Sharing. Their new Manager will visit Marita and Bronwyn to see a display of Caring and Sharing quilts. The Committee have agreed to allocate the funds from the Trading Table to Tutor of Note unless there is any additional need by Caring and Sharing. Caring and Sharing have a backlog of quilts ready for quilting and would appreciate more helpers.

Treasurer Bernie Murphy reported the usual monthly transactions. The current account has a balance of \$16700.19, which includes some deposits for Retreat. The auditor's report has been received.

Moved- Bernie Murphy, seconded- Denise Roganovic, carried.

Toni Antoney is taking bookings for the Rachel Daisy workshops. The fee is \$120.00 for the two days. Our Quilt In will be on 18th August at Mt Waverley and is open to all comers, not just members. So far 3 merchants have been confirmed. Entry fee will be \$15.00

Tutors of Note workshops are being planned for 2025, at least quarterly. Kimono House in March, Judy Newman in May and Cathy Dougherty from Material Obsession later in the year. Members were asked to share ideas for tutors with Toni.

Michelle Fort reported about Retreat to be held at Yellingbo on 23-25th August. Payment is due before the event. The challenge block will be Disappearing 9 patch in red, white and blue. Liz Willing will tutor a Scrap Quilt class. Those requiring transport should get in touch with Michelle.

Members were asked to please try to have small notes to pay the door entry fee.

A visit to Victorian Textiles is being planned.

Mary Hitchens advertised the Appliqué Guild Quilt In at Korumburra on 17th August. All welcome.

Kitchen duties for September will be done by Denise Roganovic and helpers.

Next month- Pups- Sitka Dart - paper piecing.

Visiting shop- Mega Mart

Speaker- Michelle Yeo

Birthday fat quarters for July and August were distributed.

Raffles were won by Susan Columbine, Pamela Renard and Wendy MacDonald

Door prizes were won by Helen Michalic and Megan Jenkinson.

The meeting closed at 2.30pm.