



Victorian Quilters Inc

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*National Volunteer Week 2025 is celebrating the power of volunteering to bring people together with the theme '**Connecting Communities**'. Let's acknowledge the spirit of connection and the incredible impact volunteers have in building inclusive and thriving communities.*

Dear Member

You and I know that volunteering gives us joy and makes life worth living. So, I would like to thank you and all the VicQuilters members who volunteer in so many ways in the community.

A GIANT THANK YOU to all the VicQuilters members & friends (husbands and other relatives) who volunteered for VicQuilters at AQC this year. Your willingness to be involved to setup & packup, on white glove duty and as tutor helpers contributed to make AQC a great success for all who attended. This year the Committee was pleased to organise with Expertise Events for some paid staff (VQ paid) to attend set up & pack up days to work on the nuts & bolts of putting the quilt stands together. This enabled us to have much less stressful days, finishing both in good time. We will continue to organise similar in future to support our VicQuilter volunteers.

The Committee would like to acknowledge all our AQC volunteers by name, listed below.

A HEARTFELT THANK YOU to everyone who has contributed to The Very Snuggly Quilt program over the past few months. We are incredibly grateful for your generous donations of quilts, fabrics, blocks and your time. If you're planning to make a quilt for the program, we currently have a special need for the following:

- Quilts for boys and girls aged 6 months to 1 year (size: 30 x 36")
- Quilts for boys aged 6 to 10 years (size 40 x 48")
- Quilts for teenage boys (size: 48 x 60")

Please remember that all quilts must have three layers, no embellishments or fleece fabrics.

The Very Snuggly Quilt program donates approximately 150 to 200 quilts each month to children who are patients at the Royal Children's Hospital (RCH). Your continued support helps bring comfort and warmth to these young patients and their families at a tough time.



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The following thanks were received recently:

I would just like to say how grateful I am for this incredible work of art. It was perfect timing because my granddaughter was asking for a magic carpet to go with her new princess jasmine costume. ... For the amazing quilters who spend their time making these master pieces. Thank you.

thank you so much for the beautiful quilt..... this has really brightened her up and made her feel so special, knowing that a group of ladies she doesn't know and will never meet, have made her such a beautiful gift.

Thank you also to the VQ members who volunteer to deliver the quilts to the RCH.
Keep up with what is happening with VSQ by following Instagram: [verysnugglyquiltprogram](https://www.instagram.com/verysnugglyquiltprogram)

SAVE THE DATE: SATURDAY June 14th 10am – 4pm.

You are invited to VicQuilters sewing day for Very Snuggly Quilts, in place of our usual Gathering.
Where: St Aidan's Anglican Church Hall, 24 Williamson Avenue, Strathmore VIC 3041

QUILT APPRAISALS with VicQuilters: *Are you thinking about getting your quilt appraised?*

Victorian Quilters
Welcome to Victorian Quilters Inc Australia

QUILT APPRAISAL

Are you aware that the work you put into creating your patchwork quilt has a certified value?

Next Appraisal session:
June 23, 2025

For Details: www.victorianquilters.org
Services - Quilt Appraisal

Enquiries: appraisal@victorianquilters.org

YOUR QUILT DESERVES TO BE APPRAISED!

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July 07, 2025

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COMING EVENTS with VicQuilters:

Victorian Quilters Inc. are pleased to announce the following Gathering dates for 2025.

Saturday 9th August. Winter Gathering, to be hosted by Seachange Quilters at Barwon Heads.
Details to come.

Saturday 8th November. AGM & Spring Gathering, to be hosted by AQA
at St Mark's Anglican Church, Forest Hill.



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Why not ask your group if they would like to host a Gathering in 2026?

For a Gathering the speaker fee & venue hire is paid by VicQuilters and in 2025 & 2026 VicQuilters are returning the entry fees to the host group. Hosting give a group the opportunity to promote itself and reach out to the quilting community. The Committee is there to assist a host group as needed so any group, no matter what size, could host a Gathering.

Enquiries contact: Andrea Taylor gatherings@victorianquilters.org

AUSTRALIA'S BIGGEST MORNING TEAs are on now.

Victorian Quilters Inc. have an fundraising account with the Cancer Council. We encourage VicQuilters member groups to join Australia's Biggest Quilting Bee in support of Australia's Biggest Morning Tea.

Choose a date and time that suits your guild or group between May and July 2025 and notify VicQuilters of your event. After you've enjoyed the time together, please bank the funds raised into the Cancer Council account **using the banking instructions on the VQ website** and published in the April *VicQuilter* magazine. The reference code is for the Victorian Quilters account and will be used to calculate the total amount raised by participating VQ groups. Every donation makes a difference.

FOR DETAILS: [Australia's Biggest Morning Tea - Victorian Quilters](#)

WHERE HAVE I BEEN?

Obviously AQC loomed large in April for lots of us. With the Committee I prepared for AQC and then myself and other Committee members were present for all or part of the time. AQC is a fabulous opportunity for VicQuilters to promote ourselves to visitors from all around Australia. We were delighted to welcome a number of new members and sell lots of raffle tickets. Remember our raffle raises fund towards the work of VicQuilters, including our grant program. Any VicQuilters member group can consider applying for a grant.

If you want more raffle tickets, please send us a message through the website: www.victorianquilters.org
SEE raffle quilt photo on the home page.

As a Guild partner of AQC Victorian Quilters provides the volunteer team that sets up & packs down a number of the quilt displays, including the Australian Quilt Show and Challenge. We also organise the white glove and tutor helper volunteers. In exchange Expertise Events provide free entry to all VQ volunteers on the day they are present, with setup volunteers selecting a day of their choice. This year Expertise Events also gave VQ some free lecture tickets that a number of VQ volunteers used. The lectures are always fun and educational. Expertise Events also pay Victorian Quilters a sponsorship fee. We thank Expertise Events for their support of Victorian Quilters, including acknowledging VicQuilters at AQC events and posting about us on their social media.

In April at Geelong Patchwork & Quilters Guild meeting I had the pleasure of hearing Tara Glastonbury present a very professional and entertaining talk about her quilt journey.



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In May I was invited to attend AQA's Biggest Morning tea, where I enjoyed meeting members and eating a delicious morning tea.

Geelong Patchwork & Quilters Guild had a fantastic Quilt-in this month. I hope everyone enjoyed the day as much as I did. Thank you, Veronique for a lovely talk about your quilting journey.

WHAT AM I LOOKING FORWARD TO?

Bacchus Marsh Friendship Quilters are holding a Biggest Morning Tea, with Rachael Daisy Dodds speaking. Tuesday June 10th. See details on www.victorianquilters.org Events

Other events coming up include:



A Patch of Lancefield Inc.

Proudly presents their 16th show:

Quilt exhibition **Wicked STITCHES**

Saturday 24 and Sunday 25 May 2025
 9:00 - 4:00
 In the beautiful Hall at
 Lancefield Mechanics' Institute, High St., Lancefield
 Admission \$5



The raffle quilt
Happy Days
 will be on display
 Raffle tickets \$2, available at exhibition.
 Raffle drawn Sunday 25th, 4PM.
 (Winner notified)

Homemade refreshments available
 Shops in attendance:
Black Forest Quilting & Sew Together

Contact: Joanne 0407 362789 or patchoflancefield@gmail.com




AQA QUILT IN 2025

DAY: Saturday 21 June 2025

TIME: 10.00am to 3.00pm

LOCATION:
 St Mark's Anglican Church
 303 Canterbury Road
 Forest Hill VIC 3131
 (plenty of parking at rear of building)

GUEST SPEAKER
Linda Steele

Traders in attendance
 Nuno Nuno / Somerset Patchwork / Peta's 'Pop Up Shop'

As well as...
 Silent Auction / Raffle Quilt / Plenty of Great Company

Entry - \$20.00 includes Morning Tea & Lunch

BYO - Mug & Hand Sewing

All Welcome - bring a friend

Enquiries to -
president@australianquiltersassociation.com

I look forward to saying hello to VicQuilter members wherever I travel.

Happy sewing

Judith Oke,

President, Victorian Quilters Inc.



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National 19-25 MAY 2025
Volunteer
Connecting Communities **Week**

Thank you to the following people for your efforts in volunteering at AQC in April 2025.

VicQuilters members, members of VQ member groups, friends and relatives.

Jill Abery	Anna Amory	Phyllis Aslanides
Wendy Barwick	Emma Baumann	Heather Bingham
Liz Broadbent	Maria Byrne	Wendy Cameron
Heather Cartmel	Marion Chamberlain	Helen Clark
Lyn Clugg	Marie Cook	Kia Cookson
Lyn Cooper	Linda Crouch	Imelda Daley
Marion Davidson	Sue de Vanny	Christine East
Helen Feutrill	Lindy Fordyce	Glenis Foster
Robin Grace	Margaret Grinton	Sandie Hardman
Kaye Hardman	Marianne Hundling	Mel Hunt
Jenny Hunter	Gill Hutchins	Neil Jackman (NSW)
Val Jackson	Ken Jackson	Alison Kennedy Cooke
Sugy Kim	Lisa King	Stephanie Knudsen
Joanne Krause	Julie Langford	Marie Lee
Susan Lehane	Shirley Lodington	Lynne Mackie
Bronwyn McBride	Elaine Maslen	Yumi McKey
Shibani Mishra	Alison Monger	Marie O'Brien
Judith Oke	Rose Olson	Margaret Parkinson
Mary Phillips	Jenny Port	Jill Poynton



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Peggy Purcell	Jennifer Ray	Robyn Roberts
Judy Robinson Whitty	Kerry Roe	Denise Roganovic
Wendy Rollins	Kaye Schonewille	Linda Smith
Marion Southey	Lois Stanley	Linda Steele
Mark Steele	Heather Stephens	Tania Tanti
Irene Thomas	Maureen Vander Linden	Josephine Wain
Bronwyn Walkley	Marnie Weinrich	Kay Whittaker
Leonie Wolfe	Diann Woods	Heather Woods
Patsy Yeo		

Thank you all. Please contact me if you volunteered and your name does not appear on this list.