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Presidents e-News no. 4. June 2025

Dear member,

Have you heard the news? Showcase entries are now OPEN. Details: www.victorianquilters.org
I am looking forward to seeing what people have been working on this year.

While it is tempting to share photographs of your latest beautiful quilt, in the interests of fair and equitable judging, we appreciate you not posting on social media, etc. pictures of quilts you will be entering into Showcase, until after judging.

Regarding the photograph sent in with your Entry Form, be aware that we do use these in Award presentations, so please take the best photograph you can of the whole quilt. For hints see YouTube: The Quilters Guild, UK. [How to photograph your Quilt - Quilt Photography Tutorial](#)

VicQuilters need YOU!

Can you help or do you know someone you or we can ask?

We are actively seeking an Assistant Secretary, to learn the role and step up when needed. A list of duties is available. Committee meetings are via Zoom, timely and efficient, so geography is no longer a barrier. Today's communication is mainly via email.

If you know someone you would recommend for the role, please contact them or tell us so we can talk to them. Someone from a Group may like to join VicQuilters and participate in Committee. Anyone interested in knowing more about the position is invited to contact president@victorianquilters.org.

If you think you might have skills to bring to this role, I appreciate you having a serious think about taking this on and contacting me. Thank you. Judith Oke 0448388872

Committee members needed:

We ask more members to consider joining the Committee to assist in the work of Victorian Quilters Inc.. More people, less work. To express interest, please write to: president@victorianquilters.org.

Urgent help requested. Can you help?

We need to rehouse the VicQuilters quilt stand trailer in the near future.

Do you have space in a secure garage or shed to store the trailer that holds our quilt stands?

Our current storage arrangements are coming to an end, and we need to make other arrangements urgently. We are looking for a location within about 1.5hour drive of Melbourne city.

Trailer size: 4.7m long x 1.94m wide x 1.1m high

Total weight loaded (as of May 2022) = 1680kg with a tow ball mass of 100kg.



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Hire arrangements are organised by the Quilt Stand Coordinator. Pickup arrangements are always discussed with the person providing storage for mutual agreement. The trailer is insured by VicQuilters and any repairs paid for and organised by VicQuilters.

If you wish to talk about this possibility, please contact: quiltstandhire@victorianquilters.org

Do you have ideas/stories for our magazine?

We always enjoy sending the VicQuilter magazine out to members. The magazine is formatted by Highway Press under our direction, so we don't need graphic artists. However, we always need articles about patchwork & quilting, activities of member groups, interesting trips overseas that involve textiles, patchwork & quilting. Perhaps your Group has a member they would like to tell others about, maybe someone who has received a special award. As a member you can help make your magazine as vibrant as possible by sending content to: publications@victorianquilters.org

What am I reading?

When I am not sewing, I enjoy a good book. I am currently dipping into 'The story of colours in Textiles, by Susan Kay-Williams. Bloomsbury, 2013. I found this in my local library, and it gives a fascinating historical overview, illustrated with photographs of artworks.

What am I looking forward to?

VicQuilters Sewing Day. Sat 14th June. Sewing quilts for The Very Snuggly Quilt program.

You don't have to bring a sewing machine to help on the day, but if you do please ensure your sewing machine has been currently tested & tagged. VSQ De-stash stall will be present on the day.

Victorian Quilters Inc. invites you to join in a day of sewing and friendships for The Very Snuggly Quilt Program



DATE: Saturday 14th June

TIME: 10:00am - 3:00pm

WHERE: St. Aidan's Anglican Church Hall
24 Williamson Avenue, Strathmore

REFRESHMENTS: BYO lunch & snacks
Morning tea, coffee and tea provided

PARKING: Street parking around the hall

*We need people who can assist with all stages of quilt making:
Cutting fabric, piecing, quilting, binding (by hand or machine)
There are tasks for machinists and hand stitchers*

What to bring:

Sewing Machine &
Walking foot (current
tagged & tested)
Sewing Kit & Scissors
Neutral Coloured Thread
Extension lead/
powerboard (if you can)

**This is a free event.
please book your
spot using the
QR code**



Supplied on the day:

Quilt kits, basted quilts
ready for quilting, binding
to be sewn onto quilts,
additional thread, cutting
mats, rulers,
extension cords.

VSQ destash will be there



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VicQuilters Spring Gathering, August 9th, to be hosted by Seachange Quilters, Barwon Heads Community Hall, 79 Hitchcock Avenue, Barwon Heads. Details will be posted on website.

I am excited to announce that Mariya Waters will be our speaker at Spring Gathering. Mariya is an Australian and international award-winning quilter.

'Floral Symphony. No.2' won Best of Show Showcase 2023.

www.victorianquilters.org Services - Quilt Appraisal' and 'Enquiries: appraisal@victorianquilters.org'. At the bottom, it says 'YOUR QUILT DESERVES TO BE APPRAISED!' and includes a QR code and two small images of quilts."/>

 **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:
July 07, 2025

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

Enquiries: appraisal@victorianquilters.org

YOUR QUILT DESERVES TO BE APPRAISED!



Quilt Appraisal sessions are held throughout the year.

A reminder of the next session where there is an opportunity to have a quilt appraised. Details on website.

You are challenged to make a quilt for Showcase Challenge 2025

We are again supporting sustainable use of textiles by continuing the recycle theme. This year the challenge size is 1 metre x 1 metre. Details below.

I have enjoyed the opportunity to show the 2024-25 Travelling Suitcase quilts at some of the member groups in my area. These quilts will be returned to their makers in July 2025.

I hope you have received rain as needed over the weekend. I have certainly been enjoying some quiet time in my sewing room. I look forward to saying hello at a forthcoming event.

Happy sewing

Judith Oke
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VQ 2025 Challenge

- Re-Cycle, Re-Use, Re-Create

Victorian Quilters Inc. members are advised that the Challenge is continuing with the focus: encouragement and support of a more sustainable future.

Interested entrants are challenged to create a quilt using textiles that have been used for other purposes. All materials (fabrics) used are expected to be clean & fit for use, although 'stress' fabrics are acceptable.

The total front & back surfaces of the quilt **MUST** be made of recycled materials.

Batting may be new, but consideration of the use of environmentally friendly wadding or batting scraps is encouraged.

**The Challenge entry MUST be the work of
an individual VicQuilter member**

SIZE: finished quilt MUST measure 1 metre square

Quilt edge finishing must be neatly completed in the makers preferred method.

ENTRIES OPEN 1st June.

Entry to be submitted by 30th July 2025 using the **Showcase Entry Form** with one Challenge Entry per member. A Challenge entry can be in addition to the mandatory 3 entry allowance for a member.

ENTRY FEE: \$10 non-refundable.

PHOTOGRAPH to be submitted of the finished quilt - required and, if possible, the original textiles. Please follow all other Conditions of Entry regarding Copyright.

Please be aware that Challenge Entries will become the 2025-2026 Travelling Suitcase Exhibition. Entrants' permission is sought on the Entry Form.