

# **Patchworkers & Quilters Guild of Victoria, Inc.**

## **MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING**

**Held on Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> February, 2026**

**At Ivalda Masonic Hall, 40 Salisbury Avenue, Ivanhoe**

**At 1.30 pm**

Preceded by

Catharina from Catharina's Vintage Stitches in Kyabram,

PUPS - Appliqué using glue and wash-away with Robyn Roberts

Attendance :: 85 Members

Chair :: Toni Antoney

Prior to commencement of the meeting proper Toni welcomed everyone back to another year of quilting activities and bringing back the Show and Tell for Caring and Sharing.

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

Toni announced the distribution of Birthday Fat Quarters, and in doing so also advised that Janine has handed over the Fat Quarters to Josephine Wain. Janine has had knee surgery and was still undergoing treatment for that.

Our incoming mail includes

- the January edition of Vic Quilters magazine
- a card from Valda Martin who has lost her home and all possessions in the latest Victorian regional bushfires
- a Christmas Card from Babs Elliott who now lives in Canberra, wishing everyone a happy Christmas (Babs has lost the sight in her right eye completely, but still loves to receive our newsletters and seeing the quilts we make)

Toni read the card from Valda, explaining that they will be without permanent accommodation for quite a long time, they are using generators and the power and telephone connections will take quite a while to re-establish. The meeting discussed ways we might help Valda by :

- possibly making Valda a quilt
- running a raffle to buy her a new sewing machine – members advised the meeting that Valda had been given a sewing machine already
- possibility of raising money for Valda so that she can purchase some new clothes/underwear, etc. for herself, given that she has lost everything.

The members settled on the establishment of a Go Fund Me page so that members could contribute what they wanted to, with the option of contributing cash / card donation at the next meeting (the GoFund Me page would be for a very limited time) but that we each contribute a 9” block (cream background with a motif of heart/star/flower of your choice) to bring to the next meeting so that it can be constructed into a quilt for Valda – don’t forget to sign your block.

Travelling Suitcase Exhibition will be here next month.

Membership :

Lee Hanmer reported that we have 177 members.

Treasurer :

Kayleen reported on the current financial situation :

December 2025 Financials

|   |                   |                   |   |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|---|
| November 2025 Balance                   |                   |                   | \$10,724.28   |
| Receipts :                              | Silent Auction    | \$1,618.79        | (to be shared between Caring & Sharing and Beyond Blue) |
|   | Sew & Chat        | \$ 50.00          |   |
|   | Sew, Art & Chat   | \$ 60.00          |   |
|   | Christmas Lunch   | \$ 285.00         |   |
|   | Miscellaneous     | \$ 17.00          |   |
| Total December Receipts                 |                   | <u>\$2,030.79</u> |   |
|   |                   |                   | <u>\$12,755.07</u>                                      |
| Less December 2025 Expenditure          |                   |                   |   |
|   | Fort Knox Storage | \$662.58          |   |
|   | Contact Bundoora  | \$100.00          |   |
|   | Caring & Sharing  | \$500.96          |   |
|   | Badges            | \$49.70           |   |
|   | Hall Set-up Cost  | \$60.00           |   |
|   | Christmas Lunch   | \$4,235.98        |   |
|   |                   | <u>\$5,615.62</u> |   |
|   |                   |                   | <u>\$7,139.45</u>                                       |
| <b>BANK BALANCES</b>                    |                   |                   |   |
| Statement Account                       |                   | \$7,139.45        |   |
| Term Deposit                            |                   | \$23,772.13       |   |
| TOTAL BANK BALANCES as at December 2025 |                   |                   | \$30,911.58   |
| Less Unpresented Cheques                |                   | \$0.00            |   |
|   |                   |                   | \$30,911.58   |
| <br>January 2026 Financials             |                   |                   |   |
| December 2025 Balance                   |                   |                   | \$7,139.45  |

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|---------------------------------------|-------------|--------------------|
| January Receipts                      |             |                    |
| Fun Day : January                     | \$155.00    |                    |
| Caring & Sharing                      | \$326.83    |                    |
| Membership                            | \$72.50     |                    |
|                                       |             | \$554.33           |
|                                       |             | <u>\$7,693.78</u>  |
| January Expenditure :                 |             |                    |
| Fort Knox Storage                     | \$582.00    |                    |
| Victorian Textiles                    | \$326.83    |                    |
|                                       |             | \$908.83           |
|                                       |             | <u>\$6,784.95</u>  |
| BANK BALANCES 31 January 2026         |             |                    |
| Statement Account                     | \$6,784.95  |                    |
| Term Deposit                          | \$23,772.13 |                    |
| TOTAL BANK BALANCE at 31 January 2026 |             | \$30,557.08        |
| Less Unpresented Cheques              | \$0.00      |                    |
| TOTAL FUNDS                           |             | <u>\$30,557.08</u> |

MOTION that the Treasurer's Report be accepted

Moved : Kayleen Coleman

Seconded : Lynn Firestone

MOTION CARRIED

Following the Treasurer's Report Toni advised that the Committee had discussed the general financial state of the Guild. The Guild's running costs are all increasing and although we have funds in hand, most of the funds in our account are earmarked for basic fees for the next few months that we are aware of, but we are still waiting to receive accounts for services already provided to the Guild but not yet billed to us. The Committee suggests to Members that we have an increase in our entry fee for General Meetings. The entry fee for our meetings has not changed in the last twenty years and with the current structure the financial situation is not sustainable. We are suggesting that we raise the entry fee for our General Meetings from \$5.00 to \$10.00, and that this amount will include 3 raffle tickets. We will have the Square working and this streamlining with help with the need to have a lot of change.

MOTION : That the Guild increase the entry fee for General Meetings to \$10.00, to be effective from the March Meeting, and that the entry fee include three raffle tickets.

Moved : Toni Antony

Seconded : Fran Batrouney

MOTION CARRIED with two Members voting against.

Toni also raised the issue of the Term Deposit held by the Guild. We are currently earning 3.8% on a balance of \$22,100 with the interest earned being added to the Term Deposit

balance. It is suggested that we transfer the interest components earned, to the current account for use in meeting the running expenses of the Guild and that we retain the Term Deposit amount at \$22,000 in the future.

#### MOTION CARRIED

Volunteers - We need some volunteers to help with the Show and Tell quilt displays. Thank you to the Volunteers who helped this morning.

Coming up at the May Meeting we will be collecting toiletry items for IMPACT FOR WOMEN when a representative of that group will be coming to our Meeting. Toni and Lee showed the size of shampoo/conditioner/body wash containers which are the best for this purpose (about 400 ml – slim profile). A list will go into the next newsletter of items which would be most welcome, including combs, emery boards, manicure items, sewing kits. Most recipients are survivors of domestic violence and appreciate having these items given to them. To complete the ‘gift’ we are suggesting that members might like to make some toiletry bags for these ladies. Toni showed us the bags she had made from orphan blocks and other fabrics suitable to be used, the bags to measure 30 cms wide and 40 cms high, with a drawstring and should be unlined. Some suggestions for the drawstring included folding material and stitching along the length; (from Lincraft) spaghetti yarn, and Dan has a bias making machine which may be suitable for this application.

It is also suggested that you may be able to pick up some puzzle books, highlighter pens, etc. to include in the kits.

We are not packing the bags, but keeping the bags and contents separate.

PUPS - Robyn Roberts was thanked for running PUPS to demonstrate Glue and Wash Away.

Exhibition :

Toni advised that she and Liz Willing sat down today to talk about the Exhibition. The Guild needs a venue as the first step to being able to produce an Exhibition in 2027. The prize pool for the Raffle is \$6,500 for the Quilt and Quilt Kit.

Toni asked if Members would think about possible venues for us to investigate, with certain criteria : central location close to transport - parking/ size of main exhibition space / afternoon tea area.

Suggestions ;

- Ivanhoe Library Gallery space (Ground floor) was mentioned
- Schools have been used in previous years (during school holidays)

- Remember months with a 5<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month (there are two possibles) in 2027
- Gas Works / Darebin Arts Centre

Price range : Councils want \$1,000/day. We would need to get a space for less than this.

Toni asked members to give this matter urgent consideration and contact Liz Willing if they have any suggestions. (if approaching Councils, ask for the Arts Curator/Arts Department).

Door Prizes :: Janine McKelvie and Marilyn Filby

Raffle Prizes :: Bernie Murphy, Marree Perry and Ann Allsop

VicQuilters – is open next Friday from 10.00 am to 2.00 pm - Quiltworx patterns half-priced.

Thank you to Catharina for coming from Kyabram. Catharina spoke for a few moments and told us a little about her teaching practices, etc.

Allana Kirk asked if the recipe for Mrs Atkins Fruit Slice could be put into the newsletter. Toni will have the recipe put into the next newsletter.

Susan Lehane's Workshop will be held on March 14 and July 11, at St. James Uniting Church in Glen Iris. The cost is about \$60.00 and details will be in the newsletter. There is a cut-off point of 15 participants - you can still put your name down. Toni Antoney will contact everyone on the list and give them details.

Show and Tell :

There were some 22 items for Show and Tell including some tops made at the January Fun day. Toni advised that there will be three more Craft Days this year.

Toni mentioned sit and sew groups which members may be able to join in their area. Glenda is putting together a list of groups which currently operate within the Guild and would welcome your input.

Sew Art & Chat is on next Saturday at 10.00 am

Warburton Group meets from 10.00 am to 5.00 pm on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of the month

The Meeting closed at 2.45 pm