



Dear Members

I have had a number of attempts to write and send this newsletter to you. When I think the line has been drawn in the sand it is moved by this COVID pandemic.

A few weeks ago I thought that things looked like some more restrictions would be lifted and that we could travel within Victoria and throughout Australia a little more freely. However, travel restrictions in Australia are changing so often it is hard to know whether or not to make plans for a holiday or to visit family interstate.

I do feel for the Committee and Members of Quilt NSW who had their Exhibition rescheduled one week before opening day. As a committee we spend so much time planning for an event, while at the same time needing a backup plan (or two) in case of a situation like this.

The [Sydney Craft & Quilt Fair](#) incorporating the Sydney Quilt Show, will now be held at Homebush on 1 - 5 September 2021.

We are waiting for Expertise Events to advise when the **Melbourne Craft & Quilt Fair** incorporating Quilt Showcase is to be held. When this information is received and confirmed I will print the magazine with the latest information regarding Quilt Showcase 2021.

Expertise Events have advised that the [Australasian Quilt Convention](#) has been rescheduled to 2nd to 5th December 2021 at the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre.

If you have volunteered to assist with AQC in August, we would appreciate it if you would confirm your availability on the new dates as a Tutors Angel / white glove duty via email with [Chris Serong](#).

Any other offer of assistance can be confirmed via email with [Linda Steele](#).

The **Canberra Craft & Quilt Fair** has also been rescheduled to 23 September to 26 September 2021. I suggest that you check the [Craft and Quilt website](#) for all the latest information and updates.

Victorian Quilters Website

Victorian Quilters Inc. like so many other organisations, is moving to make our website the main point of contact for both members and the general public. The committee has decided due to the cost of postage we will be communicating via email with members moving forward. There are a few members that do not have an email address and these will receive a letter via Australia Post for membership renewal and other legal requirements.

All the information relating to [Quilt Showcase](#) is now available on the website including our sponsors. We are not printing a handbook this year which is a significant saving for us. Many [sponsors](#) are also members and we ask that you consider supporting these businesses as they play an important role in making Quilt Showcase a success. If you click on the sponsor logo on our websites it will take you to their website.

I would like to thank Marita Atkins for her contribution in implementing the changes to the website. If you have a suggestion regarding the website, please email via the [Contact Us](#) tab on the [website](#).

Register Events

You may now [register an event](#) via the website. The Event listing will include date, time, entry fee, a map showing the location of the event, details of shops attending (with a link to their website), the guest speaker and a link to purchase tickets.

If changes are made to the event, please keep us up-to-date via the Contact Us tab on the website.

One of the purposes of Victorian Quilters Inc. is to promote the art and craft of patchwork and quilting. Also included in the purpose is to support the patchwork and quilting activities of our members e.g. lectures, workshops and exhibitions.

The website [Event calendar](#) will include Member Group Events and Exhibitions that may be of interest to our members. Eg, Exhibitions at regional Galleries. Diary Dates in the magazine will list Member Group Exhibitions, Quilt-Ins, Victorian Quilters Inc. events and Quilt Shows run by State and Territory Quilt Guilds.

If a member wishes to promote a workshop being organised as part of their business, the options available are to submit a paid advertisement for the Vic Quilter magazine or request inclusion as an attachment to the E Newsletter when it is published. At this stage there will not be a cost for such advertisements attached to the E Newsletter.

A paid advertisement in Vic Quilter magazine will be included in the E Newsletter as well as promotion on social media.

Membership renewal

Membership of Victorian Quilters Inc, expires on 31 August, to assist with ensuring that our records are complete, we ask that all memberships be renewed via the website.

You will need to login in, complete and submit the membership renewal form, then pay to complete the transaction. All information will then be passed onto the Membership Secretary. This should ensure that our records are correct and that the website contains the current information for members who own and operate a small business.

We are currently working on the form to be completed by Member Groups to renew their membership and pay their insurance premium via the website.

Membership number

If you recently joined Victorian Quilters Inc. you would have received an email advising you of your membership number. The membership number and expiry date is also included on the address sheet with your magazine. Your current membership level is on your profile page.

The number of people visiting the website and viewing the map showing the location of Member Groups, Machine Quilters, Teachers and businesses owned and operated by members is growing.

To our members that were affected by the storms a few weeks ago, be assured you are in our thoughts and prayers. We hope that if necessary you have found alternative accommodation and if you are at home that the debris has been cleared and you now have the power reconnected.

We look forward to catching up with you at the [Winter Gathering](#) on 14 August in Bacchus Marsh.

Take care, keep warm and stay well.

Kind regards

Marie

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FRIENDSHIP QUILTERS

in conjunction with
Victorian Quilters'

Winter Gathering

Saturday 14th August, 2021

10:00 am – 4 pm

Public Hall

207 Main St, Bacchus Marsh

Guest Speaker:

Michelle Bordignon Art Quilter



Retail Therapy

Chrissie's Timeless Treasures

Michelle Bordignon – hand dyed fabrics

Millrose Cottage

Yazzli Bags

BYO cup & BYO snacks and lunch

Raffle

Show & Tell

Sit & Sew

Entry \$10

Tickets at: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/winter-gathering-tickets-155553600005>

Further enquiries: Tineke: 0419 322 905

www.bacchusquilters.org.au

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