



**Victorian Quilters Inc**

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## **PRESIDENT'S E-NEWS** *April 2024*

Dear Members,

Wonderful to be writing to you again, I hope you have been enjoying some creative quilting.

Firstly, to update everyone, I must apologise for the delay in printing our first VicQuilters magazine for the year. Sadly, due to unavoidable circumstances the January magazine was not printed. The April magazine is currently having final editing prior to being printed. I normally plan to send out an e-News between magazines, but, while I wrote a February President's e-News, I did not write a March e-News. We aim to do better for the rest of the year.

I wonder how many of you watched the RCH Easter Appeal on TV, I was delighted to see Marie Lee there representing RCH Auxiliaries, presenting the Auxiliaries cheque. Congratulations Marie on speaking so well about our Very Snuggly Quilt program. We are always happy to welcome new VQ volunteers to join the VSQ distribution team. Contact Elaine Hicks [elainehicks63@gmail.com](mailto:elainehicks63@gmail.com)

On another point, are you aware that Victorian Quilters Inc. has a twin in Canada called Victoria Quilters Guild? Be aware we are Victorian Quilters Inc, also known as VicQuilters and for social media we use 'victorianquiltersaus'. Logo: beautiful pink heath in a V, as shown above.

### **Where have I been?**

I wonder if you, like me, had an adventure over Easter. I travelled about 740km, exploring two quilt shows, two country markets, one art gallery and one car museum! Exhausted but happy!

Bendigo & District Quilters Inc. put on a magnificent quilt show over the Easter weekend. Lots of colour and creativity. Kerang Quilters Inc. also had a fabulous two-day quilt show. So good to see everyone contributing to an exhibition and I hope we will see some of these quilts at Showcase in July. Both shows had delicious country catering. If you are planning an exhibition you may like to consider Bendigo's example and work with a local service club when putting up quilt stands.

At VicQuilters Summer Gathering. Sewing for a Cause, March 16<sup>th</sup>, it was inspiring to hear our speakers - Libby, Quilts for Orphans; Helen, Quilts of Valour Australia; Norma, Waverley Patchworkers Inc. Gift Quilts and Kim, Seabreeze Quilters Inc. charity quilt program. All passionate about what they do. We were grateful to Seabreeze Quilters for providing delicious refreshments and doing setup/packup for the day. We also learnt about VicQuilters Appraisal service from Heather Shepherd, Quilt Appraisal Coordinator and Robyn Roberts, Quilt Appraisal. Find out more about Quilt Appraisals : [www.victorianquilters.org](http://www.victorianquilters.org) – Services – Appraisals.

When entering Showcase all quilters are advised that they should consider insuring their quilts under their household contents policy. VQ Appraisal assessment is available to assist in this documentation.

### **What am I reading?**

'Simply Sashiko: classic Japanese embroider made easy', by Nihon Vogue. This is a lovely book with instructional photos and text. A tutor is always best, but this book provides a great backup.



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## What am I looking forward to?

A bit of a weekend drive to Camperdown Clocktower Quilters, Exhibition on this weekend. Then on to Kyabram for the opening of Lyn Weeks Retrospective exhibition at Kyabram Town Hall Gallery, on Monday 8 April, at 11am. See VicQuilters social media or website for details.

**AQC, Australasian Quilt Convention, next weekend.** Victorian Quilters Inc. is a Guild partner to Expertise Events who present AQC. This is why we ask VQ members to volunteer as white gloves for the quilt exhibition and tutor helpers (angels). We receive financial support from EE as thanks for our work. Thank you to all those who are volunteering at AQC.

I look forward to saying hello to you and other VicQuilters members as they visit.

## RAFFLE QUILT 2024

We have a beautiful modern quilt pieced by Wendy Blyth and quilted by Jenny Gibson for our raffle quilt this year. And a fabulous sewing machine donated by our major sponsor BERNINA. Please note that 2024 Raffle Tickets will be for sale at AQC and Raffle Tickets books will be available for members to pickup at AQC.

Victorian Quilters Inc.  
Member Name \_\_\_\_\_ (print)

**Quilt Showcase 2024**

All ticket butts and monies to be returned by **12th July 2024**  
P.O. Box 261, Flinders Lane Vic 8009

Monies may be deposited into Victorian Quilters Inc. Raffle Account  
BSB: 033 180  
Number: 302479  
Reference: Your Surname & First Ticket Number.  
*Butts will not be placed in draw until deposit is matched.*

**SYMMETRY**  
Made by Wendy Blyth. Quilted by Jenny Gibson.  
Size: 188cm x 188cm

## ***VicQuilters Showcase Challenge: Reuse, Recycle, Recreate!***

Will you join me in creating a quilt for VicQuilters Showcase Challenge this year?

Make a quilt using recycled textiles. You may have never entered Showcase, so we hope this will inspire you to do so. This is an individual Challenge, ie. the same person pieces and quilts. You may choose to only enter the Challenge, or you may enter in addition to your other quilts. **SEE** Details Attached.

We are planning to send these Challenge quilts out as a Suitcase Exhibition in 2024/25.



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## **SHOWCASE 2024**

Help us put on the best members quilt Showcase ever this year. There are plenty of tasks to share around and we appreciate all who come together to have fun and help make this show a success. Please see volunteering opportunities in the Help Wanted below.

## **ONE STEP FURTHER EXHIBITION 2024. 19th Sept – 14th Oct 2024**

Contemporary Textile Artwork – An open, juried exhibition  
Old Auction House Gallery, 52 – 56 Mollison Street, Kyneton VIC 3444  
**Entries for OSF will be received from 1 June, closing date 1 August**

Open to all textile artists in Australia & New Zealand, not just members of VQ. Held biennially, and in keeping with the contemporary theme, OSF is for entrants who wish to push the boundaries of quilt making. A maximum of 2 entries per person permitted.

Entry Forms available shortly. [One Step Further – Victorian Quilters](#)

## **Can you help?**

As I am writing this, I am thinking about the current needs of Victorian Quilters Inc. and how we want to remain a vibrant and successful organization, providing leadership and support to the patchwork and quilting community in Victoria & NSW.

I am asking if you have a passion for the patchwork & quilting community and/or transferrable skills to offer us. Because it is vital that more members become involved in the management of VicQuilters.

- If you are recently retired and looking for something extra in your life, why not continue to use the valuable skills you have developed throughout your career/ living life.
- If you have been involved in quilt groups for a number of years you have knowledge and experience VicQuilters can benefit from.
- Starting again, why not start with becoming more involved with VicQuilters, with opportunities to make friends and meet quilters from everywhere.

## **We are seeking interested people to join our team in the following roles:**

. **Assistant Secretary** – to start immediately with a view to stepping up into Secretary in November 2024.

*If you are a fluent communicator comfortable with organizing yourself, why not bring your skills to this role. These days most communication is done by email, and meetings are by zoom, so a lot of the necessary business is completed electronically and at your convenience at home.*

. **Assistant Treasurer** – to start immediately with a view to stepping up into Treasurer in November 2024.

*If you are someone experienced in banking / accounting and/or managing financial matters, why not bring your experience to this role. The Treasurer manages the finances of VQ, keeping accurate records and attending to the audit functions. The current Treasurer has streamlined the process as VicQuilters uses online banking and most payments are managed through our website.*



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. **Vice President** – to start immediately with a view to stepping up into President in November 2025.

*The VP is a general role which assists the President. As the President requires a good communicator who works well with others, VP provides a good grounding for this future role. You would be welcome to join me, learning what makes VicQuilters work and having the privilege of meeting quilters around Vic & NSW.*

. **Group Insurance** – to start immediately.

*This is not necessarily a Committee position, however sometimes the Vice President takes it on as a way to get to know the member groups. You will work with the President and have the support of the previous Group Insurance person. This role is suitable for someone who is comfortable talking to different people and likes to be organized. You do not need previous experience in insurance as we have very clear guidelines on how to do this task. Information and communication with groups has been streamlined.*

. **Assistant Exhibition Coordinator or someone to partner with another to be joint Exhibition Coordinators** – to start immediately with a view to stepping up into the role in 2025.

*If you have led or been part of planning a quilt or other similar exhibition, or worked on Showcase previously, why not consider stretching your wings and take on a leadership role in planning an amazing event. Details in Help Wanted in e-News.*

Anyone taking on these positions is welcomed and supported by the present incumbents. Don't be doubtful, try it out, we have all learnt by doing.

For additional information: [Committee and Sub-Committees – Victorian Quilters](#)

Thank you and I hope you enjoy the e-News,

Happy sewing

Judith



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## Are you able to commit to being part of the team that leads Victorian Quilters Inc. for the next few years?

We thank the current committee members for their time and support of Victorian Quilters Inc. and we welcome Leonie Wolfe and Glenna Reid who recently joined the committee. It is not expected that it is a lifetime commitment to be on the committee and if you could commit for a period of three to five years. Experience is not necessary, the current committee is friendly and supportive, however, if you have been on a previous committee of an incorporated association, this would be an advantage, and you will need some computer skills and access to the internet.

### COMMITTEE MEMBERS

There are approximately 6 committee meetings a year which are now held via zoom, so there is no travelling.

As a committee member it is expected that you will be able to attend and assist at Victorian Quilters Inc. events, including Quilt Showcase, Australasian Quilt Convention, Gatherings and represent Victorian Quilters Inc. at events being held by our member groups.

### EXHIBITION COORDINATOR

This role oversees two main events during the year.

Victorian Quilters work with Expertise Events to set up the quilts for AQC, usually in April and the staging of our annual members Showcase in July.

- Administration and communication skills are necessary.
- Experience in leading a team in any walk of life is an advantage.

You may have led or been part of planning an exhibition previously or you may have assisted at AQC or Vic Quilters Showcase. If so, this is an opportunity to become more involved in these landmark events.

The Exhibition Coordinator is supported by the Victorian Quilters committee and our fabulous and experienced members who volunteer to assist at these events.

The retiring Exhibition Coordinator is available to provide support as you gain experience. *Note: this position may be held by one person working with an 'apprentice' or two people job sharing.*

Please contact Linda Steele [exhibitions@victorianquilters.org](mailto:exhibitions@victorianquilters.org) or Judith Oke, President [president@victorianquilters.org](mailto:president@victorianquilters.org) for more information.

### SHOWCASE ASSISTANCE

Assistance with set up of the quilt show.

**Monday 22 July**, 2pm to 5pm (approx.)

**Tuesday 23 July**, 7am to 5pm

Assistance to take down quilt show.

**Saturday 27 July**, 4pm to 6.00pm (approx.)

### QUILT COLLECTORS

Accept quilts for exhibit at Quilt Showcase.

**12 July to 15 July.**

Collection of Quilts by members.

**25 July to 3 August.**

Available to drop off the quilts & assist with quilt set up at the Exhibition Centre, Melbourne at 7am on **Tuesday 23 July 2024.**

Available to assist with take down at 4pm on **Saturday 27 July.** At the completion of take down, quilts will be returned to the collectors.

### PREPARATION OF POWER POINT PRESENTATION

Prepare Power Point presentation prior to judging, including the sponsorship details.

On judging day, insert details of winning quilt, including photograph that was submitted with the entry.

Have a practise run through prior to the presentation to ensure that the projector is working.

Award ceremony present Power Point presentation.

### SOCIAL MEDIA FACEBOOK AND INSTAGRAM

Attend showcase each day, take photographs of members with their entries, post on social media, acknowledge and promote the sponsors.

It is envisaged that this person will promote the Exhibition and our sponsors both before and after the exhibition.

### SPONSORSHIP

There are a number of opportunities available in this team, including on judging day, including preparing and printing Certificates, checking the categories and that the prizes are correct.

There will be some work in the lead up to the Exhibition and you will be required at the Exhibition centre from 9am to 6pm on **Tuesday 23 July and Wednesday 24 July.**

Complete list of category winners & forward this to the website administrator and the social media coordinator.

Your assistance may be required at the Award presentation.

To lodge an expressions of interest or for further information please email [president@victorianquilters.org](mailto:president@victorianquilters.org)