



# Snippets

June 2014



**Don't  
forget!**

**Darwin Patchworkers &  
Quilters 30<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party**

**7pm Saturday 31st May,  
Stokes Hill Wharf Function  
Centre**

**Entry by ticket only**

## **General Meeting**

The next General Meeting of Darwin Patchworkers & Quilters Inc will be held on Monday 2nd June at 7.30pm at the DP&Q Clubrooms, 96A Winnellie Road, Winnellie NT.

## **Supper Roster 2nd June :**

Alison Brown

Sue Duffield

Annie Payne

Barb Mellon

**Supper roster duties:** Before meeting  
- fill and turn on urn, check and put out coffee, tea, sugar and milk supplies.

At meeting break - put food out on table, with napkins, and condiments, plates and cutlery if required.

After meeting - clear and clean table; wash and put away dishes; empty and put away urn; put away coffee, tea, etc.; wipe down benches; lock cupboards and fridge. Empty bin in kitchen and replace with a clean garbage bag.

## **Guest speaker for our June General Meeting :**

**Elizabeth Wallace from Aussie Patches**

She will be demonstrating her stencils and pounce pad. She has a web site [aussiepatches.com](http://aussiepatches.com) if people would like to see what other goodies she has.



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**Club Patron: Ms. Nerys Evans**

## **Happy birthday to :**

3<sup>rd</sup> Jenny Armour

5<sup>th</sup> Rhonnda Bryson

8<sup>th</sup> Denise Bold

11<sup>th</sup> Joy Baker

16<sup>th</sup> Lynette Balchin

18<sup>th</sup> Annie Radomski

22<sup>nd</sup> Susan Duffield

23<sup>rd</sup> Kerryn Taylor



# MT BUNDY REPORT 2014

Submitted by Jan Cashion (Mt Bundy Co-ordinator)

This year's Mt Bundy Retreat went off with a bang with 27 members attending the three day weekend with only two day visitors this year. We had a full house and the sewing room was to its maximum. Members are already asking to put their names down for next year and pay their deposit which is a good sign.

The Camp Cooks ventured down the track on Thursday morning after collecting the tables, chairs, ironing boards, irons, cutting boards, etc needed for the weekend from the Clubrooms. The cooks went shopping on Wednesday to purchase all the food required to feed and satisfy our hungry Members. After cleaning up the conference room to our standard, the room was transformed into a work room reminiscent of the work houses in the olden days. The Staff at Mt Bundy were very helpful. The kitchen was then sorted out, beds allocated, and fridges stacked. The Camp Cooks treated themselves to lunch and dinner at the Adelaide River Pub in preparation for feeding the hordes over the next three days.

Friday started early with Bernadette Izod the first to arrive. We had some welcome rain on Saturday night which cooled it down quite considerably. Mt Bundy Station was a picture this year after all the flooding that it encountered. Everything was green and the staff have done an enormous job with the gardens, mowing, repairing fences and getting the place back into shape. From all accounts Members had a fabulous time with plenty of great food, good company, lots of laughter and plenty of sewing done. A total of 50 comfort bags were made and donated to the CWA Darwin Branch, which I thought was a tremendous effort. Thank you ladies.

This year we had first, second and third prizes for the raffle. Di Howard won second and third prizes and Angela Wallace won first prize. Thank you to everyone who bought tickets and the money raised goes towards funding the raffle for next year. We also sold tickets in the Australian Biggest Quilting Bee and had the quilt prize on display. This was very well supported for which the Cancer Council will be thankful. Once again thank you Members.

Monday afternoon came too soon and people packed up and started heading home. Most people expressed that they did not want to go home and would have preferred to stay another week. I would especially like to thank the people who stayed behind and helped the Camp Cooks load up the trailer and pack the vehicles. It was a big help to us and we certainly appreciated it. So thank you Barb Mellon, Kaye Boath, Kristina Hower, Sonny Litchfield, Bernadette Izod, Annie Buckley, Annie Payne, Rayma McMahon, and Kris Knights. If I have left anyone out I certainly apologise.

Start planning for next year's Mt Bundy as it is our tenth year of heading down the track for our retreat. The Committee are already planning for this and we hope it will be extra special for our 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Watch this space!!!



Comfort bags made by members at Mt Bundy



The wonderful team of cooks







## More Mt Bundy creations...





# Australia's Biggest Morning Tea



**DPAQ Fundraising event for Australian Cancer Council**

**Make a Quilt in a Day**

**Loralie Designs Panel – "On The Mend – Women's Health"**

On Saturday 17/5/14 DPAQ Members participated in a fun day of quilt making and games to raise some funds for the Australian Cancer Council.

Refreshments were provided by:

Alison McShanag	Gazpacho and dinner rolls
Bernadette Izod	Lasagne
Di Clark	Pumpkin Soup and a Date cake
Jane Price	Pea and Ham soup with croutons
Kim Tait	Cauliflower Soup and Apple Slice
Margaret Toner	Fruit and Nut cake – non member

Fabric donated by Judy A and Jane Price

Over the course of the day, 16 members attended and brought along items to add to the growing pile of goodies for the Dutch Auction.

Di Clark had arranged to purchase the fabric and pre-cut the centre blocks and strip sets ready to be stitched around these, packaged up in baggies ready to go so there was minimal cutting during the course of the day.

The White Homespun Sashing proved to be a bit more challenging. When this was stitched to the blocks, it stretched and had to be reversed stitched. A big thank you to Jane Price for all the reverse stitching and re stitching.

Over the course of the day we managed to raise \$324.25, including a Singapore 5c piece. Overall 20 blocks were made by all who attended the day. A big thank you to everyone for their generosity and efforts to help raise these funds. The Lucky Door Prize was won Tip Wade

I would also like to thank Alison McShanag's boarder for their very generous donation of \$50.00, Lynn Bates' husband, Brian, who donated \$20 and Tip Wade's mum \$10 as she could not attend on the day, to the Cancer Council.

A very fun day was had by all.

Bernadette Izod



# Next Saturday Stitchers event :

10:00 am to 4:00 pm, Saturday June 21

## Spicy Spiral Table Runner

42 inches x 25 inches

### Requirements:

- 8 fat quarters
- 10 degree wedge ruler
- sandpaper dots to keep ruler from slipping
- sewing machine
- walking foot
- neutral thread or thread to match fabrics
- rotary cutter with a new blade
- pencil or pen
- spray starch (you will be sewing on the bias and this stops the stretching)



### Hints:

- use different colour ranges and values from dark to light
- use half a jelly roll
- a 9 degree ruler can be used but the runner will be of a slightly different size

The stratas will be made in the morning session and Pam Macleod from Janome will be conducting the session to cut the stratas and put them together.

There is a YouTube version from [HeirloomCreations.com](http://HeirloomCreations.com) you can view before making this project.



Hello everyone,

These are my grand daughters (Erin and Rosalie) sitting on the lovely quilts that Darwin Patchworkers and quilters have given to them. Thank you all very much. The quilts are so vibrant and beautiful. The girls will have such joy with them for a long time!

Their new house will be finished may be by the end of this month. They are planning to move into their new house around that time. It is now a year since the fire destroyed their other house. We will be in Darwin from 29/5 to 9/6 so I plan to attend our June meeting. Looking forward to seeing you and our quilt group soon!

Love, Minh Williams



# Easy Cure for Tension Headaches



## HOME MACHINES

**Q. Can I rely on the automatic tension system to adequately adjust the top tension?**

**A.** No. If you use different threads, fiber types, and sizes, your automatic tension setting most likely will not be adequate to adjust properly for all situations. Learning to manually adjust an auto-tensioned machine is very important when using a variety of threads.

**Q. How do I know when the top tension is too loose?**

**A.** The top thread loops on the back. You may also get what is called a birds nest, where the top thread bunches up underneath.

**Q. How do I know when the top tension is too tight?**

**A.** Thread breakage, thread shredding or fraying, seeing a lot of lint from a high quality thread, and/or feeling excessive resistance when pulling the thread through the needle. Make sure you also check the needle size because these symptoms may be related to using a too small a needle.

**Q. Do some threads require looser tension settings even though they are not heavy threads?**

**A.** Yes, especially metallic threads, hologram threads, and other sensitive threads.

**Q. Is it necessary to adjust the bobbin tension?**

**A.** Sometimes, but not nearly as often as the top tension. If a good bobbin thread is breaking, check the bobbin tension. It might be too tight.

**Q. It seems like the top tension doesn't change even though I adjust the setting. Why?**

**A.** There might be lint or debris caught between or behind the tension discs prohibiting them from opening and closing properly.

**Q. Can you help me reduce the tension and stress in my life?**

**A.** Yes. Have a grandchild.

View Bob's Tension demonstration.

**Video 1** (3 minutes) [Why adjusting tension is important](#)

**Video 2** (6 minutes) [How tension works](#)

View an interesting illustration showing how tension works, [The Thread Tug-of-War](#)

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Many parents fail to recognize the early warning signs of Obsessive Quilting Disorder.

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## Internet Bytes



<https://themodernquiltguild.wordpress.com/category/100-days-of-modern-quilting/>

A really interesting blog about The 100 Days of Modern Quilting challenge run by the Modern Quilt Guild in 2012.

This link takes you to the final blog, which then links you to all the featured quilts. Each week of the project had a theme, eg. colour, shape, prints, solids, improvisational piecing, etc. At the end of the week, there were links to tutorials as well. I could spend hours getting inspired here!



And since I have been seeing pixelated images everywhere, here is one of the challenge quilts from the colour week -

Pixelated Colorwheel by Kati Spencer



	IF YOU ARE TRAVELLING....	
June 20th-22nd	Craft Alive—Bendigo	Bendigo Exhibition Centre Showgrounds, Vic
June 14th-July 27th	Petite Miniature Textiles	Wangaratta Art Gallery, Vic
May 10th-June 29th	Australia Wide Three	Burnie Arts and Function Centre, Tasmania
June 26th-29th	Craft & Quilt fair	Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre, South Wharf, Vic
July 9th-13th	Craft and Quilt Fair	Sydney Exhibition Centre @ Glebe Island, NSW

## Calendar of club events

1st June	Thimblelady workshop 9:00-4:00
2nd June	General Meeting 7:00 for 7:30pm at the clubrooms
3rd June	Quilters Down the Track 9:30am-1:30pm at The Beehive, Freds Pass, cost \$3.50, and every Tuesday
5th June	Thursday Threads 9am-9pm at clubrooms, cost \$3.00, and every Thursday
6th June	Friday Stitchers 9am-4pm at clubrooms, cost \$3.00, and every Friday
15th June	Quilters Down the Track 1:30-4:30pm at The Beehive, Freds Pass, cost \$3.50, 2nd & 4th Saturdays
15th June	Christmas Club From 10am at the Clubrooms
22nd June	Saturday Stitchers Chenille 9:30-4:00pm at the Clubrooms

# DPAQ General Information



**ABN**  
74 081 861 533 (Not currently registered for GST)

## Advertising Rates

Quarter Page \$20, Half Page \$40

## Bank Account

BSB: 015-896, Account: 258685721

## Gift Quilt/Quilts of Love Coordinator

Alison McShanag: 0439 089 566

Newsletter Contributions to Helen Tate by the 15th of the month; helen.tate@ntschoools.net Articles welcome.

## Quilt Valuation Service

Susan Webb is the convenor 0419 416 712. Cost \$15 members, \$40 non-members, \$30 fast track (members only).

## Website Design and Support

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## Meetings

### **Christmas Club**

Meets the second Saturday of each month from 10am at the clubrooms. Work on a different themed project each month. Cost \$3. BYO lunch and snacks. Contact Debbie Selter 0418 826 169

### **Friday Stitchers**

Meet every Friday from 10am at the clubrooms. Work on your own project. Cost \$3. BYO snacks and lunch. Contact Judy Toy 8945 6612

### **General Meeting**

Held the first Monday of the month at 7.30pm at 96A Winnellie Road, Winnellie from 7.00pm for a 7.30pm start. (No meeting held in January.) Sign the attendance book when you arrive. Don't forget to bring your show and tell and coffee mug. Attendance cost is \$1.00 for members and first time visitors and \$5.00 for non members.

### **Quilters Down the Track**

Meet at The Beehive, Fred's Pass Reserve on the second and fourth Saturdays of each month from 1.30-4.30pm. They also meet each Tuesday from 9.30am to 1.30pm. Work on your own project. Cost \$3.50 each. Contact Maerwen Taylor 8988 1311, Shelley Grobler 0439 888 505

### **Saturday Stitchers**

Meet the third Saturday of each month at the club rooms 96A Winnellie Road, Winnellie. A sewing activity is demonstrated by a volunteer. Cost \$5 plus any activity costs. Contact: Kim Tait 0418 825294 or Barbara Mellon 8927 1657

### **Thursday Threads Sit and Sew Day and Evening**

From 9am to 9pm at the clubrooms. Cost \$3 each. BYO food. Contact Pam Pemberton 8983 1823 or 0488 261 905.