

# Snippets

## September 2017

Welcome to the following new members

- Sue Benjamin
- Katie Curyer
- Lyn Scarfe



## Hello

We have a big issue this month with many exciting things happening in the club.

First and foremost is our upcoming exhibition TQ17 (page 8) – with over 100 entries it appears that we have a very busy and vibrant membership. Don't forget that volunteering to help in any way throughout the exhibition will help ensure that this is a fabulous event.

Deborah Louie is conducting her workshops this week and I will include photos of the results of these in next month's edition. Please take lots of photos if you're going to any of these.

Corinne Robinson and her group of volunteers have produced a large number of covers for the cribs in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) at Royal Darwin Hospital and these were presented to the NICU last week (page 7).

The club has begun a partnership with Wajajipi Womens Centre out at Pirlangimpi on Melville Island with three members visiting and sewing alongside the ladies for a week at the beginning of August. (page 3)

Thanks to Stacey Henderson for providing part one of the survey results (page 9)

Have a wonderful month everyone and good luck with your exhibition pieces.

Cheers  
Nicky



## September Birthdays



2 <sup>nd</sup>	Erica Ryan	19 <sup>th</sup>	Kathi Lague
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Di Howard	22 <sup>nd</sup>	Susan Webb
10 <sup>th</sup>	Robyn Salmon	28 <sup>th</sup>	Corinne Robinson
13 <sup>th</sup>	Carol Birch		

## Meetings

**Next Meeting** Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September at 7:30pm

**Venue** DPAQ clubrooms, 96A Winnellie Rd, Winnellie.

**Supper Roster** Corinne, Naomi and Susan Webb

**Supper 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.



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# President's Patch

Well I hope you are like me and looking forward to the next couple of weeks - finishing off entries for the exhibition, workshops and of course seeing all the wonderful entries that we have this year. Invitations to the opening event will be emailed out shortly and we are still looking for volunteers and sponsors - see notes in TQ section.

Thanks to Stacey and Noelene for their work in collating the responses from the survey - you will see the first part of the summary this month in Snippets with the next instalment next month. The committee is now working on a budget for 2 years (taking into account a TQ and non TQ year) and we can then look at our commitments to make more informed decisions regarding club finances.

Reminder that due to TQ the monthly meeting will take place 11th September after TQ - hope to see you all over the next couple of weeks.

Susan

## Next Appraisal Day

Sunday 19 November - 2pm Please email [dpaqvaluations@gmail.com](mailto:dpaqvaluations@gmail.com) to book in your quilt - this will be the last session for 2017



*Congratulations to our newly qualified Quilt Appraisers  
Alison McShanag, Patricia Isaacs and Barbara Mellon*

## Volunteers required

We are still looking for white glove angels for TQ - if you have a couple of hours to spare over the Friday, Saturday or Sunday then we would really appreciate your assistance. We will also need some assistance on the Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday setting up so please let the committee know if you are available to also assist with the set up.

## Sponsors

TQ has received some fantastic sponsorship to date - full list of sponsors will appear in next months Snippets however if you would like to donate - either cash, voucher or a product then please contact Alison McShanag as we would still appreciate your contributions.

*Detail of Simone Symonds 100 Blocks in 100 Days*





# Pirlangimpi

Wajijapi Women's Centre is in Pirlangimpi which lies in the top north western corner of Melville Island. Recently Alison McShanag, Jenny Molloy and myself spent a week working alongside the women – sewing, printing fabric and best of all learning about a new community, sharing skills and knowledge and forging new friendships.

Travelling out by ferry (Alison flew as she had a prior commitment and couldn't get the Sunday ferry) the trip took 2 hours and a further hour to cross from Bathurst to Melville and drive up to Pirlangimpi. Staying in an itinerant workers demountable was an interesting aspect of working in a community as were the evening walks around the town and beach.



It was a fantastic week of sewing – bags, purses, skirts and homewares, eco-dyeing and being taught how to print the most gorgeous designs onto fabric – most of which were destined to be sold at the Indigenous Art Fair held in Darwin in mid August. The three of us also made a scrap quilt with many of the offcuts after the women left in the afternoons and this was raffled at the Art Fair.



The week wouldn't have been complete without a trip to a local waterfall for a picnic with some of the women and two of the Sista Girls who also work at the centre.



The Women's Centre is housed in a refurbished Sidney Williams Hut left from WW11. It is divided into two large rooms – a sewing and a printing room and these cater for up to twenty or more women who come in to sew and print fabric to stock their shop.



Debra Rasmussen is the Project Manager and it was in response to her request for people to assist the Centre with creative and technical skills that DPAQ members became involved. We will return for another 3 days in November to consolidate our relationship with the Centre and it is envisaged that this will become an ongoing partnership with the club and that members who wish to experience some time with these wonderful women will be able to visit on a roster basis.

# Saturday Stitches

## Four in the Raw

Using Helen Godden's Four-in-the-Raw technique we made a number of very different wall hangings. Each participant put their own slant on the technique with some amazing results. Kym had never done any raw edge appliqué and was willing to try on her sewing machines. Julie and Naomi created their own designs while the others used designs from Helen's books of the same name.



Our high achiever, Christine, was the only one to finish. Bernadette, who chose to do turtles, had some very tricky cutting out to do and was still working after everyone had departed.

All were pleased with their efforts

Thank you to all who attended.

If you have any projects you would like to share or learn with others, please let me know.

Janelle Northcott



## This Month

### RIP AND STITCH

#### With Christine Garrett

September 16<sup>th</sup> 10am – 3pm



#### Requirements:

Stabiliser or base fabric – 16" x 12"

Vliesofix – 12" x 9"

Lots of fabric scraps. Cottons, satins, silks, furnishing fabrics, dressmaking scraps, textures – plain and patterned. Anything goes!

Assorted yarns and threads for embellishing.

Threads – polycotton, embroidery and quilting threads will all work well.

Sewing machine and extension table if you have one.

Free motion foot.

General sewing supplies.

I HAVE TWO BOXES OF FABRICS TO SHARE.

PLEASE HELP ME TO USE THEM ALL.



## Who's who in DPAQ

### Noelene McCormick - Treasurer

*How long have you been quilting and how did you get started?*

This is an interesting question. Sometimes it seems I have been quilting forever and other times like I have just started. My first foray was almost 20 years ago when I was living in Katherine. I did a one day Applique workshop with Bev Forrest who had a fabric shop at the time. We trimmed butterflies and flowers and made a table centre. Life was busy back then with family and work so quilting didn't really take off although I read and joined pieces of fabric together occasionally.

Then in 2015 I started to make a pirate wall hanging for my grandson. I was fine with the applique as I had done a workshop, okay with the sandwiching as I had read a quilting book but I couldn't work out how to get the binding to sit flat on the corners. So I went into Dragonfly and met the wonderful Julie Wilson who not only showed me how to mitre corners but signed me up for quilting classes every Monday. My first project was a disappearing nine patch Christmas table runner and it turned out great, with matching seams and everything. The following year I started a queen sized Bargello that both challenged and frustrated me but I persevered until the piecing was complete and then I put it away as my first UFO. It was at these quilting classes that I heard about the Darwin Patchwork and Quilting Club which I joined in 2016, and really caught the quilting bug.



*What are you most passionate about in quilting/fibre art?*

I am really a most undisciplined quilter. My head is full of ideas, my cupboard full of fabric and I jump from one project to the next, one technique to another, always getting excited by endless possibilities. I have had to take myself in hand to focus on completing a project and limiting the number of quilts I am working on, but I still find ideas crashing in and with regular workshops I have five or six things I am working on. I also now want to explore modern quilting.

*Who/what inspires you most in your techniques, style, colour choices, creative journey etc?*



Over the past two years I can truly say I have been most inspired by the quilters I have worked alongside. The members of DPAQ have a tremendous array of skills and creative abilities that they willingly share. I have learnt skills and been encouraged by many members to develop and enrich my work. Initially fabric combinations and piecing excited me and I loved putting a top together. Quilting was straight lines. Then I attended a free motion workshop and received great encouragement to try swirls from a long standing member and now I'm also excited by the added complexity and dimension the quilting brings. I'm still not that keen on the sandwiching, pinning and binding bits though.



*What's your biggest accomplishment in quilting/favourite piece of work?*

At the moment I feel my biggest accomplishment has been the queen sized Bargello I mentioned earlier. This was a huge number of squares requiring matching seams that seemed to take forever, so long in fact that when the piecing was finished I just put it away. Well earlier this year I shook it out, pressed it and added the borders. Then finally I put it together and quilted it. I'm very happy with the finished product and now even happier it is a finished



## Who's who in DPAQ – continued

*What would be one piece of advice you would give to someone starting their quilting journey?*

Jump right in. Pick a project or quilt that appeals to you, grab some fabric and start. Then find and take advice when you need it. We are very fortunate in Darwin in that we have a vibrant club. One that I have certainly found to be very welcoming to new members and one that has individual members who are helpful and encouraging.

My only advice is that there is always more than one way to do things. I found it most helpful to hear all the advice then find the way that appeals to you most at the time and for the purpose. You can always try something else later.

*What is your last/current/next project?*

What to start next? That is always the biggest question. So many ideas, but I think it will be something in the blues of the sea, with the movement of the waves. Or maybe I will finish some of the workshop projects I have started.



## Guest Speakers at Monthly Meetings

Starting last month with Nicky Honan a guest speaker is being invited to present at each monthly meeting

A big thanks to Nicky for her wonderful travel photos and spiel of her trip to South Korea, the five Stans, Dubai and Oman. The photos were amazing and the talk and experiences she told us about was very interesting.



### September Meeting

At our next meeting we have three of our club members, Barb Mellon, Annie Buckley and Bernadette Izod who travelled to Adelaide to the Quilt Encounter giving us a talk on the workshops they did and showing us what they made.



## Neonatal Intensive Care Unit Crib Covers

On Monday 21<sup>st</sup> August Annie Buckley and Corrine Robinson officially presented the crib covers to the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) at Royal Darwin Hospital following a presentation to the Clinical Nurse Manager at our August meeting.



Annie and Corrine met new parents Leo and Christina whose baby John has been in the unit for four weeks after being born at 24 weeks and weighing little over 900g. They had been struggling with the covers provided for the cribs (too small and they let in too much light) and had made enquiries to the crib manufacturers re the purchase of two covers as a donation to the unit. They discovered that the covers from the manufacturers cost \$212.00 each so the arrival of the DPAQ covers was an extremely welcome and timely gift.



## Quilts of Love

If you are thinking about making some 'Quilts of Love' for the NICU unit they have let us know that they are in need of sizes 12, 20 and 24 inch squares. Contact Annie Buckley for any further information.

## Mt Bundy Call Out

Annie Buckley advised that 2017 would be her last year as the Mt Bundy Coordinator and we are seeking someone or a group to take over the coordination. Annie is more than happy to help out and share her expertise. If you are interested please contact Annie via [annbuckley1@bigpond.com](mailto:annbuckley1@bigpond.com) – if we don't receive any interest in taking on the role then the Committee will need to review if the retreat goes ahead in 2018.

What is involved?

- Book retreat venue and arrange payments as required
- Promote to members and take registrations
- Organise activities

...and from Annie

*When taking over the role of coordinator for the Mt Bundy Retreat following the retirement of the four 'Js' I was given a book with a timetable and helpful instruction on what needs to happen. This held me in good stead for the next two years. This held me in good stead for the next two years. This information is in our library and can be accessed if anyone would like further information. I am more than happy to assist and pass on any hints or tips the committee found along the way. I felt unsure about the process when I took over but discovered my concerns were unfounded.*

**TAKE UP THE CHALLENGE!!**

# Territory Quilts



*Territory Quilts 2017 Exhibition*

Friday 8 & Saturday 9 September 10am - 4pm  
Sunday 10 September 10am - 2pm

Doubletree by Hilton Esplanade Hotel  
116 The Esplanade Darwin

For more information contact 0419 416 712 or [territoryquilts17@gmail.com](mailto:territoryquilts17@gmail.com)

2017 Raffle  
1st prize - 'Crystal' quilt valued at \$2,700  
2nd prize - Bernette Bernina sewing machine valued at \$799  
Tickets available at TQ17 - \$2 each

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**Darwin Patchwork & Quilts**

You are invited to bring your quilt to the opening of Territory Quilts 2017 at the Doubletree by Hilton Esplanade, Melbourne Room, 116 The Esplanade Darwin, Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September 4pm - 8pm.

Raffle by Monday 8 September to [territoryquilts17@gmail.com](mailto:territoryquilts17@gmail.com) or by texting names to 0419 416 712

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## Update on Survey Feedback

For those that took the time to fill in the survey, Thank You. The completion rate was relatively low with only 25% of members completing the survey, but of those completed the feedback provided was constructive and comprehensive. Based on this the committee have developed five themes that we have set an objective, strategies and outcomes against.

The five themes are Financial Management, Membership Skill Development, Communication Strategies, Improve use of DPAQ resources, and policy development for the clubs support of charity and community groups and the possible education scholarship.

This update will cover the first two themes Financial Management and Membership Skill Development.

### Financial Management

**Objective:** To develop an understanding of the benefits and cost of membership of DPAQ.

**Strategies:**

- Baseline the current annual operating cost of DPAQ and identify the level of income required from all revenue raising activities to meet annual baseline costs.
- Identify development priorities with the members and ensure funding is available.
- Develop an annual budget process for DPAQ.
- Highlight the contribution members make to charities and community organisations through the identification and publication of policies and processes.

**Outcome:**

An annual budget detailing expenses, fees and strategic priorities is approved by the DPAQ committee in November 2017 and by the membership in February 2018

### Membership Skill Development

**Objective:** To provide an annual series of workshops that appeal to current members and contribute to a growing membership.

**Strategies:**

- Engage with members to identify a range of annual workshop activities for both beginner and experienced quilters.
- Establish links with other NT Quilting groups, textile groups or recreation groups for workshop activities.
- Establish links with senior and middle school textile teachers for possible partnering and skill development of an oncoming target group.
- Establish a category within TQ19 for quilts from workshops, or that relate to a workshop.
- Explore possible small exhibitions in public spaces for items produced at workshops or the work of members.
- Actively encourage the showing of quilts made by DPAQ members in the Alice Springs Exhibition.

**Outcome**

- An annual calendar of workshop and joint activities is approved by DPAQ committee in November 2017 and published for members with an introduction at the General meeting in February 2018.
- The number of quilts made by DPAQ members exhibited in Alice Springs in 2018 is greater than in 2016.

## Show and Tell





## CLUB EVENTS IN SEPTEMBER

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
				Glamorous Clams W'shop 1	Daisy Paths Cushion and Runner W'shop 2	Daisy Paths Cushion and Runner W'shop 3
Monday Sewing 10am Club Meeting 7.30pm 4	Let's Free Motion W'shop 5	6	Thursday Threads 9am - 9pm 7	TQ17 Doubletree Hilton 8	TQ17 Doubletree Hilton Christmas Club 9	TQ17 Doubletree Hilton 10
Monday Sewing 10am DPAQ Meeting 7.30pm 11	12	13	Thursday Threads 9am - 9pm 14	Friday Stitchers 9am - 3pm 15	Saturday Stitchers Rip and Stitch 10am - 4pm 16	17
Monday Sewing 10am 18	19	20	Thursday Threads 9am - 9pm 21	Friday Stitchers 9am - 3pm 22	23	24
Monday Sewing 10am 25	26	27	Thursday Threads 9am - 9pm 28	29	30	31



Some of you will already be aware of the 5000 Poppy Project but for the avid crochet and knitting fans in the club you may be interested in checking out both the blog <https://5000poppies.wordpress.com/about/> and the Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/groups/5000Poppies/>

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### Meetings

<b>General Meeting</b>	1st Monday of the month at 7.30pm	\$2	96A Winnellie Rd, Winnellie	Don't forget to bring your Show and Tell and a coffee mug. For visitors the first visit is free
<b>Christmas Club</b>	2nd Saturday of each month	\$5	96A Winnellie Rd, Winnellie	Work on different themed projects each month
<b>Friday Stitchers</b>	Every Friday 10am onwards	\$5	96A Winnellie Rd, Winnellie	Work on own projects. BYO lunch/snacks Contact Robyn Salmon 047 356 028
<b>Saturday Stitchers</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month	\$6	96A Winnellie Rd, Winnellie	A sewing activity demonstrated by a volunteer. Material costs may apply. Contact Janelle Northott 0438 691 163
<b>Thursday Threads</b>	Every Thursday 9am – 9pm	\$5	96A Winnellie Rd, Winnellie	Sit and sew. BYO food Contact Sue Britton 0418 839 475
<b>Monday Sewing</b>	Every Monday 9am – 3pm	\$5	96A Winnellie Rd, Winnellie	BYO food Contact Tip Wade 0405 838 242 or Barb Mellon

Visitors are welcome to join our Monday Sewing, Thursday Threads, Friday and Saturday Stitchers days for 3 visits. If you wish to continue attending we need you to become a full member.

Please try to bring small change to pay for your session as change is not always available.



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