

President's Report

Quilt Valuations

We are pleased to announce that the Valuations Committee has offered to include a free valuation to every member. This valuation must be done on the nominated dates, as follows:

TBA May 2025

Sunday 13 July 2025

Sunday 31 August 2025

Sunday 16 November 2025

Susan Webb also shared an article (on page 6) from the US about some lost quilts which highlights the importance of having your quilt valued.

Workshops

The Jemima Flendt Trunk Show and Workshops are on from 22-25 May. There are still spaces available so make sure you put your name down for one of the workshops.

Julie Haddrick, our judge for TQ25 will be running a Trunk Show and two workshops on the weekend prior to TQ25 7-10 August 2025. Details in the Club Rooms.

Raffle Quilt

Christine Garrett has been busy making the Raffle Quilt, the top is finished and Bec Voukolos will be quilting it very soon. Tickets will be available for sale once the quilt is completed.

Saturday Stitches

The next Saturday Stitches is in May and will be run by Pam Pemberton. She will be teaching us how to make a Block Keeper.

Pop Up Workshops – Another successful workshop run by Bec Voukolos teaching members how to make a 3 yard quilt. Various patterns were made by the 15 members who attended. Looking forward to seeing the completed quilts!

Our first Charity Quilt Day was this Saturday and while numbers were down, some of our members are working on quilts at home.

Lorraine also told us that on her recent trip to her home town in Tumberumba she was approached by

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Annual General Meeting

Monday 7th April 2025

96A Winnellie Rd., Winnellie

6:45pm for a 7:00pm start

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one of the nursing staff at the Aged Care Home who told her that two of the residents were the recipients of Charity Quilts made by our members for the 2020 Bushfires that had a devastating effect on Barlow and Tumberumba. The nurse said that the residents treasured the quilts and were still using them, so it is lovely to hear how much our work is appreciated.

TQ25

Preparations are well underway for TQ25. The Handbook has been sent out with all the information you need to help you decide which categories to enter.

Annual General Meeting

Preparations are underway for the AGM scheduled for Monday 7 April 2025. I will be standing for President again this year. Both the Treasurer and Secretary positions will be vacant. Please consider whether you can take up one of these roles for 2025. The

copy of the Profit and Loss Statement has been sent out a few days ago for members to read it, and we would like you to send any questions to darwin-patchworker@gmail.com so that we can be prepared with our responses to ensure the meeting runs smoothly.

Finally, The President's Challenge closed last week and we received 24 entries. The quilts are now with the judge and they will be displayed at the AGM and the winners announced after the AGM. There will be a 1st and 2nd prize. If you didn't make the cut off date, we would still love to receive your finished piece which will be displayed at TQ25.

That's it from me, I hope you are getting to spend lots of time in your sewing room or at the club rooms.

Happy sewing.

Pam Eadie

President

Supper for AGM



Duties: Before meeting - fill and turn on the urn, check and put out coffee, tea, sugar and milk supplies.

At meeting break - put food out on the 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.



DPAQ Calendar

April

Thursday 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th

Friday 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th

Saturday 5th

Monday 7th

Monday 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th

Saturday 12th

Sunday 13th

Sit & Sew Thursday 9.00am to 9.00pm

Sit & Sew Friday 9.00am to 3.00pm

1st Saturday of month Sit & Sew 9.00am to 3.00pm

DPAQ Annual General Meeting

Sit & Sew 9.00am to 3.00pm

Christmas Club

Days for Girls meeting

May

Thursday 1st, 8th, 15th, 29th

Friday 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th

Saturday 3rd - Monday 5th

Monday 12th, 19th, 26th

Monday 12th

Saturday 10th

Saturday 17th

Sunday 18th

Thursday 22nd

Friday 23rd

Saturday 24th - Sunday 25th

Sit & Sew Thursday 9.00am to 9.00pm

Sit & Sew Friday 9.00am to 3.00pm

DPAQ Tropical Retreat

Sit & Sew Monday 9.00am to 3.00pm

Monday Meets (formerly General Meeting)

Christmas Club

Saturday Stitchers

Days for Girls meeting

Jemima Flendt Trunk Show 6:00pm

Jemima Flendt 1-day Workshop

Jemima Flendt 2-day Workshop

April Birthdays

3rd Sue Britton

8th Jill Adams

13th Alison Brown

18th Robyn Davies





Tropical Retreat News

Are you coming along to the DPAQ's Tropical Retreat 2025? It's getting closer, and we still have some spare places to be filled! So if you're still considering whether to attend or not, make sure you decide soon and email us at dparetreat@gmail.com so we can send you the form. The Retreat will be held on the May Day long weekend 3rd to 5th May 2025. The full amount for the retreat is due by 16th April 2025. We are still on track to ensure the weekend will be good fun for all our Retreat delegates. The food menu has been improved on and good coffee can be purchased from the Bar after 11am or Jewel can take orders from 7.30am Saturday & 7am Sunday & Monday. There will be plenty of time for quilting and sewing, along with a few games and great prizes to be won! Remember to bring small change for the Raffle.

TROPICAL RETREAT 2025 THEME is "Schoolgirl". Even if you didn't wear a uniform to school, how did you wear your hair or did you have a school hat? The Retreat will be held at Free Spirit Resort, 901 Stuart Highway Holtze. You can register either online (link has been sent out), pick up a hard copy of the form from the Rooms at 96A Winnellie Rd or let us know by email and we will send the form to you. A \$50.00 non-refundable deposit is required upon registration, to be paid by bank deposit into the DPAQ Bank Account BSB 015 896 Acct: 258685721. Please use Retreat 2025 & your Name as reference.

For those who are wanting to stay at the Free Spirit Resort during the Retreat weekend, we encourage you to telephone the Resort directly to book your accommodation now. Mention that you are coming to the DPAQ Quilting Retreat to receive a 15% discount for your stay. For more information about the venue, please visit www.aspenholidayparks.com.au/darwin-freespirit-resort

For any queries please email: dparetreat@gmail.com

Your Tropical Retreat Committee,

Di, Cheryl & Jill



Days for Girls Meeting

Days for Girls meeting is on Sunday 13th April 2025.

It will be held at the CWA Hall, 27 Bishop St, Woolner.

For enquiries please contact Sallyann on 0447 223 089



If you would like to include an item for next month's SNIPPETS, please email SNIPPETS editor Christina Middleton at dpasnipets@gmail.com.

Submission for April SNIPPETS is due on 21st March 2025.

DARWIN PATCHWORKERS & QUILTERS



2025 TROPICAL RETREAT



You are invited to join in for 2 or 3 days of quilting & sewing with lots of fun & laughter, Delegate bags & lots of prizes to be won.

Where: Darwin Free Spirit Resort - 901 Stuart Highway, Holtze

When: Saturday 3 May 2025 @ 7.30am to Monday 5 May 2025 @ 4.00pm

Cost: 3 Days - \$220 per person 2 Days - \$180 per person

Morning Tea, Lunch & Afternoon Tea are included on Saturday & Sunday
Morning Tea & Lunch only on Monday

To register please complete the online Registration form (link will be emailed) or collect a form from the Club Rooms at 96a Winnelle Rd, Winnellie.

To secure your spot a \$50.00 non-refundable deposit is required to be paid into DPAQ Bank Account as places are limited.

BSB: 015 896 **ACC:** 258685721 - # Tropical Retreat 2025

Accommodation is at the Delegate's own cost if you wish to stay at the Resort for the weekend.

For further information/queries please email:

dpagretreat@gmail.com



Lost Quilts Story

I found this story on Facebook of a box of quilts that has gone missing this week on the way to a show. It's a great reminder to members about valuing quilts for insurance purposes.

Thanks,
Susan Webb

Please consider having your quilts valued!!

We are devastated to report that UPS has lost a box containing 45 of the quilts from the Chrysalis Collection. The artists have been informed. Unfortunately, these quilts will not be on display at AQS Grand Rapids this week. We know that people will be disappointed, as are we.

This is the first time in 10 years, shipping over 1400 quilts all over the world that a box has gone missing. This situation is not the fault of the previous exhibit show promoters, their staff, or their vendors. This situation is not the responsibility of future exhibit show promoters, their staff, or their vendors. This situation is not the fault of Cherrywood Fabrics. UPS is entirely at fault. An investigation is ongoing. We have not given up hope that the quilts will be found!



MISSING

Pop Up Workshop – 3 Yard Quilts

On March 15th, the Pop Up Workshop brought enthusiasts together to create quilts from Stash Busting with 3-Yard Quilts book by Fabric Café. Participants enjoyed using their fabric stashes while honing their skills, especially with the half-square triangle trimming tool. Many quilt patterns featured half-square triangles, and the tool helped ensure precise, professional results.

Each participant received a special spool, donated by Top End Quilting, to store their binding while completing their quilt. The thoughtful gift will keep bindings organised and make the finishing process smoother. The workshop was a fun and inspiring day, filled with creativity, learning, and shared enthusiasm for quilting.

Bec Vokoulos



What's New in the DPAQ Library

Hi Ladies

New additions for the library for April and kindly donated by Pam Pemberton are:-

Quilting Art Book by Patricia Bolton - Embellishment, painting, beadwork and more.

French Braid Transformation by Jane Miller - Double Helix, Waves, Stax, Celtic Not and more

Take 5 Fat Quarters by Kathy Brown - The ever useful Fat Quarter resource

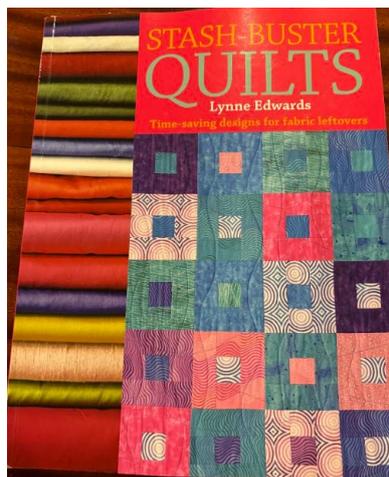
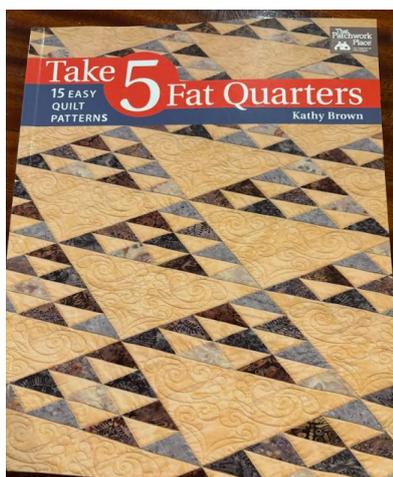
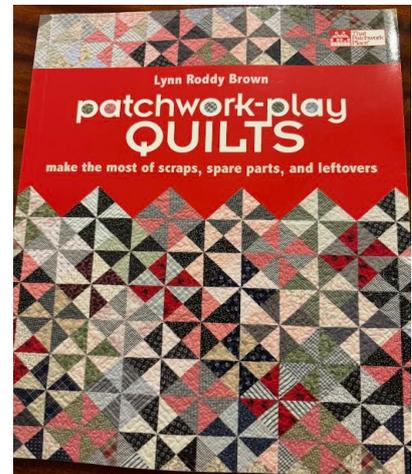
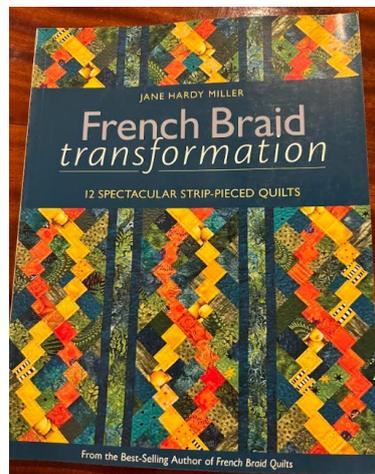
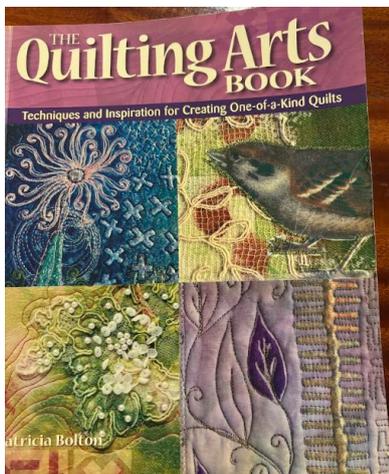
Patchwork Play Quilts by Lynn Roddy Brown - Scraps, Spare parts and Leftovers

Stash Buster Quilts by Lynne Edwards - An amazing Boxed Square Quilt in this

Creative Stash and Scrap Quilts – An amazing magazine with lots of ideas to use those scraps.

New Purchases:-

Fabulous 5 yard Quilts by Fabric Café - 8 new quilt patterns to use up those five metres of fabrics in your stash.



Tied with a Ribbon

Jemima Flendt

1 Day Workshop

Friday 23rd May 2025

Cost \$150 members \$160 affiliate members

When perfect isn't the Point – 1 Day

Learn how to make my ever-popular Confetti Quilt. This quilt is so fun to make and works with so many different fabric combinations. This quilt design is great for beginner quilters and to gain confidence in machine piecing as you are not focussing on perfect points. Learn the simple construction method behind this design and make this eye catching and striking quilt.

Pattern – Confetti Quilt



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Jemima Flendt

2 Day Workshop

Saturday 24th & Sunday 25th May 2025

Cost \$275 members \$285 affiliate members

Trinket Box Quilt – 2 Days

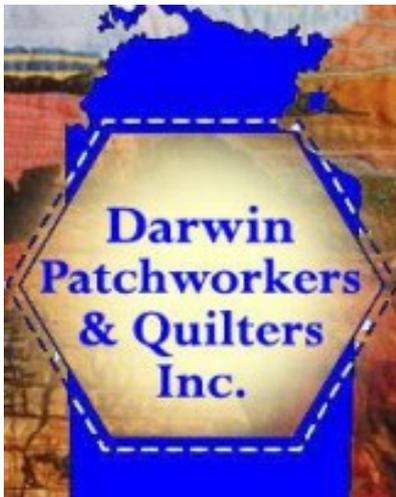
Learn how to Machine Applique this beautiful Medallion style quilt. If you are new to Applique, then this design will be perfect to learn how to do this technique or for those who are already proficient in this skill will be able to work through making the blocks for this striking design.

I will take students through how to applique and then through to laying out their blocks and machine appliqueing it. Once students are confident sewing, they can continue making more blocks for their quilt.

Choose from two layout options within this one design – students can make either version.

Pattern - Trinket Box
Template set available





General Information

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1/4 page \$20
1 page \$40

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Cost:
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