

President's Report

As we close another successful year at DPAQ, I can look back and say it's been a great year. Highlights were the Biggest Morning Tea, Tropical Retreat and TQ25. The support we received from our members for these events was fantastic. Not to mention finishing our year off with our Christmas Party. This year's celebration was a tremendous success, bringing our members together for a warm, festive, and truly enjoyable event.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to Bec Voukolos, Christine Garrett, and all members of the Christmas Club for their exceptional efforts in planning, organising, and running the event. Your hard work, creativity, and commitment ensured that everything flowed smoothly and that our members felt welcomed and appreciated. The positive feedback we have received is a testament to your dedication and teamwork.

A heartfelt thank you also goes to all our members who generously contributed prizes. Your support added excitement and joy to the day and helped make the event even more special.

Marcela and her team at Rydges Palmerston made us feel very special with their excellent service and another fabulous meal which I think everyone would agree ticked all the boxes. I have already booked the room for the 1st Monday in December for 2026.

Thank you once again to everyone involved for creating such a wonderful end-of-year celebration. As Bec and Christine step down from the role, we look forward to Deb Selter and Sue Duffield stepping in. They have already got some exciting plans for us and if you haven't signed up for Christmas Club before, I encourage you to do so. It is a great group to be a part of.

The committee and I would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. We hope you have a wonderful break with lots of opportunities to work on your various projects and come back refreshed and ready for another busy year around the club.

Pam Eadie
DPAQ President

Monday Meets - February

Monday 2nd February 2026

96A Winnellie Rd, Winnellie

6:45pm for a 7:00pm start

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Clubrooms located at 96A Winnellie Road Winnellie NT

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Supper



Supper Angels: DPAQ Committee Members

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 re- place with a clean garbage bag.

December & January Birthdays

December

8th Heather Van Munster

29th Karen Conway

January

3rd Cheryl Burrow

12th Julie Perry

4th Kate Brodie

19th Joan Mettam

8th Stacey Henderson

19th Lorraine Hunt

12th Lilian Furre

31st Bernadette Izod



From the SNIPPETS Editor



I hope that you have enjoyed the SNIPPETS for this year. Thank you to all those who contributed to our newsletter throughout the year. This is the final edition of SNIPPETS for 2025.

The first SNIPPETS for 2026 will be published on 1st February 2026. Submission is due on 26th January 2026.

Should you wish to include any items in upcoming editions of SNIPPETS, please email SNIPPETS Editor Christina Middleton at snippets@darwinquilters.com.au

Wishing you all a very merry Christmas and a joyous New Year.

Stay safe!

Christina Middleton



Calendar of Events

December

Monday 8th	DPAQ Christmas Party
Monday 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd	Sit & Sew Monday 9.00am to 3.00pm
Thursday 4th, 11th, 18th	Sit & Sew Thursday & Evening 9.00am to 9.00pm
Friday 5th, 12th, 19th	Sit & Sew Friday 9.00am to 3.00pm
Saturday 6th	Sit & Sew First Saturday of Month
Saturday 13th	Christmas Club

** The 2026 DPAQ Calendar of Events will be published in February 2026 SNIPPETS. **

Around the Club News

ClubRooms Opening Days and Sit & Sew during December / January



The ClubRooms will be shutting down during the Christmas / New Year period. The final Sit & Sew day for 2025 will be on Monday 22nd December. ClubRooms will re-open for Sit & Sew after New Years' Day and only on an ad-hoc basis. Australia Day Sit & Sew on Monday 26th January 2026 to be advised. The first Monday Meets for 2026 will be on Monday 2nd February 2026. Please refer to DPAQ's Facebook page for ClubRooms opening days and/or will be emailed to members by DPAQ Secretary.



House / Pet Sitter Required

House / Pet Sitter required for 10-19 January at Leanyer. If you or you know anyone who may be able to help out, please contact Di Howard on 0427 399 168.



Tropical Retreat 2026

Tropical Retreat 2026 will be held at Mt Bundy Station, Adelaide River from Friday 1st May to Monday 4th May 2026.

Due to the high demand, the retreat is now fully booked. Any further interests to attend the retreat will go on a waiting list.

The 2026 Tropical Retreat theme will be announced during our first Monday Meets in 2026 (February).

Registration & Deposit

To those who already registered, you would have already received an email with the registration form. Please send your completed form by email to retreat@darwinquilters.com.au or place in the Tropical Retreat tray in the ClubRooms.

Your non-refundable deposit of \$100.00 to secure your registration is due on Saturday 20th December 2025. Please note that we are unable to offer any payment extensions as we are already required by Mt Bundy to pay for the event in full. If you do not pay your deposit by the due date, your spot will be automatically allocated to the next in line on the waiting list.

Day-Trippers Welcome

If you missed out on registering for the event, we welcome day-trippers to come to Mt Bundy Station only on Saturday 2nd May and/or Sunday 3rd May. However this will only be for a limited number of guests so please let us know in advance if you wish to come for the day. Due to the limitations in the event space, it is strictly for hand-sewing only, and we ask you to also BYO lunch/food.

Donations

If you have any unwanted items you wish to give away, we welcome donations for Tropical Retreat prizes - please place items in Locker 12 in the ClubRooms.

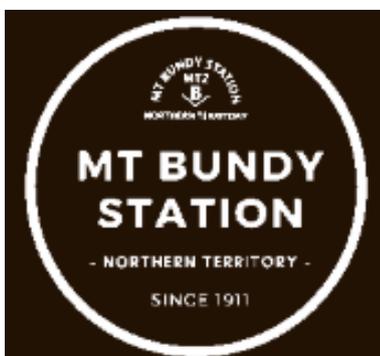
Waiting List

If you wish to be placed on the Tropical Retreat waiting list, please let Di Howard know on 0427 399 168 or email retreat@darwinquilters.com.au

Thank you for your co-operation.

Christina & Di

Tropical Retreat Committee



Christmas Club 2026



Come and have fun by joining Christmas Club in 2026 with Deb Selter at the helm and Sue Duffield as her assistant. You will participate in making the group Christmas raffle quilt, table gifts, prizes, and can enjoy making a Christmas project every two months which is optional; or work on your own Christmas project. Alternate months will be finishing projects, making table gifts etc.

Christmas club meets every second Saturday of the month. , the first one on 10th January 2026 at 9am for 930am start.

The numbers are limited so if you wish to join, please put your name and email address down on the list at the ClubRooms or email admin@darwinquilters.com.au

Deb & Sue

Christmas Club Coordinator

DPAQ Christmas Party 2025

The club's Christmas Party was held on Monday 8th December at Rydges Palmerston. It was a fabulous night, with DPAQ members and guests coming together to celebrate the festive season. Many thanks to Bec Voukolos and Christine Garrett and all the members of the DPAQ Christmas Club for putting together a great night, beautiful prizes for the Christmas raffle and door prizes, activities and games.



DPAQ Christmas Party 2025



Congratulations to the Christmas raffle winners, especially to Robyn Kruger who won 2 prizes - the covered Christmas Quilt and a gift voucher for Top End Quilting. The other raffle winners were: Felicity Wright, Christine Garrett, Barb Mellon, Susan Webb, Robyn Davies, Ally Brown and Cheryl West. But all of us who attended on the night also went home with presents, from the door prizes, Kris Kringle and table prizes!

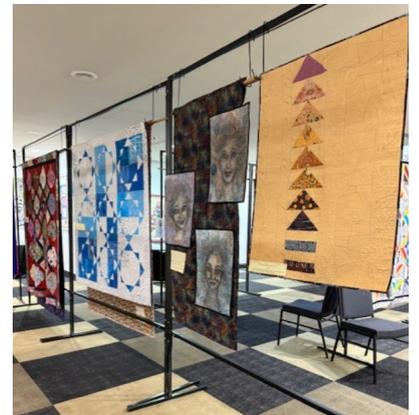


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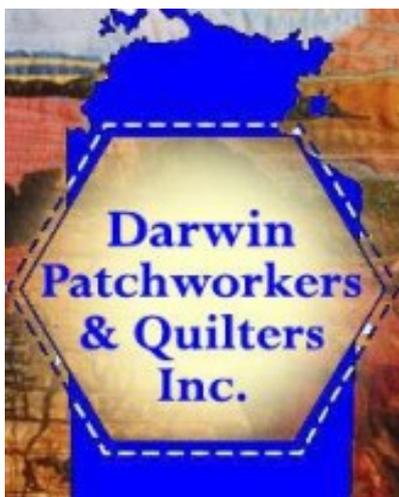
This year's Christmas Club members were able to showcase their own Christmas Club projects - Christmas Table Runners. Christine Garrett's Christmas table runner was voted most popular!!



Sew Much Fun – DPAQ 2025 Highlights



From top L-R: Tropical Retreat Class of 2025; Barbara Williams, winner of the 2025 President's Challenge; Jemima Flendt 2-Day Workshop; Workshop day 2; Australia's Biggest Morning Tea; DPAQ President Pam Eadie; Club members volunteering at the Royal Darwin Show; Christine Garrett, winner of Best in Show Territory Quilts 2025; Territory Quilts 2025 exhibit; Territory Quilts 2025 Committee and BTS crew; Quilt in a Nighty participants.



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