



December 2023

President's Report

It's hard to believe we are at the end of another year! It has been a year full of fun, meeting new people, saying goodbye to some friends and of course.... Quilting!

November Highlights:

- Congratulations to all our Raffle winners who were all local recipients!
- Kathryn Harmer Fox Workshop - All attendees thoroughly enjoyed themselves and were very busily sewing away when I paid them a visit.

December/January Outlook:

- DPAQ Christmas Party is on Monday 4 December @ Rydges Palmerston. Looking forward to seeing lots of 'Glamorous' outfits
- Clubrooms will be closed between 25 December to 1 January.
- **Australia Day Workshop...** see flyer on page 7.
- The first general meeting for 2024 will be Monday 5 February. The DPAQ Committee will be providing supper for you all.

- 40th Birthday Challenge - '1984'... I hope you've all started planning this, I know I have.....

Positions Vacant:

TQ25 – Currently we do not have a committee to organise and run our exhibition in 2025. Some of the work has already started, but needs a group of fabulously enthusiastic people to make it happen. If this is you, please let us know as soon as possible. If we don't have a TQ25 committee soon, there will not be an exhibition!!

Please keep safe over the break and remember to send positive thoughts and prayers to those who are not having such a wonderful time at the moment.

On behalf of the DPAQ Committee we wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy & New Year.

Happy Christmas Quilting!

~ Belinda Shaw ~

Next General Meeting

Monday 5th February 2024

96A Winnellie Road Winnellie

6:45 for a 7:00pm Start

Birthdays

December

8th Heather Van Munster
27th Karen Wade

January

3rd Cheryl Burrow
12th Lillian Furre
12th Julie Perry
19th Lorraine Hunt
19th Joan Mettam
25th Sheila McAloon
31st Bernadette Izod



Calendar of Events



December

Monday 4th

DPAQ Christmas Party - Rydges Palmerston

6:00pm for 6:30pm start.

Saturday 9th

Final Christmas Club for 2023

25th to 31st

Clubrooms closed for the Christmas holidays

January

Monday 1st

Clubrooms closed for New Year's Day

Saturday 13th

First Christmas Club for 2024

Friday 26th

Australia Day Sit & Sew 10am to 3pm (see flyer on page 7)

February

Saturday 3rd

Sit & Sew Day

Monday 5th

First General Meeting for 2024

Saturday 10th

Christmas Club 2024

Saturday 17th

First Saturday Stitches for 2024

DPAQ Challenge Quilt 2024

WHAT DOES 1984 MEAN TO YOU?

Darwin Patchworkers & Quilters Inc. will celebrate its 40th birthday on 1st May 2024. To mark the occasion we are challenging Club members to make a small quilt with the theme of '1984'. This is the Club's birth year and we are wondering what is special about this year for you. Apart from being the title of George Orwell's iconic novel, other possibilities are a significant birthday, birth of a child, life event, international event, such as the Olympic Games. It's your quilt and your story....

Rules are very few:-

1. It must meet the definition of a quilt, i.e. 3 layers
2. Quilts can be any shape but no side can be longer than 50cm finished
3. Quilts must have an attached label with name and contact details of maker (for safe re-turn)
4. Quilts to be received at the Clubrooms by Friday 3rd May 2024

Challenge quilts will be unveiled at the Club's 40th Party Sunday 5th May 2024.

Christmas Club News

November we saw some beautiful fabric/ ribbon wreaths made, prizes wrapped, and table gifts prepared with lovely Christmas music in the background to get us in the Christmas spirit.

The December gathering will be a shared lunch, heart swap challenge, Kris Kringle and making a Christmas cord coaster with Pam Eadie's guidance.

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST 2024

This will be my final year as Christmas Club Coordinator so I need someone to come on board to learn the ropes to take over in 2025. If you love all things Christmas, put your hand up.

We are now also taking names of people who would like to join Christmas Club in 2024. There is a ceiling of 24 people, it's every second Saturday of the month beginning January 13th. What's involved, as a group we make the Christmas raffle quilt, table gifts, prizes and this coming year, a mystery Christmas quilt along which is optional. You will have access to the Christmas Club library of past projects which you can opt to do instead of the mystery quilt or just do your own Christmas related thing . If you are interested email me at suejduff@hotmail.com

Sue Duffield

Christmas Club Coordinator



DPAQ

Christmas Party 2023



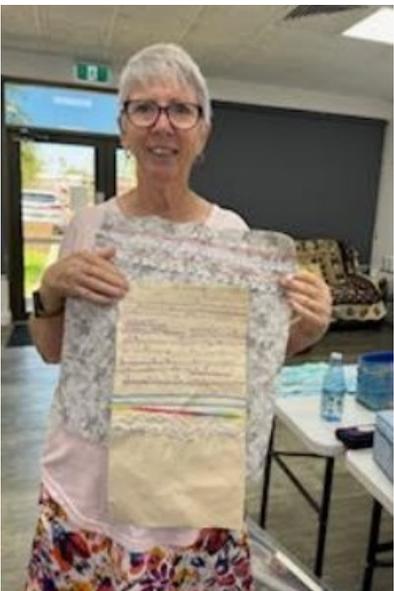
Raffle Prizes Winners



Photos courtesy of DPAQ

Saturday Stitches

Our last Saturday Stitches for the year was a fun class with the girls learning about the stitches on their sewing machine and the correct foot to use.



Tropical Quilt Retreat News



DPAQ's Tropical Quilt Retreat 2024 will be on the May Day long weekend 4-6 May 2024. The Retreat will be held at Free Spirit Resort, 901 Stuart Highway Holtze. To express your interest in attending the Retreat please email retreatdarwinpatchworkers@gmail.com.

We will be sending more information in the new year for reserving your spot, costs and payment of deposit.

Those who wish to stay at Free Spirit Resort during the Retreat weekend are encouraged to reserve and book directly with Free Spirit now to guarantee your accommodation. Please call the resort on 08 8935 0888 and mention *DPAQ Quilting Retreat* to receive a 15% discount for your stay.



Please note to receive the accommodation discount, you must call and book with the resort directly.

There are various accommodation types available, from family villas and studio rooms to powered caravan and camping sites. For more information about the venue, please visit aspenholidayparks.com.au/darwin-freespirit-resort



Call out for donations for give away prizes during the retreat. If you have any unwanted items you wish to offload, please bring them to the clubrooms (place in locker 12).

Remember, one person's junk is another person's treasure!!

From your Tropical Quilt Retreat Committee

Simone, Maureen, Di & Christina

Editor's Note



From your Snippets Editor, here's wishing everyone a joyous Christmas and a happy New Year. Wherever you may be celebrating the holidays, stay safe always.

There are no Library News for December, instead please enjoy my favourite Lebkuchen recipe, passed on to me by a former neighbour who hails from Bavaria.

The deadline for the first Snippets 2024 is Friday 26th January 2024. Snippets will be sent out before the next general meeting on February 5th.

Christmas Recipe - Lebkuchen

Lebkuchen are traditional German cookies dating back all the way to the 14th century and the town of Nuremberg.

Ingredients:

1/2 cup honey (or molasses)
1 cup dark brown sugar
60g unsalted butter, softened and cubed
1 large egg, beaten
1 teaspoon lemon zest
1 teaspoon orange zest
1 tablespoon lemon juice (use only if dough is a bit dry)
300g plain flour
100g almond meal
1 teaspoon baking powder
1/2 teaspoon baking soda
2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon ground mixed spice
1/4 teaspoon ground ginger
1/4 teaspoon ground cloves
1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg
1 teaspoon oil (for the bowl)



For the icing:

1 cup icing sugar
Juice of 1 lemon
1 teaspoon vanilla extract

Directions:

Measure the honey and sugar in a mixing bowl and heat in the microwave for 30 second bursts. Add the cubed butter and zest and stir until the butter melts. Stir in the baking powder, baking soda, salt and spices and egg.

Add the flour and ground almonds. Mix until you have a soft and slightly sticky dough, adding a little lemon juice as needed.

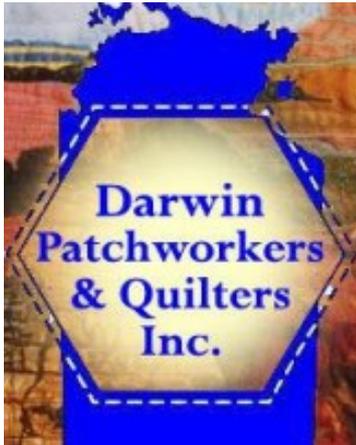
Mist a spatula or your hands with oil and gather the dough into a ball. Cover the mixing bowl with a towel and leave to rest for at least an hour or even overnight in the refrigerator

Pre-heat oven to 180°C. Line baking sheets with parchment paper. Divide the dough into thirds. Roll the dough on a floured surface to a thickness of 2cm. Place cut dough on prepared baking sheets and bake for 10-12 minutes or until firm.

Let cool on the baking sheets for 5 minutes then transfer to a wire rack to cool completely.

For the icing, together ingredients until smooth and runny. Drizzle over cooled cookies. Let icing set before serving.

Happy Baking!



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