

President's Report

The Club has been ticking along quite well.

Quilters Australia was supposed to meet in November but the meeting was deferred and will now be held in February 2025. Another state will host so we will just be attending. Thanks to Belinda for facilitating meetings for DPAQ this year.

Jill Adams has run the last couple of Saturday Stitchers and the classes have been extremely popular so we look forward to seeing the program for next year.

The President's Challenge was launched by Annie Radomski at the November meeting and I am excited to see what our members produce next year. I hope that everyone joins in the spirit of the challenge and has a go so we have a great display at TQ25 in August.

The big event for December is DPAQ's Christmas Party. Sue Duffield has done an amazing job organizing this year's event. We have 50 guests attending and it promises to be a fantastic night with lots of games and prizes for everyone. Sue Duffield is stepping down as co-ordinator for the Christmas Club after 3 very productive years. There will be an announcement at the Christmas Party

NTG have been in contact regarding the Licensing Agreement for the rooms. Since we withdrew from being the Anchor Tenant, it seems that every-

thing has been in limbo. They have sent a draft copy of an agreement and there has been some confusion over the conditions so they are holding a meeting on Thursday 5th December with all user groups to explain how it will work moving forward. Hopefully I will have more to report in the New Year.

DPAQ have been asked to host the launch of the Textiles Travelling Suitcase, a travelling exhibition of small, textile artworks and technique boards, transported around Australia in a suitcase. The exhibition becomes a learning tool about many different techniques in textiles. We have agreed to host the launch at our February meeting. DPAQ have also agreed to donate \$250 but have not received an invoice from them to date.

TQ25 will be the big focus for a lot of us next year so I hope that you are working on your projects to enter in the Exhibition to make it one of our best yet.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. I hope you get to spend time with your family and loved ones over the break as well as getting in some quality time sewing and come back full of creative ideas for the New Year.

Pam Eadie
DPAQ President

Next General Meeting Monday 3rd February 2025

96A Winnellie Rd., Winnellie

6:45pm for a 7:00pm start

Birthdays

December

3rd Jo Vuat
8th Heather Van Muster
27th Karen Wade
29th Karen Conway

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 2nd	DPAQ Christmas Party
Monday 2nd, 9th, 16th	Sit & Sew 9.00am to 3.00pm
Saturday 7th	Sit & Sew Saturday 9.00am to 3.00pm
Saturday 14th	Christmas Club
Thursday 5th, 12th, 19th	Sit & Sew into the evening 9.00am to 9.00pm
Friday 6th, 13th, 20th	Sit & Sew 9.00am to 3.00pm

Supper



Supper for DPAQ's first General Meeting for 2025 on Monday 3rd February will be provided by the DPAQ management committee.

Around the Club News



Closure of Clubrooms over Christmas

The Clubrooms will be closed on Friday 20th December 2024 and from Tuesday 24th December 2024 to Wednesday 1st January 2025.

The Clubrooms will re-open for Thursday Sit & Sew on 2nd January 2025.

Sewing Machine For Sale

Debbie Selter is selling her Bernina 750 sewing machine for \$2500.00 ono. The machine has just been serviced and is in great condition, perfect for quilting larger quilts .

For more information, phone Debbie on 0418 826 169.

Christmas Club

This is my final contribution to snippets as Christmas Club Coordinator. It has been a pleasure running this club for the last 3 years but it's time for fresh ideas.

I am delighted to announce that Bec Voukolos and Christine Garrett are taking over this role and they have exciting new plans for 2025.

If you wish to join this once a month club, email Christine at cagarrett53@gmail.com. There is only room for 20 people so get in early.

At our December gathering we will be doing a shared lunch, swap and Kris Kringle. The project for the day is the Clam pouch with Christine Garrett. It's optional so if not doing it, bring along a project to work on.

Christmas Club recommences next year on Saturday, 11th January 9-930 am start.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Sue Duffield



DPAQ Christmas Party

Some lucky DPAQ members who won the Christmas raffles during DPAQ's Christmas Party.



Saturday Stitches

For November Saturday Stitches another enjoyable day was had by the 12 ladies who came along to try out a Log Cabin block of their choice. As a result we had several different types of Christmas Trees, Circles, Twisted & Folded Log Cabin blocks worked on.

For next year there will be another interesting mix of Classes & Pop-up Workshops to learn new techniques. The calendar is already nearly full with great Tutors.



Textiles Travelling Suitcase 2025

What

A travelling exhibition of small textile artworks and technique boards, transported around Australia in a suitcase. The exhibition becomes a learning tool about many different techniques in textiles.

For the Territory tour, in each place the suitcase visits, attendees can choose to be part of a collaborative community textile work to be exhibited at the Darwin Show in 2025. Attendees can make a small embroidery over a two-hour session. All the small embroideries will be sewn together to make a combined work.

Community groups, schools, multicultural groups, aged care facilities, galleries, libraries etc, can book the suitcase to visit them during February and March 2025. The Textiles Travelling Suitcase Team will bring the suitcase, give a presentation on its contents, and show attendees how to make a small embroidery using running stitch, chain stitch and blanket stitch.



Who

The Textiles Travelling Suitcase (TTS) is a Darwin-based community group with an interest in textile surface design. TTS has partnered with the [Australian Textile Arts and Surface Design Association \(ATASDA\)](#) to bring the suitcase to the Territory.

ATASDA promotes textile art and surface design and those who create it. Primarily based in NSW, Vic and Queensland, there are also regional and remote members across Australia.

When

The suitcase will be in the Territory from the beginning of February to the end March 2025.

Where

The suitcase will travel to groups in Darwin, Palmerston, Humpty Doo, Batchelor, Adelaide River and Katherine.

Why

Embroidery, slow stitching, hand sewing, machine embroidery, stitching, mending, repairing, patchwork, quilting ... many different terms for textile arts which are experiencing a resurgence in participation across all age groups and genders. Growing the participation has flow-on effects to the individual and the community, including mental health, wellbeing and social inclusion, plus a side benefit of increasing the number of entries in the Royal Darwin, and other Shows.

How

Hosting:

Want to host the Textiles Travelling Suitcase in your community group, gallery, library, aged care home, or other place? Contact Rachael Shanahan 0411 610 431

Helping:

1. Joining the Textiles Travelling Suitcase's visits to community groups to assist in teaching three stitches (running, chain and blanket) to participants and helping them to make a small embroidery using one of 20+ templates.

Visits will be scheduled during February and March 2025 and will be for two hours plus set up and pack down.

2. Making one of the small embroideries using one of the 20+ templates. Your small embroidery can be as simple or elaborate as you'd like and you don't need to be confined to the three stitches.

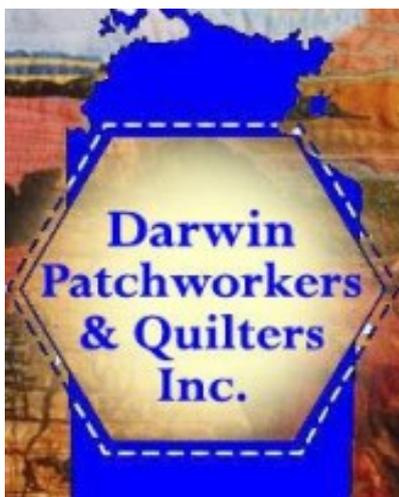
Funding:

The project has received grant funding of \$3000 from the Regional Arts Fund plus \$1000 in donations from COTA NT (\$500), Darwin Community Arts (\$250), and the Darwin Patchworkers and Quilters (\$500) and we estimate this will cover free visits to up to 400 Territorians.

Visit and Workshop – 2 hours

1. Contents of suitcase unpacked and displayed on two tables. Four NT artworks will accompany the suitcase in the Territory.
2. Presentation on the contents – 15-30 minutes, depending on the age and interest of the audience.
3. Instructions provided on how to make a small embroidery using running stitch, blanket stitch and chain stitch.
4. Embroidery supplies distributed: hoop, threads, needle, scissors, practice fabric, small embroidery fabric.
5. Embroidering – 1.5 – 1.75 hours. Attendees who complete the embroidery during the visit can leave the embroidery with the presenter. For attendees who complete the embroidery later, it can be posted to the TTS.

In addition to the suitcase, each host can take the opportunity to display their community's textile art.



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