

SNIPPETS

February 2024

President's Report

from Belinda Shaw

WELCOME BACK & HAPPY NEW YEAR!

December/January Highlights:

- Another fabulous Christmas Party at Rydges. Thank you once again to the Christmas Club, especially Sue Duffield for running the night! It is truly appreciated.
- Australia Day – Thank you to all who attended, even though we had no air conditioning, we had heaps of fun and even played some cricket!!

Sadly, we ended our year with the passing of a beautiful and founding member of DPAQ, Joy Baker. We came together to celebrate the extraordinary life of our friend and mentor. Joy will be missed terribly, but will always be in our hearts and quilts when we remember all the help and advice she gave us.

TQ25

Before I mention all the exciting things we have to look forward to this year I feel it is time to get very serious about TQ25 – we still do not have a Convenor or committee to organise and run our exhibition in 2025. The Convenor role can be shared between 2 people if that helps. Thank you to those who have volunteered to help so far, but we still need a Convenor(s). Please let us know as soon as possible. As I have said before, if we don't have a TQ25 committee there will not be an exhibition!

2024 Outlook:

The outlook for 2024 is again something to look forward to. Here are some events to put in your diary:

- Membership fees for 2024 is now due.
- Saturday Stitchers will look a bit different this year. Some Saturdays will be a 'Pop Up Workshop'. Christine G. is organising this and there will be a small fee for the project that is being taught. This is very exciting – look out for info!
- AGM in April – consider how you can help DPAQ maybe you could join our fabulous committee.
- Challenge 'What Does 1984 mean to you'. This challenge will be displayed and judged at the 40th Birthday Dinner on 5 May.
- Tropical Retreat 4-6 May. This year it will be held at Free Spirit Resort in Holstze. See page 3 for more Tropical Retreat news.
- DPAQ 40th Birthday Dinner on 5 May to be held at Free Spirit during the Tropical Retreat.
- Charity Quilts – we have 3 planned for the year in June, August and November.
- Workshop – We have secured Pam Holland for a 2-day workshop and trunk show in June! More details to follow soon.

Well that's enough to keep you all busy for now. If you can help out with anything, please let us know. All help is very much appreciated by the committee and the coordinators of all the events.

Happy '1984 Challenge' Quilting!

First DPAQ General Meeting of 2024

Monday 5th February
96A Winnellie Road Winnellie
6:45pm for a 7:00pm start

Supper

For our first 2024 General Meeting, supper will be provided by the DPAQ Committee Members.

Supper 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.



February Birthdays

2nd Jill Finch

6th Kerry Fallon

2nd Carol Chirichiello

20th Robyn Kruger



Calendar of Events

Welcome to 2024! This will be a bumper year with plenty of new and exciting events in the DPAQ Calendar!

February

Monday 5th

DPAQ General Meeting - 6.45pm for 7.00pm start

Saturday 10th

Christmas Club - 9.00am for 9.30am start

Saturday 17th

Saturday Stickers - 9.30am to 4.00pm

March

Monday 4th

DPAQ General Meeting - 6.45pm for 7.00pm start

Saturday 9th

Christmas Club - 9.00am for 9.30am start

Saturday 16th

Saturday Stickers - 9.30am to 4.00pm

Tropical Retreat News

DPAQ's Tropical Retreat 2024 will be held on the May Day long weekend 4-6 May 2024.

2024 TROPICAL RETREAT THEME

The Tropical Retreat Committee will reveal the theme for this year at our first General Meeting on Monday night, 5th February. Come along to the meeting and don't miss this exciting announcement!

The Retreat will be held at Free Spirit Resort, 901 Stuart Highway Holtze. As always, the weekend promises to be lots of fun, with lots of time for sewing and quilting, and lots of games with plenty of prizes to be won.

To reserve your spot, email retreatdarwinpatchworkers@gmail.com. The online registration form will be available in the next couple of weeks, so keep an eye out for it. There will be 2 or 3 day packages available. A \$50.00 non-refundable deposit will be required upon registration, to be paid by bank deposit into the DPAQ Bank Account BSB 015 896 Acct: 258685721.

Those who are wanting to stay at Free Spirit Resort during the Retreat weekend we encourage you to telephone the resort directly to book your accommodation now. Mention *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

From your Tropical Retreat Committee
Simone, Maureen, Di & Christina



Membership Fee for 2024 is now due

Just a reminder that the DPAQ Membership Fee for 2024 is now due for payment.

The online 2024 Membership Renewal Form will be sent out via email shortly. Membership fee of \$60.00 has not changed in the last few years. As usual it will be much easier for our club treasurer Robyn if you pay your membership fee (and locker hire) electronically, via bank deposit to the DPAQ bank account - BSB 015896 Acct 258685721 or via Square payments during the monthly meetings. Don't forget to enter in the description *Membership payment <name and your membership number>* if paying via bank transfer.

Membership cards will be issued in due course

Saturday Stitchers

Here are the requirements for our February 17th Saturday Stitchers class.

We will be learning how to mitre the borders, add binding and rod pocket, and how to face a quilt.

Participants will need two small quilts. This is a good opportunity to use up a couple of orphan blocks.



Quilt 1 - not yet quilted

An orphan block or small quilt top approximately 12" x 12"

4 border pieces - 2 1/2" x 17"

Batting - 18" x 18"

Backing - 18" x 18"

Binding - 2 strips - 2 1/4" x width of fabric

Rod Pocket - 6" x 16"

Quilt 2 - pre quilted

Small quilt that has been quilted but not yet bound.

Facings - 2 strips that are equal in length to the sides of quilt and 2 strips that equal in length to the top and bottom of quilt.

*** The size of these small quilts are just a guide. If you have larger blocks, you will need to adjust these measurements.

For mitred borders you will need the width or length of quilt + width of both borders + 2" for each side of the quilt.

For binding you will need enough for 4 edges of quilt + 6" at least.

For rod pocket, you will need width of quilt x 6".

E.g if the block is 12" x 12", border pieces will be 17" x 17".



Please feel free to contact me if you need further advice or explanation.

Christine Garrett

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Australia Day Sit & Sew

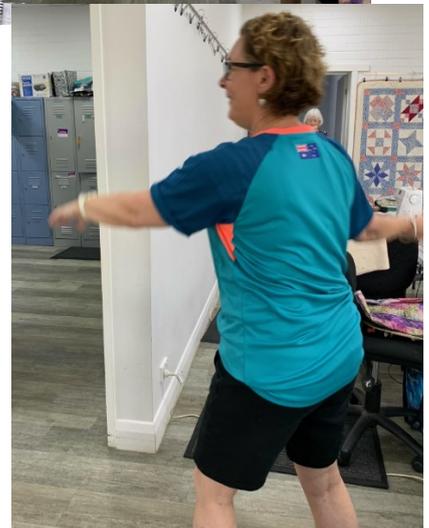
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'Straya, mate!



Christmas Club News

Brilliant turn out for our January session, the room was buzzing as everyone caught up after the Christmas/New Year break. I am delighted to say that the Christmas Club is full, no vacancies although numbers will fluctuate during the year as members travel interstate or overseas.

Sorry no photos as everyone was working on the Christmas party gifts , yes we start early to get everything done. The group raffle quilt sections were handed out, a challenging one this year, but will look good.

Next month we start on our mystery Christmas quilt along, everyone had a quick glimpse of the first row to help with fabric selection.

REMINDER - CHRISTMAS CLUB CHALLENGE



At our Christmas party everyone received two pieces of Christmas stocking and the challenge was to be inventive and create a project using the fabric. Our Vice President Deb will judge the items at our February meeting and yes, there will be a prize.

Don't forget to bring along your creations to the meeting!

Sue Duffield

Christmas Club Coordinator

February Funnies



What's New in the DPAQ Library

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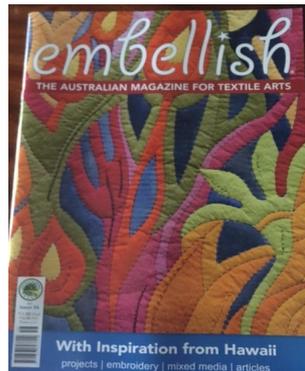
New Magazines in the Library for January / February

Simply Vintage No.49:- 18 projects (belated Christmas craft – maybe for 2024 ??) craft, cushions, table toppers and quilts.

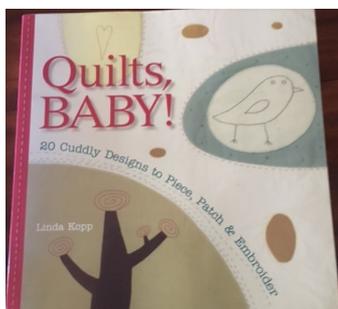
Embellish Issue 56:- Inspiration from Hawaii, projects, embroidery and mixed media and fabulous flower dyeing.

American Quilter Vol. XL (40) No 1:- AQS Quilt Week results (some amazing quilts here, ladies). Rehashing that Crazy Quilt, Best Friends Forever Quilt design and much more.

Simply Moderne #35:- 28th European Patchwork Exhibition – lots of inspiration here. The 2023 Show of the NSW Quilt - beautiful quilts in our own back yard. Ten fabulous projects to ponder, including some projects for the Christmas Club ladies.

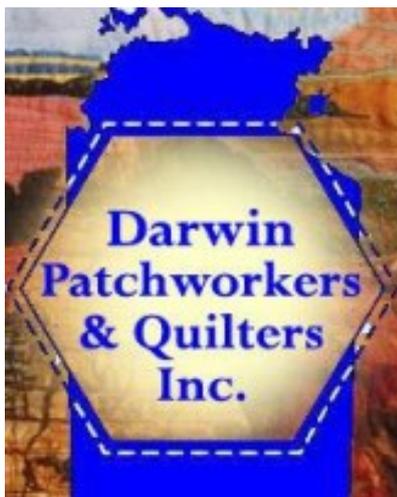


New Book



Quilts Baby! by Linda Kopp:- this is not a new book (I think it was first published in 1960 and reissued in 2009). Just one that I happened upon from a second hand source, but loved the designs and naivety of these designs. Hope you will like them as well.

Happy Reading!
Jenny Molloy



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