

President's Report

Well, who can believe it's been a year since I took on the role of President for DPAQ.

The AGM was held on 7th April 2025 and we had an excellent representation of members. Our Executive team is myself as President, Lorraine Hunt as Vice President, Rose Manison as Secretary and we welcome Julie Thornton as our new Treasurer and Public Officer. It was pleasing to receive more nominations for the committee than required which took it to a vote for general committee members. Our committee members are Jill Adams, Cheryl Burrows, Sue Duffield, Christine Garrett, Di Howard, Christina Middleton, Kerry Reid and Bec Vokoulos. I am looking forward to working with everyone to achieve the objectives of the club.

I would also like to acknowledge and thank the outgoing committee members – Belinda Shaw and Simone Symonds. I was very grateful to have Belinda on the committee for another year after she stepped down as President. Her knowledge of how the club is run has been invaluable and I know she's not too far away if we need her. While Simone has stepped away from the committee, she is busy organising TQ25 which is not that far away now.

The President's Challenge was judged by Pirjo

Ward at the AGM and the standard of the entries was exceptional. Congratulations to Barbara Williams and Annie Radomski who took out 1st and 2nd prize respectively. I'd like to thank Annie for co-ordinating the Challenge on my behalf and Pirjo for agreeing to be our judge.

Tropical Retreat was held last weekend and what a great weekend that was. I only managed to attend 2 days but it was such a great weekend sitting with like-minded people and seeing the amazing projects everyone were working on. It was great to meet Sharron Buzzo who many of you already know. Sharron comes up every year from Katherine and I had a great chat with her, finding out she may well have been one of the midwives who helped deliver my daughters! It's a small world. The organising committee – Di Howard, Jill Adams and Cheryl Burrows did a fantastic job. I loved all the gifts in our welcome pack and the prizes we received were a lot of fun. The Theme this year was School Days and the girls who dressed up in their school uniforms were very entertaining and it was great to find out where everyone went to school. I can't wait to see what the theme is for next year!

Jemina Flendt workshops are just around the corner and I imagine the attendees are starting to pre-

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Monday Meets - May

Monday 12th May 2025

96A Winnellie Rd., Winnellie

6:45pm for a 7:00pm start

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pare for another weekend of learning and fun.

Make sure you have put 7th June in your calendar for The Biggest Morning Tea. There is a Bake-off competition this year so start thinking about what you can make to take home a prize. Don't forget to bring your gold coins for the raffle and games we will be playing.

The count down is on for TQ25 with the handbook posted on the Website so I imagine a lot of you are

busy starting or finishing your entries. I'm very excited to see what our members produce this year.

That's it for now. I hope to see you around the ClubRooms.

Happy Sewing

Pam Eadie
DPAQ President

Supper



Supper: Sue Duffield, Christina Middleton, Tania Ray

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.

May Birthdays

2nd Alison Brien

11th Charlotte Browne

4th Helen Tate

21st Debra Selter





Calendar of Events

May

Thursday 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd*, 29th

Sit & Sew Thursday 9.00am to 9.00pm

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

Sit & Sew Friday 9.00am to 3.00pm

Saturday 3rd - Monday 5th

DPAQ Tropical Retreat

Monday 12th, 19th, 26th

Sit & Sew Monday 9.00am to 3.00pm

Monday 12th

Monday Meets (formerly General Meeting)

Saturday 10th

Christmas Club

Saturday 17th

Saturday Stitches

Sunday 18th

Days for Girls meeting

Thursday 22nd

Jemima Flendt Trunk Show 6:00pm

Friday 23rd

Jemima Flendt 1-day Workshop

Saturday 24th - Sunday 25th

Jemima Flendt 2-day Workshop

*Sit & Sew on 22nd May will finish at 5:00pm due to the Trunk Show starting at 6:00pm

June

Monday 2nd

Monday Meets (formerly General Meeting)

Monday 2nd, 16th, 23rd, 30th

Sit & Sew Monday 9.00am to 3.00pm

Thursday 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th

Sit & Sew Thursday 9.00am to 9.00pm

Friday 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th

Sit & Sew Friday 9.00am to 3.00pm

Saturday 7th

DPAQ Biggest Morning Tea for Cancer Council

Saturday 14th

Christmas Club

Saturday 21st

Saturday Stitches

Sunday 22nd

Days for Girls meeting



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

Submission for:

June SNIPPETS is due on 23rd May 2025

July SNIPPETS is due on 27th June 2025

The President's Challenge 2025

Judging DPAQ's The President's Challenge 2025 entitled – 'Open the Door to Your World'

by Pirjo Ward

Thank you for inviting me to judge your President's Challenge for 2025 – 'Open the door to your world'. It was an honour and a privilege to judge and see your quilts.

First of all, I would like to congratulate everyone who participated in this challenge. There were altogether 24 entries and lots of interesting stories to go with the quilts submitted. There was also lots of variety in interpretation of the theme – 'Open the door to your world' - from cruising the Mediterranean to enjoying a new puppy to a world of books and the enjoyment of Christmas. I enjoyed going through each of the stories and the seeing how you had interpreted the challenge.

Firstly, you had several rules in this challenge. The rules included a size restriction of a maximum perimeter of 64 inches but could be smaller. The piece could be any shape, and a part of the door had to be included in the challenge. You also were given a piece of fabric which you had to use at least 50% of in front of your quilt.

Secondly, I looked at the overall impact of the quilt. This included composition, how well was the quilt designed, did the quilt have a focal point, did the quilting enhance or detract from the piece, did the colours work together, how well was fabric used and were there interesting embellishments which added to the overall impact of the quilt?

Thirdly, how well was the quilt made? Were the edges straight if they were meant to be straight, was binding even and well done if included, was piecing, quilting, applique or embroidery or embellishments well done?

Overall, this was a challenging competition to judge because of the high standards achieved by the participants.



The winner of the President's Challenge for 2025 - *Open the Door to Your World* is Barbara Williams.



The Runner-Up is Annie Radomski (pictured with DPAQ Member Karen Conway)

Talk by Jasmine Jan & Barbara Williams

Questacon

EXHIBITION

Mangroves – Tales from the Tide

Be transported to the mangroves of the Northern Territory's Top End.



Mangrove Artists Collective

- Jasmine Jan
- Barbara Williams
- Melanie Tribe
- Greg Williams

When
DPAQ Meeting
12 May 2025





Tropical Retreat 2025

3rd May - 5 May 2025

Darwin FreeSpirit Resort



Tropical Retreat 2025 Delegates



Tropical Retreat Committee Cheryl, Jill and Di



Day 1 of the Tropical Retreat kicks off with a buzz of activities



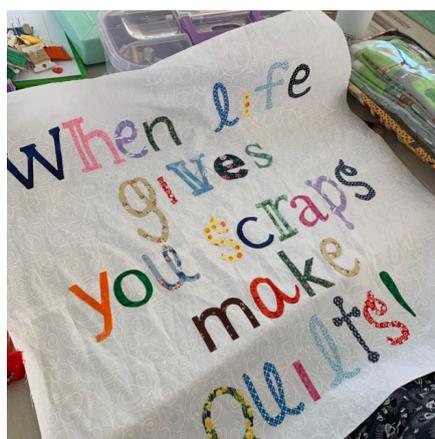
Day 2 is Dress Up day. This year's theme is Schoolgirls



Christina & Di, 1st and 2nd place Winners for Best Costume



A stellar effort completing two small puzzles with pieces from our delegate's bags



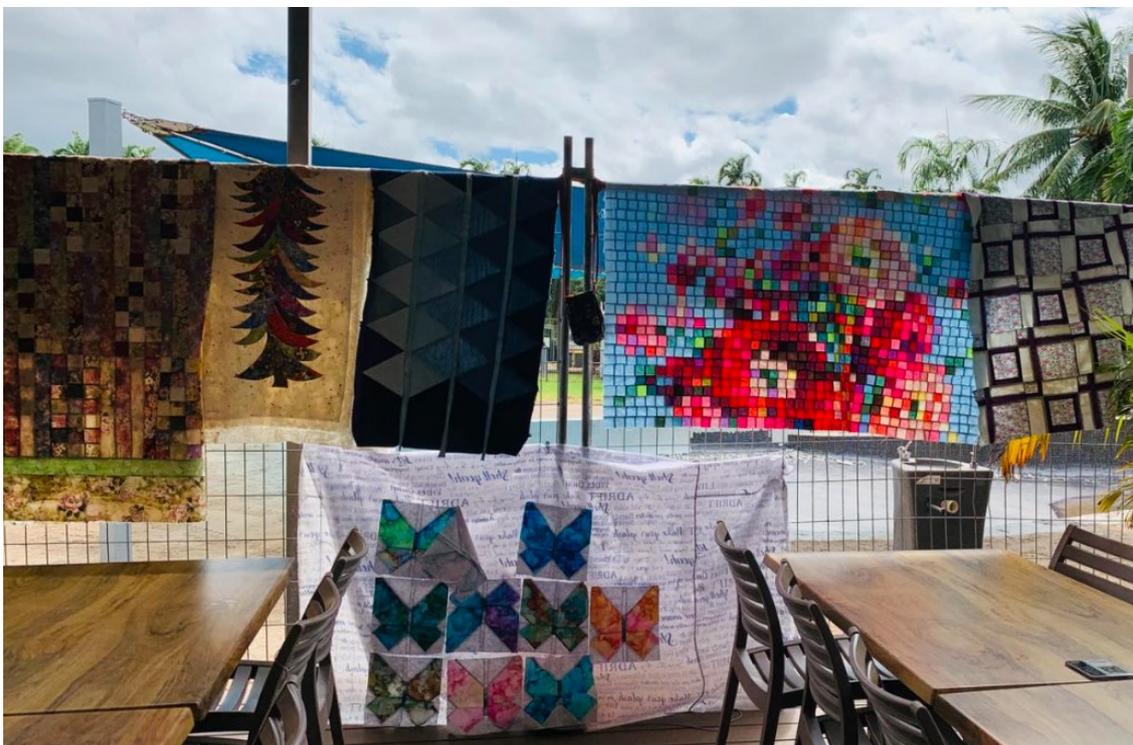
Some works in progress days 1 & 2



Raffle winners—1st prize Pam, 2nd prize Jillian and 3rd prize Sharron, right.



The Pièce de Résistance - a showcase of the creativity and skill of the delegates:
Airing of the Quilts



17th May 2025

Time: 10am to 3pm

BLOCK KEEPER

(Designed by Leanne Beasley and featured in *Australian Homespun Bag Boutique* ©2010)

Requirements List:

0.5 metre feature fabric (Cover)

1 metre coordinating fabric (Lining)

1 metre x 240 cm wide cotton or bamboo batting

2 x 40.5 cm (16 inch) square pieces of foam core board*

For Fastening: a) 2.3 metres of 11mm (½ inch) ribbon in coordinating colour **OR**

b) 60 cms of 6mm (¼ inch) elastic and 3 x 30mm buttons

(*NB Foam core board is available at Jacksons Art Supplies, Parap; & at Office Express, Stuart Park)

General Supplies:

- Sewing machine and ¼ inch foot
- Pencil and water-erasable fabric marking pen
- Rotary cutter and 24 inch ruler
- Matching sewing machine thread
- General sewing supplies
- Your lunch.

Cutting:

NB: It is essential that you come to the Workshop with your materials already PRECUT.

- From the feature fabric cut one rectangle 17" x 35" (cover)
- From the lining fabric cut **one** rectangle 17" x 35" (lining) and **two** rectangles 17" x 17.5" (insert linings)
- From the batting cut **one** rectangle 17" x 35" (support) and **three** rectangles 15.5" x 31" (dividers)
- From the ribbon cut 6 x 15" strips **OR** from the elastic cut 3 x 20mm (8") pieces



Cancer Council

Australia's Biggest Morning Tea

DPAQ invites you to

The Biggest Morning Tea

Saturday 7th June 2025

10:00am to 1:00pm

Theme - Blue

Bring a plate to share

Got baking skills? Enter the baked goods competition.

Feeling Creative?

Win a prize for the Best Mug Bag

Admission

\$5.00 per person

Bring your gold coins for a raffle and games!

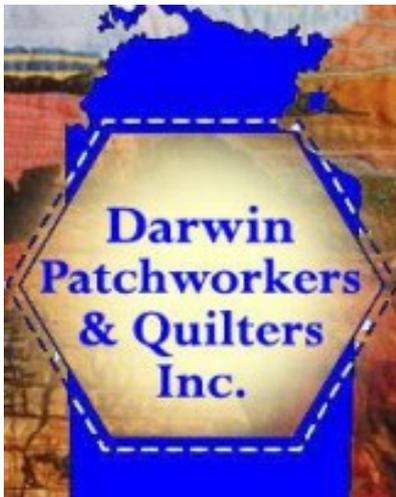
There will also be a Sales Table on the day and all proceeds go to the Cancer Council.

Got something to donate for the Sales Table? Bring it by during Sit & Sew days the week before or at the June Monday Meets.

Invite friends and family to come. The more the merrier!!



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Morning Tea



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