

President's Report

On behalf of Darwin Patchworkers and Quilters, I would like to extend our deepest condolences to Lillian Furre and her family on the loss of Lillian's husband Arne. Lillian, please know that we are thinking of you and wishing you comfort and strength for the days and weeks ahead.

Our AGM was held at the last meeting 30th March 2026. I am pleased to introduce our 2026 Committee:

President - Pam Eadie

Vice President - Lorraine Hunt

Secretary - Rose Manison

Treasurer - Vacant

Committee Members - Christina Middleton, Bec Voukolos, Di Howard, Sue Duffield and Robyn Kruger

Public Officer - Pam Eadie

As those who attended the AGM would know the Committee was unable to present the 2025 Audited Financial Report. The Auditor is currently preparing the report and it is our goal to be able to

present the Audit to the members at a Special General Meeting at the May meeting. Once we have received the Report from the Auditor we will send out a formal notice advising the date of the Special General Meeting.

There are still a number of positions vacant on the committee, not least the Treasurer. If you think you could contribute to our group, we would love to have you join us.

Saturday Stitches in March was a Bargello Table Runner led by Bec Voukolos. This was very popular and it was a lot of fun choosing the colours and seeing the pattern come together.

Not long now until Tropical Retreat. I for one am looking forward to a long weekend of stitching with like minded people. I can't wait to see what Di and Christina have planned for us.

DPAQ will be hosting The Biggest Morning Tea again in June. We have big shoes to fill this year.

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Monday Meets - May

Monday 11th May 2026

96A Winnellie Rd, Winnellie

6:45pm for a 7:00pm start

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President's Report *...continued*

Last year, we raised over \$1600 and wouldn't it be great to hit the \$2,000 mark. You've got to aim high! So save the date for Saturday 6th June 2026 and start putting away your gold coins, we will have lots of fun, games and competitions to keep you busy and of course, bring a plate to share to make this our Biggest Morning Tea yet. BTW, currently I am organising the event but if you have some time and would like to help the club, I would be extremely grateful for your help. Give me a call.

Our latest President's Challenge was announced at Monday Meets. Details on page 4.

TQ27 Committee has been working hard in the background and meeting every month to start planning for TQ27. 2027 will see us returning to Double Tree by Hilton and the dates have been set for 25th July to 2nd August 2027 with the

Opening on 28th July and the Quilt Exhibition open to the public from 29th July to 1st August 2027. Now that the venue and dates are locked in, we have started talks with possible judges and are hopeful that we can make that announcement very soon.

A reminder that Alice Springs have confirmed they will be hosting TQ26 from 3-10 October 2026. I want to encourage all of our members to support this exhibition and send an entry down to them. All the information is now on their website <https://alicespringsquiltingclub.org.au/events>

Happy stitching and I hope to see you around the ClubRooms.

Pam Eadie
DPAQ President

Supper



Supper Angels: TBA

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.

From the SNIPPETS Editor



Contributions for the May edition of SNIPPETS is due on 30th April 2026.

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



Calendar of Events

April

Saturday 4th	Sit & Sew First Saturday of Month
Monday 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th	Sit & Sew Monday 9.00am to 3.00pm
Thursday 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th	Sit & Sew Thursday & Evening 9.00am to 9.00pm
Friday 10th, 17th, 24th	Sit & Sew Friday 9.00am to 3.00pm
Saturday 11th	Christmas Club
Saturday 18th	Saturday Stitches
Sunday 19th	Days for Girls Meeting (at CWA)

** Just a reminder there is no Monday Meets for April as this was pushed forward to 30th March. **

May

Friday 1st to Monday 4th	Tropical Retreat at Mt Bundy Station
Friday 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th	Sit & Sew Friday 9.00am to 3.00pm
Saturday 2nd	Sit & Sew First Saturday of Month TBA
Monday 4th, 11th, 18th 25th,	Sit & Sew Monday 9.00am to 3.00pm
Thursday 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th	Sit & Sew Thursday & Evening 9.00am to 9.00pm
Saturday 9th	Christmas Club
Monday 11th	Monday Meets
Saturday 16th	Saturday Stitches
Sunday 17th	Days for Girls Meeting (at CWA)

April Birthdays

5th	Nancy Batenburg	11th	Pam Pemberton
13th	Alison Brown	18th	Robyn Davies



Darwin Patchworkers and Quilters Inc.

The President's Challenge

2026



Title

Let's Dance

Size

A3 Size

Orientation - Landscape

Rules

- ♦ It must meet the definition of a quilt i.e. 3 layers
- ♦ You can use any type of edging i.e. does not have to be bound
- ♦ Feel free to use any medium or techniques you like
- ♦ The challenge quilt must have a hanging sleeve.
- ♦ Please provide a short description of your quilt, the techniques used and the inspiration behind it.
- ♦ The quilt must have a small label on the back (name & phone number)
- ♦ The finished quilt must be handed in to DPAQ President Pam Eadie by July Monday Meets.
- ♦ The quilt will be judged by the members

This is not a secret or a mystery quilt. Feel free to work on it at the
ClubRooms.

Around the Club News

DPAQ Winners at Australian Quilt Show 2026

DPAQ is proud to share the news that two of our members Nicky Honan and Simone Symonds took home awards at the Australian Quilt Show 2026 at AQC in Melbourne this week.

Nicky received a Judges Commendation in the Pieced and/or Appliqued Quilt category for her quilt An Impulsive Jungle Garden. Simone received a Judges Choice Award from judge Sharon Nicholls-Thomson for her quilt Kaleidoscope No2.

A fantastic achievement - congratulations Nicky and Simone on this well-deserved recognition!

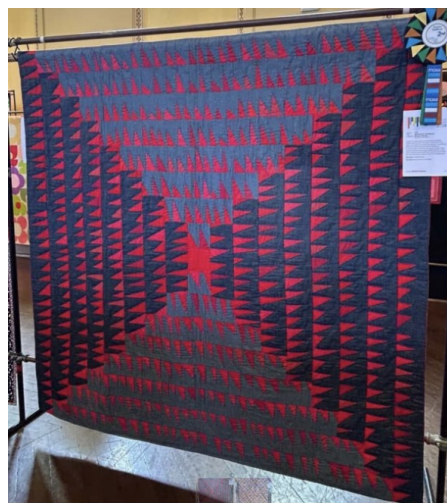


Modern Quilt Show Australia

Another congrats are in order for DPAQ member Simone Symonds who had two quilts exhibited at the Modern Quilt Show Australia, held at Petersham Town Hall in Sydney in March - Sawtooth No3 Betelgeuse and Why Knot No2 (below).

Simone was awarded 2nd Place in the Modern Traditional category for her quilt Sawtooth No3 Betelgeuse.

Congratulations again, Simone!



Please Help Make NICU Scent Blocks

These small quilt blocks are made for use in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU), supporting premature babies and their families. Each set includes two identical blocks, approximately 3 - 4 inches in size.



How does it work?

When a mother visits her baby, one block is placed with the baby while the other is kept with mum. When mum leaves, the blocks are swapped with the baby. This simple exchange helps transfer familiar scents between mum and bub, providing comfort and promoting bonding during a challenging time.

The NICU are currently running low on these small quilt blocks and have asked DPAQ for our support in supplying more.

If you can, please take some time to make a set or two for these precious little ones - your contribution can make a meaningful difference!

2026 DPAQ Committee Members

DPAQ is pleased to announce our 2026 Management Committee:

President	Pam Eadie
Vice President	Lorraine Hunt
Secretary	Rose Manison
Treasurer	Vacant
Public Officer	Pam Eadie

Committee Members

Christina Middleton
Bec Voukolos
Di Howard
Sue Duffield
Robyn Kruger
3x Vacant

The positions of Treasurer and 3 Committee Members are still vacant. If you're able to help out at all in any capacity please let DPAQ President Pam Eadie know and email to: president@darwinquilters.com.au

Sewing Machine Service in Darwin



Barry from The Patchwork Shop in NSW will be heading up to Darwin from 18th May to 6th June. Barry services sewing machines and overlockers.

You can email him on barry@patchworkshop.com.au if you would like to book your machine for service. Barry will pick up your machines from Dragonfly Fabrics in Alawa.

Saturday Stitches

March Saturday Stitches

March Saturday Stitches was a Bargello Table Runner class taught by Bec Voukolos. It was a full house on the day and all those who attended had a great deal of fun choosing the various fabric colours and seeing the pattern come together.



April Saturday Stitches

Disappearing Nine-Patch Windowpane Quilt

Saturday 18th April 2026

9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

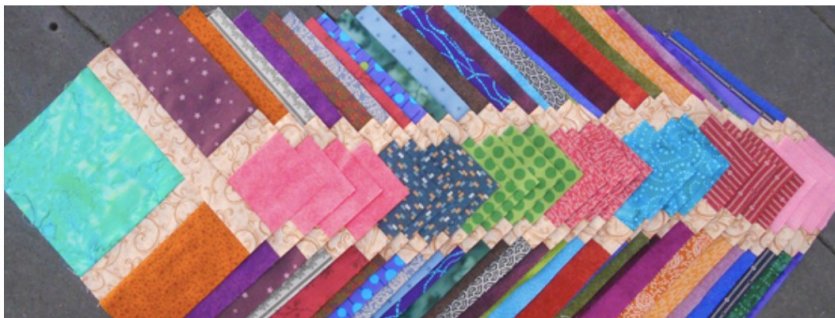
Requirements to make a 57' x 57" quilt

5" squares - 81 onlybring on the brights

Sashing strips - something that will make the colour of your squares pop. For all the same colour, you will need 1 Metre cut WOF at 1 1/2".

Outer Border - 1 Metre

Backing - 3 3/4 metres



May Saturday Stitches - Nightingale Zipper Case

If you would like to jump on the bandwagon and learn how to make the item that's going almost viral around the DPAQ ClubRooms, then sign up to the Nightingale Zipper Case Workshop which will be the class for the May Saturday Stitches, and will be led by Christine Garrett.

Bec Voukolos will have Grab-and-Go Kits available for sale on the day. Kits are also available for pre-order - preferable, and to avoid disappointment. See flyer below for more information.

Nightingale Zipper Case Workshop

Grab-and-Go Kits Available!

Elevate your workshop experience with specially curated **Nightingale Zipper Case Kits** — prepared and ready for you on the day:



Kit Options & Pricing

Plain Zipper Teeth (Gold or Silver) — \$20

Coloured Zipper Teeth (Pink, Purple, Green, Blue) — \$25

What's Inside Each Kit

- 1.5 metres of zipper tape
- 5 coordinating zipper pulls
- 1 coordinating 1-inch slider
- 16" x 16" Clear vinyl square
- 95 cm of 1-inch nylon webbing tape

Pre-Order Details

Pre-order your kit to secure your preferred colourway and avoid disappointment.

*Payment is required upfront for pre-orders,
Kits will also be available for purchase on the day.*

Contact: Bec – Top End Quilting • 0417 484 121 • topendquilting@outlook.com



Cancer Council Australia's Biggest Morning Tea

Darwin Patchworkers and Quilters

invites you to

The Biggest Morning Tea

Saturday 6th June 2026

10:00am to 1:00pm

Theme - Purple

Bring a Plate to Share

Got Baking Skills? Enter the Baked Goods Competition
Feeling Creative?

Win a Prize for the most creative use of a Tea Towel

Admission

\$5.00 per person

Bring your gold coins for the raffle, competition and games.
There will be a sales table on the day with proceeds to go
to The Cancer Council.

Got something to donate for the sales table? Bring them to any of
the Sit & Sew days the week before.

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



Cancer Council
Australia's Biggest
Morning Tea



General Information

ABN

74 081 861 533
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Bank Account

BSB 015 896
Acct: 258685721

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Free for Sponsors
1 free ad per year for members
1/4 page \$20
1 page \$40

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0419 416 712
Cost:
\$15 (Members)
\$40 (Non-members)
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Christina Middleton

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Di Howard	Committee
Robyn Kruger	Committee
Christina Middleton	Committee
Bec Voukolos	Committee
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Pam Eadie	Public Officer

Please send any questions for the Committee to
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