

SNIPPETS

February 2026

President's Report

Well, here we are at the start of another exciting year for all of our members in the Darwin Patchworkers and Quilters community. I for one, am looking forward to a very busy year doing lots of sewing and learning new techniques from our very talented group members. My personal commitment is to come along to more Sit and Sew days starting with Fridays. So far, two out of two so hopefully it becomes a habit!!

Already this year we have had our first Christmas Club meeting which was very well attended. Deb Selter and Sue Duffield got us going on the table decorations for the Christmas Party and next month will see us starting on the Christmas Quilt. Next up was the Australia Day Sit & Sew and another good turnout of members coming together to share some Aussie Food and enjoy each other's company. Christina had lots of fun activities for members to participate in and I think everyone enjoyed the day. Thanks Christina for organising the day.

Saturday Stitchers will start in February with Vivienne Holt teaching members how to make a

water bottle holder and in March Bec Voukolos will be teaching us how to make a Bargello Table Runner.

Sue Duffield has been very busy before she jets off to South America and Antarctica and has engaged our Guest Tutor, Lynne Wilson for October this year. More information is available in this newsletter with the sign up sheets already at the Club Rooms. You can check out more of Lynne's work at www.hqw.com.au

A special shout out to Jenny Armour who had a short stint in hospital after suffering a heart attack and a minor stroke just after Christmas. Thankfully Jenny is now out of hospital and recovering well with the help of her good friends, Doreen Dyer and Alison McShanag in particular. She is now back home with her beautiful dog Tassie; Alison said that she would welcome a visit or a phone call.

Jenny, we hope you continue to get stronger and we see you back in the Club Rooms soon.

Pam Eadie
DPAQ President

Monday Meets - February

Monday 2nd February 2026

96A Winnellie Rd, Winnellie

6:45pm for a 7:00pm start

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Annual Subscriptions and Locker Fees



The DPAQ Annual subscription for 2026 is now due. The 2026 subscription amount is unchanged at \$60.00. Locker fee is \$30.00 This can be paid by direct deposit into the DPAQ account - details on the back page of this (and every) newsletter. Please ensure to put your **Name, Membership Number and "2026 Sub"** in the reference section, when making the bank deposit.

If you would like a receipt for your club subscription payment, please email the Club Treasurer at treasurer@darwinquilters.com.au

Please also complete the 2026 Membership Application form with your details by clicking on the link - [2026 Membership Application – Fill out form](#)

New membership cards will be issued by end of March.

Supper



Supper for February Monday Meets will be provided by the DPAQ Committee Members.

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



Happy 2026!

Contributions for the March edition of SNIPPETS is due on 20th February 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

February

Monday 2nd

Monday 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd

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

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

Saturday 7th

Saturday 14th

Saturday 21st

Monday Meets

Sit & Sew Monday 9.00am to 3.00pm

Sit & Sew Thursday & Evening 9.00am to 9.00pm

Sit & Sew Friday 9.00am to 3.00pm

Sit & Sew First Saturday of Month

Christmas Club

Saturday Stitchers

March

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Pop-Up Workshop

The full 2026 Calendar of Events will be published on DPAQ's website - www.darwinquilters.com.au

February Birthdays

2nd Carol Chirichiello

13th Monica Wright

2nd Jill Finch

20th Robyn Kruger

6th Kerry Fallon



Saturday Stitchers

Jan Curtis and Di Howard are now running Saturday Stitchers for 2026. First off the rank for February's Saturday Stitchers will be learning how to make a Wine or Water Bottle Carrier. This class was quite popular when it was first run by Vivienne Holt back in 2023 and she's back again this month to teach us how to make this handy item.

Saturday Stitchers will be on Saturday 21st February at the ClubRooms - 8:45am for a 9:00am start until 3:00pm. Please BYO lunch/food and drinks for the day.



Fabric requirements:

- Fat quarter of exterior fabric
- Fat quarter of lining fabric
- Fat quarter of batting or stiff interfacing
- Interfacing or A3 paper to copy/draft your pattern (or 2x A4 paper) and a pencil
- Sewing notions and machine as normal.

What's New in the DPAQ Library

Hi Ladies,

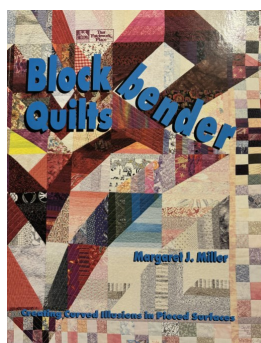
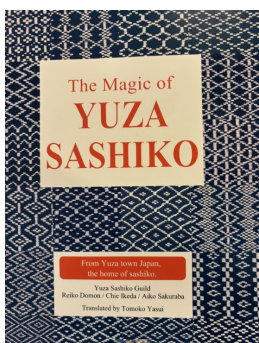
Welcome to a brand new year. I hope you had a wonderful Xmas and have caught up on all your essential reading over the holidays.

New Books in the Library:

The Magic of Yuza Sashiko by the Yuza Sashiko Guild. Donated by Pam Eadie. Pam attended a class on Sashiko whilst in Japan late last year, bringing back wonderful examples of her work to share with the group. Great stitching examples, as well as some patchwork patterns to try.

Blockbender Quilts by Margaret J Miller. Donated from my home library. I purchased this from a second hand online bookshop some years ago as I was fascinated by the Illusions of curves these patterns created. Some interesting patterns and projects for the adventurous.

Happy Reading!
Jenny Molloy



DPAQ 2026 Workshop

The tutor chosen for 2026 is Lynne Wilson who is a quilter, teacher, pattern designer, owner of HQW Distributors and the agent for XLN fabrics. She lives in the beautiful Southern Highlands just south of Sydney and is also the distributor of the By Annie patterns.

Lynne began learning to sew around 16 years of age making her own clothes and took her first quilting class around the age 23 years. In 1984, she bought her first patchwork/quilt shop which she ran for 19 years. Her patterns are designed for beginners through to advanced. Her quilts are often scrappy and colourful in their designs.

The programme dates for the DPAQ workshops are as follows:

- Thursday 8th October - Trunk Show (time TBA). Cost \$10 supper provided
- Friday 9th October - One-day workshop 9am-4pm. Cost \$100 plus cost of pattern
- Saturday and Sunday 10th & 11th October – Two-day workshop 9am-4pm. Cost \$200 plus cost of pattern.

Maximum of 15 people per class, cost may increase if numbers are significantly lower.

At the ClubRooms there are printed leaflets of class options (please see below and pages 6-8). These include By Annie bags which is one of Lynne's specialties; these are mostly two-day projects. If you are interested in doing classes, please put your name, phone number or email address and your preference pattern on the 1-day or 2-day sign-up sheet. Workshop selected will be decided in March after members have indicated their preferences.

Please note that this is the only workshop with an interstate tutor that will be run in 2026. Most of the tutors have their programmes booked up to two years in advance so we are fortunate to be able to engage Lynne's services. There are a lot of costs involved in bringing up these tutors so we need members to support these events and plan for the future.

Susan Duffield
DPAQ Workshop Coordinator

One Day Workshop Strip Pieced 8 Point Star or Blocks from In a Spin.

How to Make the Perfect 8 Point Star

Choose from the scrappy strip pieced large 8 point star block which can be made into a pillow or make a few blocks of the In a Spin quilt.

Techniques Include

- Learn how to accurately piece Y seams for perfect centres and points.
- Use 2½" strips to make the scrappy 8 point star block.
- Choose 8 fat quarters for the In a spin blocks and four background fabrics.
- Machine pieced
- The In a Spin blocks can later be used in the full size quilt.



Byannie Class Projects

Choose from any of these projects in this Byannie two day workshop. All options include a variety of techniques that will give you lots of skills for sewing bags and accessories the Byannie way.

Zip it Up

If you don't want to begin a large project in class then then Zip it Up is a great choice that will teach you lots of techniques. If you are new to machine quilting then all quilting and cutting can be done in class time. The pattern includes two sizes and includes ByAnnie techniques such as sewing mesh and vinyl, inserting zippers, binding and quilting with Soft and Stable.



All projects except for Zip it Up must have the quilting and cutting prep done before class.

Back at Ya



This stylish travel-friendly backpack has a quick-grab padded handle as well as adjustable straps.

The bag features a magnetic flap on the front pocket, a full zippered quilted pocket on the back, and a zippered mesh pocket inside.

A variety of slip pockets provide easy access to phone, keys, credit cards, ID, and more.



Travel Essentials



This folding travel toiletries bag features mesh and vinyl zippered pockets as well as a pocket for larger items. It can also be used as a handy carry all for sewing or other travel essentials.

Every Day Every Way



Foldilocks



Confident sewers will love the challenge of creating this functional and stylish carry bag.

Learn lots of techniques including working with mesh, creating handles, using hardware and binding. Lots of tips to help you create more Byannie projects.

This versatile convertible bag can be used for travel or gift to a new Mum for a nappy/ baby items bag. It can be carried on your back or shoulder strap or handles. Several outer and inner pockets.

Before Class

To make the best use of class time all pieces must be quilted and cut out before class.

Foldilocks is a new design for 2025 from Byannie

Stay organized any time of day with this handy wallet.

Zippered pockets on front and back, as well as an inner pocket that closes with an invisible snap, will hold all the essentials. Carry as a clutch, around the waist, or over the shoulder using the optional adjustable carrying strap. Or use it in a larger bag as a purse organizer.

Easy to make, this project is perfect for beginners to more advanced makers!

Running with Scissors and Take a Stand

Two day class with all cutting and prep done before class. Intermediate sewers

Running with Scissors

You'll love this handy zip-up Tool Case to store and carry a variety of tools, from rotary cutters and scissors to markers, turning tools, small rulers, and more. A variety of easy-to-access pockets in vinyl, mesh, and quilted fabric can be customized to fit the tools you use and love.

The Tool Case measures 9-1/2"H x 12-1/2"W x 1-1/2"D when closed and opens to 12-1/2"H x 20-1/2"W.



Take a Stand

Take a Stand is a companion project to Running with Scissors and can be started in a two day class if time permits.

The handy carry tote can be used to stand the Running with Scissors to create more space around your sewing area and make tools easily accessible. The pattern includes two sizes.



Class Suggestions for Darwin Quilters



Anna's Garden



Seeing Stars



It's a Breeze

Anna's Garden Two Day Class

This quilt has fussy cut centres using interesting fabrics such as Anna Maria Textiles which I have used. My intention is to make a newer version with more up to date fabrics.

Techniques include:

- Using large scale and a variety of prints
- Fussy cutting
- Accurate cutting and piecing
- Machine pieced

Seeing Stars Two Day Class

This is a great quilt to use those large scale prints. The more variety the better.

Techniques include:

- Using large scale and a variety of prints
- The quilt is constructed beginning from the centre of the quilt and each radiating row from the centre has a different fabric star in the sashing.
- It has been a very popular class and even though time consuming is enjoyable to make and play with fabrics.
- Machine pieced

It's A Breeze.

This quilt uses very large pieces of fabric and the workshop is all about choosing fabrics rather than the actual sewing. The sewing is very simple and satisfyingly quick. The lesson is in making the fabrics work together. Students would need to be open to bringing multiple half metre pieces of fabric to play with. I usually teach this in a shop where they can purchase fabrics as needed so maybe we could get the local quilt shop involved to have fabrics on hand. The quilt uses ten half metre pieces.

Techniques include:

- Working with large scale prints
- machine pieced
- This can be a one day class where we choose and plan the placement of the fabrics. The quilt is constructed in six large sections so some cutting can be achieved. Two days would see it all cut out and possibly most of it sewn



Tropical Retreat 2026

Tropical Retreat 2026 is now fully booked. If you would like to be added to the Tropical Retreat waiting list, please let Di Howard know on 0427 399 168 or email retreat@darwinquilters.com.au. Full payment for the retreat is due by 28th February 2026. Please pay by direct deposit to the DPAQ bank account.

Day-Trippers Welcome

If you missed out on registering for the event, we welcome day-trippers to come to Mt Bundy Station only on Saturday 2nd May and/or Sunday 3rd May. However this will only be for a limited number of guests so please let us know in advance if you wish to come for the day. Due to the limitations in the event space, it is strictly for hand-sewing only, and we ask you to also BYO lunch/food.

Donations

If you have any unwanted items you wish to give away, we welcome donations for Tropical Retreat prizes - please place items in Locker 12 in the ClubRooms.

Christina & Di

Tropical Retreat Committee



Victorian Quilters

Welcome to Victorian Quilters Inc Australia

Victorian Quilters Inc. are proud to announce our contemporary textile art biannual exhibition **One Step Further 2026**. This is open to all Australian and New Zealand textile artists and quilters who want to challenge themselves.

Entries will be open from 1st April 2026 and closing on 30th April 2026
Entry Forms will be available on the website on 1st April 2026.

More information of the One Step Further Exhibition are found via the following link:
[One Step Further - Victorian Quilters](#)

See flyer on page 9.



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ONE STEP FURTHER 2026



2024 1st Prize. Bree Thomas.



Runner Up 2024 - Zara Zannettino

Old Auction House Gallery
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28 May - 22 June 2026

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an open, juried exhibition.***

***Open to all textile artists in
Australia & New Zealand, not just
members of Victorian Quilters Inc.
OSF is for entrants who wish to push the
boundaries of quilt making.***



Highly Commended 2024
Julie Tasker Linda Balding

CONVENOR: LEE VAUSE

onestepfurther@victorianquilters.org

ENTRY DATE - TO BE ANNOUNCED



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