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This is the Megan Terry Perpetual Trophy,
a silver Rose Bowl. As I had no roses I filled it with wattle.
Beautiful, isn't it?
See pages 6 and 7 for a full colour report on the Exhibition.

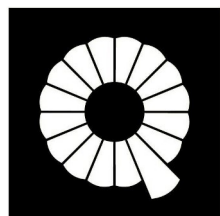
NEXT MEETING 3RD OCTOBER

The speaker will be Patricia Weeks.
See page 4 for a brief introduction.

Sit and sew meeting is Monday 17th October.

The night meetings will be Wednesday 5th and 19th September.

NEW MEMBERS AFTERNOON TEA 2ND OCTOBER



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MEETINGS

Monthly meetings are held on the FIRST MONDAY of each month (unless otherwise advertised) at: Surrey Hills Uniting Church Hall, Corner Canterbury Rd. & Valonia Ave, Surrey Hills (Melway 46 J11)

The hall will be open from 10.00 am for members to work on their own projects until the meeting which commences at 11.00 am. Bring your own lunch (unless a shared lunch is advertised, in which case bring a contribution); tea and coffee facilities are provided. A \$5.00 donation helps us to cover meeting expenses. For insurance purposes, we request all members and visitors sign the attendance book when entering the hall. The library does not open until 10.15 am.

A Sit and Sew Day (no meeting or library opening but details otherwise as above; \$4 fee) will be held on the THIRD MONDAY of the month. This day may also be used for workshops, morning teas etc.

Night meetings are held on the FIRST and THIRD WEDNESDAYS of the month, 7.30 - 9.30. Library open 8—9 pm. \$4 fee.

Parking: Note that the front undercover parking is reserved for unloading and for those members with disabled parking stickers/or who need easy access to the hall.

Due to the talking in the hall at meetings the six seats closest to the microphone (at the front) will be held for the hearing impaired.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Material for inclusion in the July 2016 edition of *The Quilters Patch* must reach the Editor by **20th June**.

Material submitted for inclusion in *The Quilters Patch* should not infringe copyright of any kind. If you are not the original author or artist, please include source information for written material or pictures so that every attempt can be made to seek permission for its legal use.

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OUR NEW MEMBERS

**WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS
who have recently joined us.**

Anusiah Nicholls, Jacky Pacchiana

**You are most welcome
and we wish you many years
of happy quilting
and lots of good times at AQA.**



Please note: If you can't do your rostered job, please find someone else to take over or notify a member of the committee.

Raffles: Sue Pascoe Allison Burger

Meet and Greet: Penny McColm Pam Gladstone

Kitchen: Volunteers on the day please

My thanks again to all the willing helpers who contributed so much to the success of the Exhibition. Colette

MINUTES OF MEETING SEPTEMBER 2016

Held Uniting Church Hall, Valonia St, Surrey Hills

Banner: "Super Show"

Present: 78 Members, 7 Apologies, 3 Visitors

Exhibition: Great show, well done everyone, thank you to all volunteers. A great feeling throughout the weekend.

Catering / kitchen were fantastic led by Elaine Maslen. She kept all helpers, stall holders and council workers supplied with freshly made goodies with a smile and wonderful attitude. Thank you Elaine.

Official opening included local MP Robert Clarke, 2 Whitehorse councillors, presidents of various groups. There was great feedback. 220 Gift Quilts have been given to charities in the past year and 10 more today for Foster carers.

Megan Terry Award for innovation in colour awarded to *Fractal Stars* by Jacqy Wong, and Irvin Green Award for use of colour to *Padstow* by Dorothy Ramage. Viewers' Choice to *Please Find My Home* by Eileen Campbell

Raffle Quilt won by member Heather Walsh, designed by Liz Willing and made by a number of members. Thanks to all family members who helped with set up, take down. Rosters were fantastic

Margaret Parkinson of VicQuilters will contact 5 members to join the display of 9 Patch at the 2017 Showcase

Treasurer's Report: On noticeboard and website. Treasurer is away. At exhibition catering took over \$1100 before expenses.

Commission received from 3 traders, 2 to follow.

Correspondence: CD of Showcase quilts received. Cards sent to Mary Hitchens, Marina Holland, Balbir Dhillon, Jean Price and Susan King

Membership: Welcome to guests present today. A few membership forms handed out at the exhibition. Membership: 242 of whom almost equal numbers receive their newsletter by email and post.

If you ask for a website password you will receive an email from augaus@hotmail.com as your email details reset.

Library: There is a Japanese theme today. The NGV catalogue for their exhibition will be purchased when it becomes available.

Gift Quilts: September Sit and Sew will be for Gift Quilts. Please bring small lunch to share

Quilt-In: A great day was held with Janet O'Dell as guest speaker.

Quilt Exhibition: 2nd – 4th September. There are flyers and cards to distribute. Entry forms are due in by today (1.8.16) Set-up is Thursday am, hanging Friday am, exhibition open 1pm, opening 1.30pm then Saturday and Sunday 10 – 4pm

Raffle tickets can be handed in at meetings, the exhibition or posted. AQA quilt bags are available at \$6 each. Put your name on bag in text and quilt name in the plastic pocket.

Part of the AQA charter to promote & develop patchwork & quilting so members are encouraged to exhibit their work.

VicQuilters Showcase: The AQA Exhibition raffle quilt received a highly commended and a roll of Mini Jumbuck – the ribbon will go with the quilt to the winner of the raffle. Members voted that the batting should be a raffle prize in the future for The Cancer Council.

Quilt Bags in pink, mauve and green will be available for \$6 at lunchtime

Art Quilts: 2nd Monday of the month, this time at Elaine Maslen's home. Examples shown of group quilt being made for the next AQIPP exhibition. Thanks to Janet & Heather for the exhibition art quilts.

Lovers of Liberty: The next raffle quilt is being prepared. Star or Puss in the Corner block can be made from the AQA supplied fabric. Cost \$5 towards machine quilting. Due back at the November meeting, see Cindy Steer.

AGM: Nomination forms are in the newsletter for November AGM

AQA Quilt Collection: Quilts and statements displayed at the exhibition have been photographed by Mal Kidson. All details from the valuation certificates have been entered in the AQA Database.

New Members Afternoon tea: To be held at Pam Gladstones' Sunday 2nd October at 2pm Other members are welcome Please RSVP to Pam

Other exhibition: Ps & Qs September 17 – 18 Blackburn South Community Centre

Guest Speakers: Kate McLaren & Catherine Early conservators of the NGV exhibition *Making the Australian Quilt 1850 - 1900*

Meeting Closed: 11.40am

REMINDER: Monday 19th September GIFT QUILT DAY – Shared lunch.

Ros Devine

NOTICE OF 2016 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The **Annual General Meeting** of the Australian Quilters Association Inc will be held At 11am Monday 7th November 2016 at Uniting Church Hall, Valonia Street, Surrey Hills 3127. During the Annual General Meeting, the President will provide a report on the Associations activities over the past 12 months.

The Treasurer will submit a Financial Statement for the year ended 30.6.16.

An election will take place to appoint the Committee for 2016 / 2017

Only financial members are to be nominated to the Association and are entitled to vote.

If you are unable to attend the AGM, you may choose to nominate a proxy to vote on your behalf. The Proxy and Nomination forms are included with this issue and may also be downloaded from www.australianquiltersassociation.com

SUPER SHOW! Congratulations to everyone on such a fantastic Exhibition. To you the members.....your 119 quilts looked spectacular along with the AQIPP and Art quilts. To the organising committee.....Shirley Lodington, Mary Hitchens, Chris Serong, Tracey Leonard, Suzanne Simpson, Elaine Maslen and Liz Willing...a huge pat on the back (see picture below). To ALL of the helpers...thank you. Shirley spearheaded an amazing team and her thanks to everyone is to be noted as well.

At the official opening on the Friday afternoon, we welcomed Robert Clark MP, Denise Massaud and Bill Bennett (councillors), Megan Terry and her daughter Fiona, Paddy Childs-Green and her daughter Claudette, and a number of Presidents and officials from other guilds. Congratulations to Jacqy Wong for taking out the Megan Terry Award, Dorothy Ramage the Irvine Green Award, Eileen Campbell the Viewer's Choice Award.

The raffle quilt was so beautifully designed by Liz Willing and sewn/appliquéd by a number of you. Heather Walsh is such a lucky winner of this quilt. Many people said they would be waiting by the phone for the phone call to say that they had won!

The hand –sewing table was kept busy with interested onlookers and of course our ladies were happy to share their skills and talents with their like- minded audience.



The display on the stage of some of our quilt collection delighted many. Janet and Mal Kidson are currently photographing them for a pictorial record for our archives.

Another aspect of the Exhibition was the display of 'gift quilts'. This brought about quite a good deal of interest as the breakdown of where 220 quilts had been dispersed/donated to charities throughout the year was itemised.

This is a suitable segue to the 'gift quilt' making day I have just come home from. Thank you to the organisers and helpers for such a productive day. Great teamwork and a great, happy working vibe in the hall.

Kaye Hardman

AQA BLOCK A MONTH GIFT QUILT PROGRAM

Each month we will supply a different block pattern that you can make and donate to the Gift Quilt Program. These will then be put together and donated to those more needy. Each month the number of blocks or quilts donated will be recorded and at the December Meeting a major prize will be drawn - one entry for each block handed in.

October Block—I Spy

This month please bring 6 1/2" squares suitable for I spy quilts.

Guest SPEAKER FOR OCTOBER—Patricia Weeks

Patricia, a botanical artist, with her husband, Allan a photographer, spend almost six months of the year travelling in Central Australia – painting and photographing all the natural beauty of the area. Together they produce prints and canvas's, paintings, cards, photographs and desert design fabrics. Their web site is cntrl.aus.wildflowerart@virtual.net.au if you would like more information.

Judy Ballantyne

AQA ART QUILT GROUP

We enjoyed our meeting at Elaine's and discussed ideas for the group quilt which is now underway. Our next meeting is at Marina's on Monday 10th October at 10am at 43 Holland Road, Blackburn Tel. 88388546. It is to be a painting on material day so please bring silk or cotton material and printing tools such as brushes, rollers, block printing tools, corks, stencils. Also bring a HAIRDRYER as that will help dry the material before you go home. Look forward to seeing you there.

Anne Cocks

Hi all, looking forward to seeing you at my place.

Please note the address is 43 Holland Rd, Blackburn South. If you are approaching from the Canterbury Road end of Holland Road, we are ON the third Speed Hump!

Cheers, Marina



Could we ever begin to count the minutes, the hours, the days, the weeks and the months - even years, the stitching of our exhibits at Box Hill took to make? Add the years of experience, knowledge and skill required. Quite apart from the sizes of our stashes to enable the perfect fabric or thread to be used.

It is overwhelming. Then for a minute expand your thinking to include Show Case, all exhibitions in Australia, and overseas! We are part of a huge, good, movement around the world because sewing, patchwork and also knitting and embroidery know no boundaries. And still it is exciting!

There never seems to be a lack of ideas, enthusiasm and friendship. May that never cease. Congratulations and thanks to those who gave up their sewing time to organise our Exhibition.

The Exhibition at the NGV confirms the history of our passion down the years. The two speakers from NGV at our September meeting told of the time it took for the NGV to accept the proposal, then program it into their schedule, make detailed plans, record and focus on the fragility and protection of each quilt, make special frames and glass cases, lighting, printing the catalogue, all up about five years to come to fruition. The Gallery staff take pride in their work and already the success of "Making the Australian Quilt" Exhibition is reward enough. A heartfelt thank you also to Dr Annette Gero and NGV curator Katie Somerville.

GIFT QUILTS

AQA Gift Quilt Day

We had a wonderful number of members coming together on our September Sit and Sew day to work on gift quilts. There were many members hand stitching bindings, and labels to finished quilts, others had brought their sewing machines and joined blocks, pieced backings and bindings, and other ladies pressed the backings, bindings and tops, before they were pin basted ready for quilting.

We also enjoyed a lovely shared lunch and of course there was lots of chatting and sharing of news as well as admiring all of the beautiful quilts we have finished for donation.

Many thanks to everyone who attended the Gift Quilt day, as well as everyone who contributes during the year by making blocks, finishing and quilting tops, as well as completing the bindings and labels. It's a lovely way to help our communities by sharing our gift quilts and it's only so successful because of our members' participation. I hope you all enjoyed the day and thank you so much for donating your time after such a busy month with our recent Exhibition. We'll have more beautiful quilts to show at our next meeting and will also have some lovely quilts to gift to organizations for Christmas. Thank you again members for another successful day.

Jan Mac

(Editor's Note: I hope to have some photos of the Gift Quilts Day to show you next month. Jacqy)

Reminder—New Members' Afternoon Tea.

Sunday 2ndth October 2016 at 2pm 5 Hyslop Parade, Malvern East 3145

Telephone 9568 8289 or email: pammyg@bigpond.com

These gatherings are to enable our new members to meet other members, especially as some of you come to day meetings and some to night meetings. It is also an opportunity to find out more about AQA and to ask any questions you may have about our organisation or quilting in general.

is also a time to share, so please bring something for Show and Tell. You should already have made a booking if you are planning to attend.

FROM THE EDITOR

Well, it was one of the most thrilling moments of my quilting life to hear that my quilt *Fractal Stars* had been selected as the winner of the Megan Terry Award in this year's Exhibition. I must thank Megan for choosing my quilt and the AQA committee for providing the prize. (I haven't decided what to spend the money on yet, but it will be something special.) I also congratulate Dorothy Ramage and Eileen Campbell, the other prize-winners.

All in all, the Exhibition was a great success, well set out and accessible, as well as supplying all the necessary adjuncts to a successful show—refreshments, traders, raffle, Viewers' Choice. My grandson (he's seven) was very impressed with Eileen's *Find my Home*, so he was pleased that it won.

After almost two weeks in Melbourne, I was quite pleased to be home, even though I found the veggie garden overgrown with chickweed. I'll have to get onto it when I find a fine day.

Jacqy

EXHIBITION 2016



Jacqy Wong won the Megan Terry Award
For *Fractal Stars*



Dorothy Ramage won the Irvine
Green Award for *Padstow*



Eileen Campbell won Viewers'
Choice for *Please Find my Home*



Heather Walsh won the Raffle
Quilt *Spring Song*



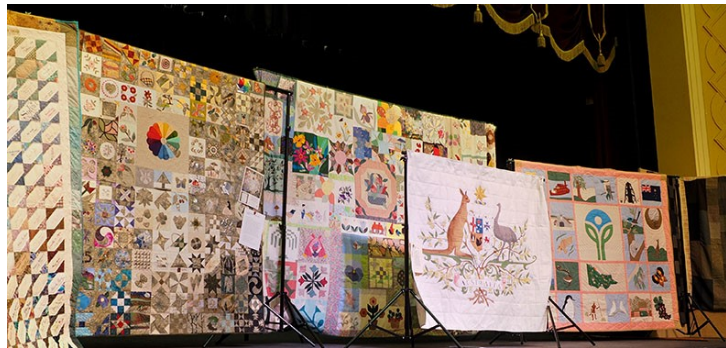
Megan Terry and Jacqy Wong



Paddy Childs Green announcing the winner
of the Irvine Green Award



Art Quilt Group display



AQA Quilt collection on Stage



AQA Quilt bags



Shirley and Ros setting up



Hand-sewing demonstration



Raffle Ticket Sellers



Trading Tables



White gloves in action



Margaret Andrew
Morris Birds