

# Minutes of General Meeting of AQA Inc. held on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2016 at the Surrey Hills Uniting Church Valonia Avenue, Surrey Hills.

**Present:** Over 80      **Apologies:** 10      **Guests:** 3 Including 2 from UK who looked us up on the internet

**Banner:**              Finish UFO's

**Minutes of previous meeting:**              **Moved:** Kaye Hardman              **Seconded:** Shirley Lodington  
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## **Correspondence:**

- ✓ Kaye welcomed everyone back – looking relaxed and refreshed – though tennis exhausted.
- ✓ Please look at the noticeboard for any correspondence, and thanks to Colette for looking after the noticeboard.
- ✓ Exhibition at Kimano House is coming up – details are on the noticeboard in the foyer.
- ✓ There is information re the possibility of AQA sponsoring a student to the at AQC convention – please see Kaye if you know someone who may fit the bill.
- ✓ AQA will be donating 10 quilts to BlazeAid, who will give them to the people who were affected by the Christmas Bushfires in Victoria.
- ✓ Some members have not had a good start to 2016. Cards have been sent on behalf of all members, and we extend a big hug and support to any members who are having a difficult time.

## **Treasurers report:**

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## **REPORTS**

### **Membership:**

- ✓ Ros is somewhere between America and Tassie – having a wonderful time – but missing us like crazy – NOT!
- ✓ We have 1 new member, who was mentioned in the Newsletter
- ✓ Fees are due in April

### **Library:**

Tracey:

- ✓ New books have arrived and will be ready for next month.
- ✓ Stocktake will be in June.

### **Gift Quilts:**

- ✓ Faye and Elaine:
- ✓ Thanks to everyone who has returned blocks, quilts etc.
- ✓ Use of a new cupboard (out the back!) enables the quilts etc. to be reorganised.
- ✓ We are now under the 60 mark – which has been a wonderful effort by all.

### **Bags for Impact ladies.**

- ✓ Cut outs will be at the February Sit n Sew.
- ✓ At the March Sit n Sew, Elaine will demonstrate how to make the bags, so come and help with the sewing. 14inch zips are needed and there are available at Theo's. Longer zips can also be used.
- ✓ April meeting, Kathy Kaplan (from Impact) will be coming, so lets get some bags made to be able to give her then.
- ✓ Instructions for the bags are on the NoodleHead site, or Faye has instructions for anyone who wants them.
- ✓ Fabric is available out the back if anyone wishes to use it.

### **Exhibitions/Symposiums:**

Shirley

- ✓ Next Exhibition meeting is next week.
- ✓ The exhibition is the Saturday and Sunday of the 1st weekend in September. We are looking at the possibility of making it a 3 day exhibition, however we are still working on that – we would really like to include the Friday , however we are still working with Box Hill Town Hall re that....

- ✓ More information will be in the April/May newsletter.
- ✓ There are no restrictions re quilt size for the Exhibition.
- ✓ The Challenge will be 'Christmas table runners.'
- ✓ There appears to be concerns re 'What to bring your quilt in, to an exhibition?' We are looking at the possibility of purchasing bags with AQA logo on, which may cost \$6-7 and are a good size to store quilts in, and can take up to a King size quilts.
- ✓ We are also planning on using these bags to store the AQA quilts in – especially the antique ones.

AQA Quilts – are currently being valued, and have been there since September 2015. Our quilts have been slotted in with others, and we should have them back today, as there is a meeting today.

#### **AQIPP/Art Quilts:**

Ann

- ✓ Had a good AQIPP exhibition last year at Box Hill Town Hall - which was a great venue.
- ✓ The 2015 AQIPP book is now priced at \$20 – and there are only 16 left.
- ✓ 2017 AQIPP committee is being formed with the title of the exhibition being 'Reflections'.

Heather:

- ✓ Thanks to convenor Janet Kidson who lead the team for the AQIPP exhibition in 2015.
- ✓ Please 'Reflect' on the theme for 2017, and have a go....
- ✓ Heather is now AQIPP convenor and was presented with her badge.
- ✓ Next Art Group meeting is at Marinas next Monday, and we are doing Dying.

#### **LOL/Retreat:**

Cindy:

- ✓ 13th – 15th May 2016 at Queenscliff – more details will be in next month's newsletter, and will follow the format from previous years.
- ✓ LOL quilt is now in one piece, and was shown to all members present. It is now ready for quilting.
- ✓ Any orphan blocks will be used for a wall hanging.....so if you have any, please pass them on to Cindy.
- ✓ The LOL Quilt will be raffled for the Biggest Morning Tea in May. Proceeds for the raffle will go to the cause.
- ✓ The theme for the Biggest Morning Tea will be 'A Touch of Liberty' – this could be a liberty shirt, liberty pin cushion. Maybe make something out of your liberty stash – but it can be no bigger than A3 size for the Challenge – look in your cupboards etc. and bring your liberty quilts for displaying.
- ✓ There is a good Liberty shop at Millrose Cottage (Ballan) and worth the drive.

#### **AOB:**

Please be aware of people – especially new people, and ensure people are comfortable – especially when it comes to seating.... Could all members please be 'Angels'?

Change of format: at the end of the General Meeting, we will now do Show 'n Tell of the Gift quilts. Then after the Guest speaker, we will have the Members Show 'n Tell.

**Meeting closed:** 11.25am