MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING 7th March 2016

Held Uniting Church Hall, Valonia St, Surrey Hills Banner: Chocolate

Present: 88 Members, 11 Apologies, 3 Guests

Minutes of previous meeting: Moved: Kaye Hardman, Seconded Jacqy Wong

Treasurer's Report: On noticeboard

Correspondence: Correspondence on noticeboard

Valuations have been received for the AQA owned and held quilts. Chris Serong and Mary Hitchens will approach the NGV regarding the AQA Wagga quilt. It is too valuable to place a monetary value on it.

Kaye H. read from a Leader Newspapers article about the wonderful work of our member Ellen Mason. Ellen has spent more than 10 years making up to 20 quilts a month quilts for the neonatal special care babies and also to raise funds for equipment and services at Heidelberg's Mercy Hospital for Women. Well done Ellen!

Membership: Welcome to new member Shibani Mishra and to new members and guests present today.

Nessie Shand received her 20 year badge

Reminder that annual subscription is due at end of April. Thankyou to the more than 50 members who paid today.

Library: Please offer to help Tracey to set up the library if she is unavoidably delayed in getting to the hall. Remember the GoCutter is available to borrow.

Gift Quilts: Many gift quilts were shown to the meeting in a Show and Tell. 10 Gift Quilts for Odyssey House were displayed in the foyer. Thankyou to all the makers

Retreat: May 13 – 15 2016 at Whitehall, Queenscliff. The organisers have checked out some Geelong area quilting stores for participants. There are a limited number of ensuite rooms. Please see Cindy Steer if you intend to come and have an issue about room arrangements.

Biggest Morning Tea: To be held Monday 16th May \$5 entry Funds to the Cancer Council.

Ladies of Liberty Theme: "Show me some Liberty". Members are encouraged to bring or wear anything "Liberty". Flyers are available for distribution. The Liberty tea cup quilt is on display today at the entrance door to the hall. Raffle books have been distributed.

Quilt Exhibition: The exhibition this year will run for 2 ½ days from Friday afternoon 2nd until Sunday 4th September. Liz Willing displayed the quilt made by members that will be raffled at the September exhibition

General Business:

- Please volunteer for white glove duty at AQC. If you can help out for 2 hours on any day Thursday 14th through to Sunday 17th April you will receive free entry that day to the show. Please contact Chris Serong.
- Quilt In Saturday 9th July. Flyer is available to distribute. Theme "Christmas in July". Guest Speaker Janet O'Dell who will speak about and show some of her antique quilts.
- Pam Hammer has a request for any donation of any soft dark coloured flannelette for making sanitary packs for the girls and women of Ambon. Please <u>no</u> novelty fabrics with animals, people, characters etc. Florals and geometrics in dark colours are needed.
- Cosmetic bags at no cost from Priceline, pharmacies etc are required for IMPACT. Please ask if you can.
- Welcome to Guest Speaker Desley Maisano

Next Month: Membership fees due. Country Members Day – Shared Lunch

Meeting Closed: 11.50pm