

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING 4th April 2016

Held Uniting Church Hall, Valonia St, Surrey Hills **Banner:** "Welcome to City"

Present: 88 Members, 6 Apologies, 2 New Members

Country Members Day: Kaye H welcomed country members Jacqy Wong, Valda Martin, Corrie Calegari, Jan MacFadyen, Phyl Windsor, Marion Groom and Judy Ballantyne

Minutes of previous meeting: Moved: Kaye Hardman, Seconded Tracey Leonard

Treasurer's Report: On noticeboard and website. There is an amount of \$180 for valuation of AQA quilts

Correspondence: Correspondence on noticeboard. Take a look at other guild newsletters.

Get well card sent to Diane Cockburn. NGV Quilt Exhibition cards are available for everyone.

Membership: Welcome to new members Sally Swan and Diane Dalton and guests present today.

Reminder that annual subscription is due at end of April. Thankyou to the more than 50 members who paid today, about half of all members are now financial until 30 April 2017

Art Quilts Next month will be at Jolana's house in East Malvern from 10am – 2pm with more dyeing See Anne Cocks

Library: Of the 4 new books reviewed in the newsletter 3 have already been borrowed.

June is Library Stocktake, NO RETURNS IN JUNE. More books are to come. Our founder Megan Terry's book "Come to the Edge" is in the library and also available for purchase from Kaye Hardman for \$85.

Quilt Exhibition: The exhibition this year will run for 2 ½ days from 1 pm Friday afternoon 2nd Saturday 3rd and Sunday 4th September 10am -4pm. Entry form will be available and on the website. Raffle tickets will be sent out next month. Stands will be erected Thursday 1st, quilts hung Friday morning. Challenge is a Christmas table runner 35" x 15". Rosters to come. Questions to Chris Serong or Mary Hitchens.

AQC: Chris Serong needs helpers for white glove duty

Gift Quilts: Gift Quilt making day will be April 18th. Please bring machines and all sewing needs, also power board and extension cord. Usual Sit and Sew if you wish. Join in our social day. Gift quilt Show and Tell followed including 5 baby size quilts from the Women's' Prison project. The PeterMac will receive quilts at Biggest Morning Tea day May 16th. Thankyou to all who make for these worthy causes.

AQIPP Gift Quilts: The next exhibition theme will be "Reflections". Books of the 2015 exhibition are available from Heather Bingham for \$20.

Janet Kidson has been the past convenor of AQIPP. A thankyou pot plant was presented to her. She mentioned that many people had commented how important AQIPP is to the Art Quilt community.

Biggest Morning Tea: To be held Monday 16th May \$5 entry Funds to the Cancer Council. About half the raffle books and funds have now been returned, Cindy Steer as extra books if you need.

Thanks to Carol Nicholls of Sewn and Quilted, Blackburn, for displaying and selling tickets, and Desley Maisano for quilting the Liberty Quilt. Extra blocks have been made into a small wall hanging as 2nd prize. Raffle will be drawn at the Biggest Morning Tea.

Retreat: May 13 – 15 2016 at Whitehall, Queenscliff. Rooms are still available. The organisers are checking out some more 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. A trunk sale by Jennifer Hyland of Piece of Cloth will be held.

General Business: Postage and mail – volunteers do all the processing. We use the print post system so postage has not increased and we are not changing our system at present. We will follow up local MP printing.

Guest Speaker : Kathy Kaplin from “Impact”. Donations are to be presented as well as the speaker’s fee will be donated. Volunteers are putting together Mother’s Day packs. Tanks to Faye Burville for te bag making. Impact is an ongoing AQA program. Donations of toiletries are always wanted, even hotel type shampoos etc.

Shared Lunch to celebrate our country members.

Next Month: Membership fees due.

Meeting Closed: 11.41am