

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING 5th 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. Thankyou 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 Fostercarers.

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 Thurs am, hanging Fri am, exhibition open 1pm, opening 1.30pm then Sat / Sun 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