

## MINUTES OF AQA GENERAL MEETING 7 November 2016

Held Uniting Church Hall, Valonia St, Surrey Hills

**Banner:** 'AGM'

**Present:** 93 Members, 22 Apologies

Our new president, Ros Devine, took the chair and welcomed members and the new committee. She thanked Kaye Hardman for having been such a wonderful president for the past three years, Colette Findlay for taking on the role of Secretary and the many long term and newer volunteers who fill so many roles willingly whether it is setting up, tidying away after the meeting on rosters or any one of the many ways they help. Particular thanks to Nanette Griffiths for conducting the Annual General Meeting.

The president welcomed the new committee especially the new faces for 2016-17 and stated that it is an honour to serve such a willing and helpful organisation.

Ros spoke of the work of Impact and the need to start collecting items for next year's Mothers Day distribution suggesting collecting shampoos etc if we are staying in motels in the holidays.

Several members have had their work published in recent magazines: Sue de Vanny's thread painting work class on a DVD and a general article featured in the current Quilters Companion Great Australian Quilts which also features Deborah Wirsu a speaker last year. Heather Bingham mentioned the current Textile magazine writing about AQA's AQIPP exhibition for next year in her report for Art quilts.

**Minutes of previous meeting:** Moved: Tracey Leonard Seconded Wendy Gai Fry

**Correspondence:** Incoming mail was displayed on the notice board in the foyer, a card was sent to Ellen Mason who has been unwell.

Most reports were presented at the AGM but the following additional points were made:

**Library:** Tracey requested that one long table, 2 short tables and 2 chairs be put in the library when the hall is set up.

**Gift Quilts:** Fay Eaton displayed a gift top and asked who had made it. Marg Coulthard has agreed to demonstrate making the block at the next Sit and Sew.

**Retreat** It is hoped that the next retreat will be held the first weekend in June 2017 at Whitehall, Queenscliff.

***(Since the meeting, a booking has been made for the first weekend in May)***

**AOB** Pam Hammer drew our attention to the Waverley Quilters Spring Gathering at Mulgrave Community Centre on 12<sup>th</sup> November.

**Next Month** Christmas meeting with a shared lunch and there will be special thanks to our retiring president Kaye Hardman. There will be the usual Sit and Sew day but no committee meeting

**Show and Tell** At the conclusion of displaying members quilts, Suzanne Simpson commented on the importance of having male helpers for hanging quilts at shows.

**Door Prizes:** 1Claire Bubb 2.Jolana Jordan

**Raffle:** 1 Jenny Moores 2. Marg Hyam 3 Prue Townley

Ros Devine read out the poem given to her by Janet Kidson *We are Survivors* showing how life has changed for those born in the forties and for many of the rest of us.

Joanne Krause showed us some blocks from the Odyssey House quilt demonstrating various activities there as mentioned in The November newsletter.

Meeting concluded : 1.40 pm