

Australian Quilters Association (Inc.)
Minutes of the General Meeting held 7th August 2017

The meeting commenced 11am. Members in attendance 67, 7 Apologies.
The banner highlighted the upcoming 'SYMPOSIUM'.

Minutes of the previous meeting held July 2017:

(previously circulated with the Newsletter August 2017, and on the Notice Board

Moved: Tracey Leonard, seconded by Kaye Hardman. CARRIED.

President's Report

Ros Devine, welcomed those in attendance with special mention to new members, Wendy Wilkinson, Joan Hart and Merrilyn Brann. Also welcomed, Karen Martin (guest speaker and proprietor of Mrs Martin's Quilt Shop, Monbulk).

1. Quilt-In 15 July, 2017 Roundup:

- Eighty participants. AQA members , 56, and 24 visitors.
- Pam Spurway was guest speaker, Show and Tell, silent auction etc. all contributed to a successful and uplifting day for those who participated. The Committee and AQA member volunteers, including Elaine Maslen (catering), Heather Goddard (treasurer) and Shirley Lodington and Anna Amory (event organising and Silent Auction) all deserved a big 'thank you'! Margaret Fleming was presented with a late lucky door prize.

2. Vic Quilters Showcase 27-30 July 2017. The number of AQA members who exhibited quilts at this event was to be commended (31 quilts by 19 members); many were prizewinners amongst them. AQA was a sponsor, awarding \$500 prize. Members also contributed to the Nine patch quilt display.

3. AQA October 2nd, 2017 – Traders Day for members, a new, upcoming event. A unique opportunity to participate in a market stall of surplus quilting supplies, fabric, quilt books, jams etc. Cindy Steer explained that a few tables will be set up in the foyer but please bring your own card table, cash transactions only; \$10 flat rate.

4. AGM 13 November, 2017 A reminder to consider nominations for the 2018 AQA Committee and subcommittee(s) (Quilt Exhibition) for the November AGM. Patchwork Pumpkin will be visiting trader to this meeting.

5. AQA proposed Modern Quilts (category/friendship group) Ideas for formation of a Modern Quilt (category) are progressing. Suggestions for the name of such a group are welcomed Please contact Ros Devine if interested..

6. AQA Odyssey House quilt is complete to be presented in November

7. Thank you to AQA members who have responded to a request from Box Hill Hospital (via Pat Bullard), for small quilts. Those received were shown to the meeting.

Correspondence Allison Burger advised that a list of correspondence was on the notice board

Treasurer Heather Goddard referred members to the Financial Statement at 31st July 2017, on the noticeboard. Approximately \$1200 was made at the Quilt In, thanks to the Silent Auction

Membership Lisa King advised current figures on Membership: 242 members includes 14 Life Members, 218 Financial Members, 10 members in arrears. (After meeting 9 unfinancial)

Symposium 2017 AQA Symposium 19/20 August 2017. Shirley Lodington reported that the Symposium committee of three (Anna Amory , Elaine Maslen and herself) was pleased the way the event organisation was progressing. Bookings slightly down however places still available; dinner guests welcome. Several traders in attendance. Members were requested to bring a share plate of Morning/Afternoon tea to the event. A roster for volunteers to setup/pulldown and other jobs, is being circulated.

Gift Quilts

Jan MacFayden spoke to the array of gift quilts on display. The members expressed thanks for the generous efforts of Katrina Edley, a friend of AQA, who donated two beautiful quilts to the AQA Gift Quilt Program and brought by Sharon Rischmueller. There was a large Show and Tell of gift quilts.

A letter from Anglicare's, Rebecca Hampson mentioned her association's grateful thanks for the AQA donated quilts. Anglicare will be receiving another donation of AQA Gift Quilts at the next meeting.

Art Quilts Anne Cocks spoke about the current project of the Art Quilt group and advised of the next meeting at her home for any interested members wishing to participate.

AQIPP Heather Bingham advised on activities of the group. Entries for the September AQIPP competition and exhibition are arriving. She reminded the meeting that Brother (manufacturer) also running a competition (Eco-themed) and enquiries can be directed to Heather.

General Business

- Members were requested to refrain from making any non-specific donations of goods. Currently, AQA accepts appropriate donations for Uplift, Fiddlers, and Impact.
- Members were encouraged take an active interest in the AQA Quilt Exhibition 2018, at Box Hill Town Hall, by joining the organising committee (roles on the committee???)
- Two workers from Impact visited and accepted a huge amount of members' donated goods

Meeting closed: 11.45am

Guest Speaker Karen Martin: Mrs Martin's Quilt Shop Monbulk

Raffle winners: Tracey Leonard, Corrie Calegari

Door prizes: Margaret Fleming, Anne Cocks, Meryl McEwan

Ros Devine (President)

Allison Burger (minute secretary)