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THE QUILTERS PATCH

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The New Committee

Left to right: Lisa, Allison, Olga, Shirley, Elaine, Suzanne, Mary.
Not present: Anna, Chris and Cindy.

NEXT MEETING 5TH FEBRUARY

The speaker will be Leesa Chandler who will be talking about her quilting journey, and there will be a trunk show.

Sit and Sew Meeting will be Monday 19th February.

The night meetings will be Wednesday 7th and 21st February.



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<i>Kaye would appreciate any news on our members. You can contact her on 0419590656 or see her at meetings.</i>	
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MEETINGS

Monthly meetings are held on the **FIRST MONDAY** of each month (unless otherwise advertised) at: Surrey Hills Uniting Church Hall, Corner Canterbury Rd. & Valonia Ave, Surrey Hills (Melway 46 J11)

The hall will be open from 10.00 am for members to work on their own projects until the meeting which commences at 11.00 am. Bring your own lunch (unless a shared lunch is advertised, in which case bring a contribution); tea and coffee facilities are provided. A \$5.00 donation helps us to cover meeting expenses. For insurance purposes, we request all members and visitors sign the attendance book when entering the hall. The library does not open until 10.15 am.

A Sit and Sew Day (no meeting or library opening but details otherwise as above; \$4 fee) will be held on the **THIRD MONDAY** of the month. This day may also be used for workshops, morning teas etc.

Night meetings are held on the **FIRST** and **THIRD WEDNESDAYS** of the month, 7.30 - 9.30. Library open 8—9 pm. \$4 fee.

Parking: Note that the front undercover parking is reserved for unloading and for those members with disabled parking stickers/or who need easy access to the hall.

Due to the talking in the hall at meetings the six seats closest to the microphone (at the front) will be held for the hearing impaired.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Material for inclusion in the March 2017 edition of *The Quilters Patch* must reach the Editor **by 19th February**.

Material submitted for inclusion in *The Quilters Patch* should not infringe copyright of any kind. If you are not the original author or artist, please include source information for written material or pictures so that every attempt can be made to seek permission for its legal use.

If you wish to use/reproduce any part of this publication, please contact the Editor.

OUR NEW MEMBERS

**WELCOME TO ANY NEW MEMBER
who has recently joined us.**

**You are most welcome
and we wish you many years
of happy quilting
and lots of good times at AQA.**



Please note: If you can't do your rostered job, please find someone else to take over or notify a member of the committee.

Raffles: Allison Burger

Meet and Greet: Heather Goddard

Kitchen: Volunteers needed please

Library: Jeanette Widdows

A new monthly Roster for 2018 volunteers will be available at the registration desk. Your assistance would be greatly appreciated.

MINUTES OF MEETING DECEMBER 2017

Minutes are distributed by the newsletter, website and on the noticeboard

Present 73 Apologies 0 Guests 1 Gillian Henderson (Guest Speaker)

The meeting welcomed the representative from the Foster Care Association of Victoria; who gratefully accepted 20 quilts from Jan MacFadyen, made by our productive and dedicated Gift Quilt Program members.

President's welcome and report: As Chairman, new President, **Suzanne Simpson** welcomed members to the Christmas Meeting. She acknowledged and thanked the outgoing President, Ros Devine and the outgoing Committee members, Tracey Leonard, Heather Goddard and Colette Findlay. Following the reconvening of the AGM today, new Committee members were introduced: Suzanne Simpson (President); Shirley Loddington (Vice President, Anna Amory (Hon. Secretary), Elaine Maslen (Hon. Treasurer); committee members: Cindy Steer, Lisa King, Allison Burger, Chris Serong, Olga Walters, Cindy Steer, Mary Hitchens. Referring to the Calendar of Events for 2018, included in the recent Newsletter, highlights for 2018 included Members Exhibition, Retreat, BMT as well as Country Members and Gift Quilt morning teas/days. As well as the monthly Monday dates, Sit and Sew and Night Meetings provide meeting alternatives for our members. Members were encouraged to advise the Committee of those who may be in need of support or assistance. Thanks to Kaye Hardman who has agreed to continue in a 'care/share' capacity, liaising with Committee on these matters.

January 8 & 9 2018: scheduled working bee for library, gift quilts and committee business is being combined with Monday's Sit and Sew.

Members were reminded that 2019 will be the 40th Anniversary of the Australian Quilters Association. To help the Committee in planning a suitable activity/event, member suggestions were welcomed. Market Day 2018 is a repeat activity following the success this year.

In extending best wishes for a safe and Happy Christmas, Suzanne thanked members and volunteers for their ongoing support and encouragement and foreshadowed an exciting and successful year ahead. Ros Devine presented book vouchers to retiring committee members.

Newsletter: Jacqy Wong was commended for her service in photography, editing and producing the Newsletter. Jacqy noted the Calendar of Events is to be distributed to Email-addressed newsletter recipients as soon as possible.

Treasurer's Report: Due to the change of office bearers, Elaine Maslen and Heather Goddard (immediate past Treasurer) will be liaising on the financial report to be presented at the next meeting. It was noted that the audited Financial Statement July 2016-June 2017) was tabled at the AGM (7 November 2017).

Membership: Lisa King advised the key membership tasks for this month include archiving. A hard copy of the complete membership list, has been filed for future reference. A second report of lapsed members and resigned members has also been filed, to assist in enquiries when required.

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Today is an exciting day for me. I am feeling a little apprehensive naturally, but I am thrilled and honoured to serve in this capacity as your new president. I take on the role with a sense of excitement and some trepidation.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere thanks to the outgoing president - Ros Devine - for her outstanding efforts and contribution over 2017. My thanks go to all the people on the outgoing committee and all those who volunteer their time and skill to make our Associations as successful as it is.

Those leaving the committee are – Tracey Leonard, Heather Goddard and Colette Findlay

We have a busy schedule for 2018 and you should have received the Calendar of Events in your newsletter by now. With this in mind I wish to introduce the new committee members for 2018. The people are----

Executive roles -

Shirley Loddington – vice president;

Anna Amoury – secretary

Elaine Maslen – treasurer

Lisa King – membership

General committee –

Alison Burger

Shirley Loddington

Cindy Steer

Olga Walters

Chris Serong

A little bit about me for those who don't know.... I have been patchworking for approximately 38 years starting with The Embroiders Guild of NSW doing paper piecing or cardboard piecing as I called it – not fond memories but now I find myself enjoying it now. Then hand sewing then machine piecing quilts. I have always loved any type of sewing and now have a great love for appliqué-the more complicated the better!

This year we will continue with holding our BMT day, Country Members shared lunch day, gift quilt days and of course, this year is our exhibition year.

Also, as we all know our 40th anniversary is coming up early 2019, and thinking caps are on. A committee will be formed to garner ideas and get the work done so all volunteers are always appreciated, and remember you don't need to join the committee, just being there to help out would be wonderful

With the tremendous success of our Market day this year, we are planning another one for the coming year. So mark it on your calendar and start sorting out your stash.

On a serious note, the committee asks that anyone who knows of someone who needs assistance in any way please contact Kaye Hardman for assistance.

The committee is also discussing the possibility of making Foundation Members- Life Members.. and we will keep you informed of news from the committee in the usual way .

We are also investigating ways we can promote ourselves and entice new members of all age groups. It seems every guild has this age old problem

And also remember, if you can't make these meeting days there is always the sit n sew on the 4th Monday of the month, the next one is Monday 15 January 2018.

Thank you for your support and encouragement. I look forward to an exciting and successful year ahead.

Suzanne Simpson

MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING

Minutes of the resumed AGM of Australian Quilters Association 4 December 2017-12-17

Allana Kirk introduced Past President Ros Divine who took the chair. She welcomed members and in particular one new member. She asked Allana to conduct the election of the remaining office bearers and committee member needed. Allana asked committee members already elected to come to the front of the hall. They were asked if the committee had found a president from their number. Suzanne Simpson had nominated and was welcomed as the new president as there were no other nominations.

Allana stood down and Kaye Hardman took the chair

The committee was asked if anyone had nominated for Vice President. Allana Kirk and Shirley Lodington both offered to take the role, but Allana withdrew, (nor did she wish to stand for committee.) Shirley was congratulated on becoming Vice President.

Nominations for the remaining committee position were called for from the floor. Mary Hitchens responded. As there was no other nomination Mary Hitchens was elected



In this changing world we are fortunate to have our patchwork, sewing and artistic outlet. With our minds at rest we can design and plan beautiful, challenging projects. We can dream in technicolour because we see fabulous fabrics and in our dreams, anything is possible. In reality, life and necessities take over, but to have our dreams can help, plan to achieve them.

A Christmas present of a perpetual calendar has a quote for every day, some are inspirational and all needed reading on the one day, of course, now daily they will be read and absorbed again –

here are three that resonated with me, we have heard them before but worth remembering.

“Start by doing what’s necessary, then what’s possible and suddenly you are doing the impossible.”

“The world is round and the place which may seem the end may also be the beginning.”

“A journey of a thousand miles must begin with a single step”

Enjoy your patchwork challenges this year. The Exhibition Committee will be pleased if every member can contribute to our Exhibition in September. Ros encouraged us all in 2017 to complete our UFO’S - it will be something to anticipate with pleasure if members heeded her wish. There is time to use the lessons learnt and the inspiration gained at the 2017 Seminar to produce a wonderful display.

Minutes of December Meeting

(Continued from page 3)

Library: Tracey Leonard continues in her role as Librarian. She reminded about borrowing schedules for this meeting and stocktake on 8/9 January.

Art Quilt Group: Anne Cocks congratulated the new Committee and invited interested members to participate in the activities of the Group. A successful 'Landscape' tutorial was conducted in association with the AQIPP Box Hill exhibition.

AQIPP: Heather Bingham (convenor) thanked all the volunteers and members involved in the planning and successful launch of the current REFLECTION 2017 Exhibition. The 'Opening' was well attended and the quality of the diverse quilts was outstanding. Members were encouraged to support the event, a contribution to the art scene in our local area. Several exhibition books are still available today. Ros Devine commended Heather and team for their representing AQA at AQIPP.

Gift Quilts: Jan MacFadyen expressed appreciation for the members who produced the many quilts AQA has provided to specific community groups over the year. New quilt kits are being prepared and ready for willing volunteers. In addition to the 20 quilts distributed today, Jan also mentioned the delivery of quilts to Anglicare and to Peter Mac. A number of recently completed quilts were shown. Members responded with acclamation.

Any other business:

Dream Stitches: Olga Walters mentioned a social event for donors to this project, being held on 15th December.

IMPACT: Kaye Hardman spoke about the generosity of members in providing products. At IMPACT, 900 packs had recently been assembled. Members were asked to donate towards a Mother's Day collection for next year.

Fiddlers Project: Ros Devine thanked members for the contributions to this project. More donations welcome; tactile fabrics/notions; leg warmers; screw/turn items.

Vic Quilters – Quilt Evaluation Days: Shirley Lodington advised that members may wish to have quilts valued. This service run by Vic Quilters Evaluation team is moving to this venue (from April?) next year.

Janet Kidson introduced the Guest Speaker, Gillian Henderson, who spoke about her experiences as a Clinical Pastoral Supervisor running Clinical Pastoral Education courses at major hospitals.

Door Prizes: 1. Margaret Grinton 2. Lyn Bocker 3. Corri Calegari **Raffles :** 1 Daele Robinson 2. Joy ? 3. Helen Mihalec 4. Jan 5. Jean Price 6. Mary Hitchens

Meeting Closed at 2pm

Alison Burger



SHOW AND TELL



1 Jan Hodge's Trip around the World quilt (1) was completed using all Liberty fabric. The choice of colour combinations and fussy cutting resulted in a beautiful harmonious blend. Quilt was hand pieced by Jan and machine quilted by Helen Hayes. Commenced February, completed November, 2017. **5**



The Computer Nerd was the title of Margaret Hyam's miniature quilt (2). It was made as a Christmas present for husband in recognition of someone's obsession, perhaps. Hand appliqued, machine quilted by Margaret. Commenced in March 2016 and completed in November 2017.



2 Another Christmas themed quilt by Margaret Hyam, entitled All Things Christmas (3), designer Gail Pan. Hand embroidered, machine pieced, machine quilted. Pattern and fabrics came from the Patchwork Teahouse prior to the shop's closure. Machine quilted by Margaret; started September 2016, completed November 2017.



An interesting Mystery Quilt (4) by Jacqy Wong was a project at the Saturday Stitches in Mt. Beauty. Lots of quilts were completed and all different; Jacqy's has a contemporary chain effect. A gift to her eldest grandson for Christmas 2017.

3 The Incredible Hulk quilt (5) was made from a panel purchased at AQC. This quilt is sure to please her second grandson at Christmas time, 2017.


Robyn Packham has called this quilt Hugo's Flags (6) and it is a Christmas gift for her grandson. Based on Judy Newman's pattern but included are many flags swapped for some in the original. Machine pieced, hand appliqued, machine blanket stitch appliqued and machine free motion appliqued. Machine quilted by Robyn; started September and completed December 2017.

This one for her granddaughter's Christmas, Robyn Packham made the quilt (7) from a panel purchased several years ago. All Dressed Up has additional pinwheel and harmonious square surrounds enhancing the printed novelty 'dolly clothes' blocks. Machine quilted, commenced July and completed September 2017.

Kaye Hardman's magnificent quilt entitled Hartwood (8) is based on Di Ford's Pendle Hill pattern, commenced at 2015 Symposium class. The colours (soft silver grey and muted blues)

reflect the decor of the family's new home. Many remarkable features to the quilt; the medallion centre, the numerous hexagons and the beautiful cross hatch machine quilting were notable features. Machine quilted by Helen Hayes.

Another decor inspired quilt, Judy Robinson Whitty called this one Blue Horizon (9). Made for her eldest son to celebrate his new town house, it showcases the lovely fabrics at the centre of each square. Reminiscent Delft design and harmonious use of blue. Machine pieced and quilted. Commenced 2014; completed December 2017.



Allison Burger



<p style="text-align: center;">AQA Art Quilt Group</p> <p>Art Quilt Group will meet at the home of Marina Holland, 43 Holland Road, Blackburn South. Tel. 88388546 on Monday, February 12 2018. Please bring your own lunch and meet at 10.00am. Anne Cocks</p>
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How would you like to celebrate our 40th (ruby) birthday? Have you any ideas or suggestions?

If so, forward to the committee.

Thanks, Suzanne

SHOW AND TELL—Gift Quilts



GIFT QUILTS

The Gift Quilt Team had a very productive day in January, preparing battings , backings and bindings ready to make up kits of quilts for members to finish off. We were very ably supported by Heather B., Carol and Jean and we have many kits available now. They will be available on a table at the back of the hall, near the door, during our meetings and we appreciate all of the assistance we receive in getting so many Gift Quilts finished and donated.

Thanks to all of your assistance we are looking forward to another productive and successful year.

Many thanks, Faye B., Faye E. and Jan Mac.

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LIBRARY NEWS

Tracey-the-barefoot-librarian.

AQA Biggest Morning Tea.

This year we will have pre-cut quilt kits available of Liberty and Liberty/plain colour available for purchase from the February meeting throughout the year until the Biggest Morning Tea is over or all kits are sold. We will have precut kits in clam shells/tumbler blocks/orange peel and possibly others. We will pre-cut quilts in a variety of sizes and prices - if you would like to discuss us cutting one to order please see me at a meeting or email on cindysteer@icloud.com to discuss your options. All money donated goes to the Biggest Morning Tea.



Gillian spoke about her work as a pastoral care practitioner in various hospitals in Victoria and overseas. She is also interested in quilting; the bag she is holding is her work.

Unfortunately, we did not have a recorder to write a report of her speech. We need someone to do this on a regular basis, now that Nanette is not available. Please consider volunteering for this role; it is very important, particularly for those members who can't get to the meetings. If you come regularly, you could fill an important place in the newsletter reporters group.

Jacqy

AQIPP

AQIPP "Reflection"

AQIPP 2017 has come to an end and the quilts have all been returned "home" safely. "Reflection" was a very successful exhibition with record attendances and much positive feedback from both viewers and exhibitors. The Viewers' Choice Award was announced on the final day of the exhibition and was won by Linden Lancaster for her quilt "Place of Reflection". With only a single vote the difference between the two highest contenders it just goes to show that every vote counts and you never know, yours could be the decider one day!

The AQA art quilt group once again worked throughout 2017 on a collaborative quilt to be displayed at AQIPP and to then be donated to be hung in a public place where it can be enjoyed by the whole community. "Summer Dreaming" has been donated to the Whitehorse Art Collection to be displayed at libraries across Manningham and Whitehorse. The quilt will initially be hung in the Box Hill Library while the "Red Robe" which is currently hanging there will be on display at the Whitehorse Art Space in March as part of the "Women in Whitehorse" exhibition.

Thanks once again to all who were involved in the organisation of the exhibition.

Prize winners were:

Brother International Award: Dianne Firth, *Reflections #2*

Australian Quilters Association Award: Sandra Championon *Siren Song*

Creativity in Colour Award: Linda Steele, *6 Pack Shame*

Highly Commended: Sue de Vanny, *Cape Town Harbour Fenders*

Highly Commended and Viewers' Choice Awards: Linden Lancaster, *Place of Reflection*

Curator's Choice Award: Jane Rogers, *Serenity*

Heather Bingham, AQIPP 2017 Convenor



Sandra Champion

...on siren Song



Sue de Vanny

Cape Town Harbour fenders



AQA Art Quilt Group

Summer Dreaming



Jane Rogers

Serenity



Linden Lancaster

Place of Reflection



Linda Steel

6-Pack Shame



Dianne Firth

Reflections #2

FINANCIAL REPORT - October 2018

Income	
Door Takings	
1 st Monday October	\$ 390
3 rd Mon. September	\$ 110
1 st Wed September	\$ 41.05
3 rd Wed Sept	\$ 45
Raffle	\$ 96
Membership	\$ 170
Quilt Bags	\$ 30
Market Day Stalls	\$ 50
BMT (sales on Market Day)	\$ 103
AQIPP	\$1505
TOTAL	\$2540.05
Expenditure	
Guest Speaker	\$ 100
Newsletter Postage	\$ 104.96
Printing	\$ 132.77
AQIPP	\$ 465
TOTAL	\$ 802.73
General Account	\$23674.63
Special Events Account	\$ 5035.35
Term Deposit	\$33006.94
TOTAL	\$61716.92



29th January 2018**Textile Exhibition**

The Residents Gallery, Montsalvat, 7 Hillcrest Ave, Eltham. This exhibition displays the work of four local artists: Chris Field, Lee Higgins, Denise Matthews and Ann Jackson. Using local flora, we have been exploring organic dyeing and printing. Our divergent use of the results has led to this exhibition. Pieces include up-cycled garments, handbags and scarves, framed works, bowls and gift boxes. Silks, wool and cotton are the feature fabrics. Call Montsalvat: 03 9439 7712
Entry to the art galleries is free.

10th February

The Appliqué Guild Australia Inc
Applique-in and AGM
Masonic Hall, 840 Mt Alexander Rd
Essendon.
10 am—4 pm. \$7 for non-members

5th – 8th April 2018

Australasian Quilt Convention
Royal Exhibition Building

2018 AQC Challenge Theme: Borders and Bridges
Entries close Feb 2nd 2018
aqc.com.au/aqc-challenge-call-for-entries/

PLEASE NOTE:

The information for What's on Where is collected from other quilters' sources and requests from organisations to advertise upcoming events.

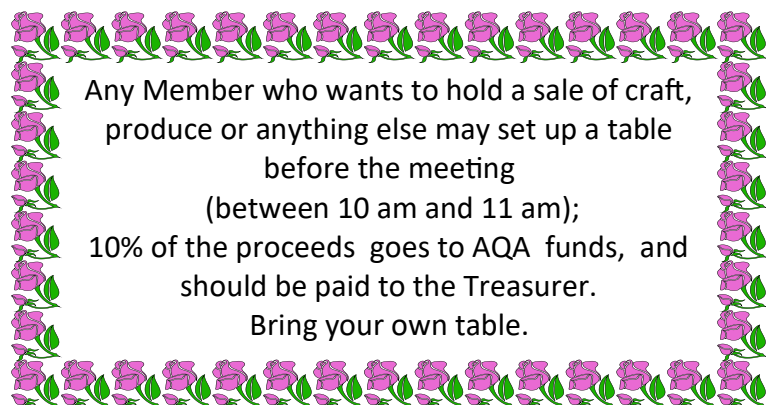
Although this newsletter's objective is to be accurate, you should verify details of events for yourself.

If you send your organisation's information to the PO box, there may be a delay in the editor's receiving it. If you are in a hurry, contact me directly, by phone or e-mail. Jacqy

MEMBERSHIP FEES

The fees for 2017/18 will be:

Individual Member (Victoria)	\$35 per year
Interstate	\$30 per year
Junior	\$15 per year

**16th—17th March**

Seachange Quilters Exhibition
Barwon Heads Community Hall
Cnr Hitchcock Ave & Ozone Rd,
Barwon Heads.

Entry \$7; children free

Fri 4 pm—10 pm; Sat 10 am—4 pm

31st March—2nd April**Quilt Show**

Corryong Memorial Hall
1—9 Hanson St, Corryong
10 am—4 pm

\$10 entry, or \$15 with Devonshire Tea

Info: Ilma Craik 0409 246 276

Or email quiltshow3707@gmail.com

May 2018

Exhibition: Tasmanian Art Quilt Prize
Theme EBB & FLOW Textile Sculpture
Entry and Conditions

www.tasquiltguild.org.au Ph. 03 63763771
More info later.

OUR WEB SITE

is being reconstructed at the moment. I hope that soon the information below will be relevant.

New Members, and those with new computers, can access the Members' Own section of www.australianquiltersassociation.com by emailing hoobien1@gmail.com, to receive a password allowing you access to Members Own information.

ADVERTISING IN THE QUILTERS PATCH

If you wish to advertise in this newsletter, the following rates apply per issue.

	1 Month	6 Months
1/8 page	\$10	\$40
Quarter page	\$15	\$60
Half page	\$25	\$120
Full Page	\$40	\$200

Members are entitled to one free quarter page ad per calendar year (space permitting), after which the above rates apply. AQA is a Not-for-profit organisation and does not collect or pay GST.

Acceptance of advertising content is at the discretion of the editor. Concession rates will apply for bookings over 3 or more consecutive months. Bookings essential. Contact the Editor on 9857 7531. Payment required prior to newsletter deadline listed each month on page 2. Cheques to be made payable to AQA, please

Ten Years Ago—

These hints were in the newsletter ten years ago; I thought I might as well recycle them, I haven't had hints in for a while.

*I don't know if anyone is familiar with this trick but yesterday I had to mark pieces for hand sewing and the fabric was impossible to draw a seeable line. Instead I drew the finished size piece on freezer paper and cut it out. These templates ironed to the wrong side of the fabric became my drawn line. I just matched the edges of the paper and sewed along the edge. The pieces have matched perfectly. This technique also works when sewing y-seams by machine or hand. Makes it so easy. It's like paper piecing without having to tear the paper out of the seams. I have been using it in many of my blocks. I try to find a similar block in EQ and print the line drawing right on the freezer paper. Then I cut it apart and iron it to my fabric. Make sure you sew right on the line or your blocks will be slightly larger than the desired size. Great results and I think the paper helps reduce distortion when working with small pieces and bias edges.

*Sewing binding on by machine: I often do this on Children's quilts because of the amount of washing wear and tear etc. I sew the binding to the back bring to the front and then use a fancy stitch or just a wiggly one. On the Janome Machines there are usually a couple that work quite well. I also cut my binding strips at 3" and so on with a bigger than a 1/4 " seam. In a variegated thread this looks good .

And ten years ago, I was making two quilts that I had almost forgotten about, and my grandson (now aged twenty) had made his first tiny quilt. I wonder if he has still got it?

FROM THE EDITOR

It seems incredible that we've been living permanently up here for over two years (we moved in November 2015). Since then we have reconfigured our kitchen, putting in a commercial wok stove with range hood, sink and shelving in the 'pantry', replaced the fridge, bought a new freezer and replaced all the bulbs with low-energy LED globes. We are planning to build an extra garage, and put in solar panels when the battery technology has improved.

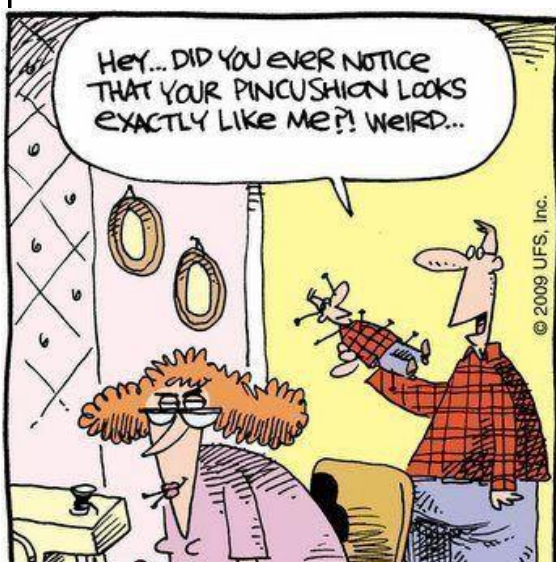
I have joined another quilting group in the area (this one meets every Tuesday at Kancoonah) and I have been inveigled into being secretary of the Saturday Stitchers—not a heavy task, thank goodness. I made four quilts as Christmas presents (I'm planning to borrow them back for the exhibition) and am now trying to decide what should be my next project. I do have one UFO that I'd forgotten about, a (nearly) round piece of hand-piecing, that I'm planning to appliqué onto a plain background. I'm determined to make most of my Christmas presents this year, so I should get going early—in fact I've already started with some pot-holders, which are traditional in our family; my mother used to make a pair for each of her children and grandchildren each year.

As well, I need another hand-work project; I've almost finished the scarf I've been knitting at meetings for the last few months, so I have to decide whether I'll start another piece of knitting or grapple with a new hand-piecing project. Decisions, Decisions!

Looking at the AQA Calendar for this year, I can see that the committee have got all sorts of good things lined up. I hope to go to the retreat this year; it's the weekend before the meeting, so I won't have to make a special trip down to the South. I hope all of you will take advantage of all these opportunities, and get yourselves organised to have several quilts to show at the Exhibition.

So best wishes for a happy and productive year in 2018.

Jacqy



Quilters Anonymous



The quilted apron:
just another sign that you live with a quilter.

There are pages of these on the web—just Google 'quilting cartoons'



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