



The Committee and members welcome

New Members

To

**The Geelong Patchwork and
Quilters' Guild Inc.**

Inc. No. A6698

New Members Handbook

This booklet contains information about the Guild and its activities.

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The purpose of the Guild is to promote the craft of patchwork and quilting in a friendly atmosphere, extending friendship and emotional support to its members, to provide a place to share ideas and skills, to conduct workshops to enhance skills and to enable those members who should so desire to participate in charity quilt-making for the community.

All who are interested in the art and craft of patchwork and quilting are welcome to join. This booklet aims to provide a comprehensive guide of the Guild. For regular updates and further information, refer to the Guild Newsletter, "Common Thread". This Newsletter is available on the website – www.geelongpatch.org.au

MEMBERSHIP

- Membership fees are due on 1 March each year;
- Full membership - \$35.00;
- Joining fee - \$20.00;
- Junior membership - \$20.00;
- Reduced rate will apply to those who join after September;
- New members will be provided with a name badge;
- Replacement name badges can be ordered from the Treasurer at a cost of \$15.00;
- If dues have lapsed for more than 3 months, a new joining fee may be required.

Members have the following rights and privileges:

- To attend all monthly Guild meetings;
- Full borrowing rights with the Library;
- To bring guests to the Guild meetings;
- One vote at Annual General Meetings;
- Discounts at various patchwork shops as listed in the Newsletter;
- The opportunity to participate in all Guild activities;
- The opportunity to nominate for the various Guild positions;
- To contribute to the Guild Newsletter;
- To have their ideas/comments heard by the Committee of Management.

Members have responsibility to the Guild through:

- Making themselves aware of the Guild's Model Rules;
- Contributing to the spirit of the Guild by supporting and promoting friendship and learning;
- Contributing to the decision-making processes;
- Volunteering to assist Guild function organisers;
- Sharing skills with other members;
- Nominating for the various positions, both Committee and non-Committee, that arise from time to time.

MEETINGS

- The Guild meets on the 3rd Saturday of each month (except May – see Quilt-In);
- Monthly meetings are held at Newcomb Hall, 82-84 Wilson's Rd, Newcomb
- Time – from 10:30am until 3:30pm;
- General meeting commences at 1.00pm;
- Guest speakers are a regular highlight of the meetings;
- Door prizes and a raffle;

- Admission for monthly meetings is \$6.00
- Correspondence and items of interest are available on meeting days on the noticeboard;
- Tea and coffee is provided – bring your own lunch and a mug;
- Name badges are encouraged to be worn at meetings.
- Door Prize and Raffle - the attendance book that is signed by all people attending the meeting is numbered and during the meeting a number will be selected. The name corresponding to the number selected will win the door prize, as organised by the Committee. To be eligible for the door prize, your name badge needs to be worn. A raffle is also available at each meeting and the prize given, as organised by the Committee. The proceeds of the raffle go to a charity at the end of the financial year.

LIBRARY

- The Guild's comprehensive library offers many quilt-related items available for borrowing. These include books, DVDs, magazines, templates and a light box;
- The Library is open at each meeting from 11am to 12pm;
- The Library catalogue is available for perusal at meetings.

Light box – is available for loan by members. A \$20.00 refundable deposit is required at the time of borrowing. There is no hire fee for personal use by Guild members.

Go-Cutter- is available for loan by members between meetings for one month. Borrowers must have their own cutting mat and there will be a service charge of \$10 to cover maintenance and to fund the purchase of new dies.

Lost and Damaged items – the borrowing member will be charged a replacement fee that will be determined by the Committee.

The Librarian is always very appreciative of assistance in putting out the library books, as well as putting them away again.

NEWSLETTER

The Guild publishes a Newsletter "The Common Thread" which provides much information of interest to members;

- It can be viewed on the Guild's website, www.geelongpatch.org.au, or collected at the monthly meetings by those who choose to have a printed copy. It is emailed to all members who have an email address.
- A summary of Committee news is available in the Newsletter.
- Members are encouraged to contribute to the Newsletter in the way of articles and items of interest. Contact the Editor directly or by e-mail to:

news@geelongpatch.org.au.

The deadline for copy is published each month in the Newsletter.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Workshops:

The Workshop Co-ordinator arranges and advertises workshops throughout the year;

- members have first priority – then non-members;

- a deposit of \$20 will be required to secure a position;
- refunds will be given if a workshop is cancelled by the Guild. If a booking is cancelled by a participant less than 2 weeks before the event, a refund will only be given if the place can be filled from a waiting list.

To contact the workshop co-ordinator email: workshops@geelongpatch.org.au

Quilt-In: is a celebratory gathering of our members and other people interested in quilting. The day includes:

- Guest speaker/s;
- A variety of textile retailers;
- Show and tell;
- Raffles;
- Morning and afternoon tea;
- Fun;

Remember: bring lunch and a mug.

Biggest Quilting Bee: raising funds for cancer research.

Challenge:

- each year the Guild offers a quilting challenge with a selected theme;
- members are challenged to produce a quilt that portrays the quilt-maker's interpretation of the theme;
- completed works will be displayed at the Exhibition, when applicable.

Exhibition:

- An Exhibition sub-committee is formed to organise this event.
- the Guild holds a Members' Exhibition of works biennially;
- the date is October;
- exhibits are welcomed and encouraged from all Guild members;
- members are encouraged to create items for sale on the members' stall.

Annual General Meeting

The AGM is conducted at the August Guild meeting.

Formal notice and Nomination forms for Committee members are included in the July newsletter.

Birthday Meeting

The Guild was formed in 1985 and celebrates its birthday at the September meeting each year.

Trading Tables

Members are invited to set up trading tables at some meetings throughout the year.