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Next Meeting:	11 th October 2023 10.00 for 10.30 a.m.
Venue:	Uniting Church Hall, Page St, Moruya
Host:	Bungendore

SCCQ President Report

Taken from the minutes of the AGM for 2023:

Another Year has passed so quickly, I still seem to be going backwards faster than I go forward. At our last meeting in June, we held a friendship day. We set up an extra trade table and members were encouraged to bring in excess treasure for sale or donations. The day was well attended, and the food was lovely.

Our membership is holding stable but since Covid there are a few of our more experienced ladies who prefer to stay home, understandably. We remain cautious about Covid but try to get on with our lives and it has been lovely to see a few new ladies at our meeting.

It seems we have all been busy with our own projects as well as involvement in charity and community with either quilting projects or donation of money.

I would like to thank to executive committee-

Treasurer Marilyn Kellet -for her hard work making our books balance and taking care of finances.

Secretary Helen Hennessey for taking the minutes and keeping the paperwork in order.

Vice president – Gillian Scerri for stepping in when needed at meetings and for looking after the membership lists.

Jean Watson- our editor and web page guru who keeps our newsletter and webpage updated.

Robyn Sammons- for looking after the trading table.

I would also like to thank the hostesses at each meeting. We appreciate your hard work getting us tea and coffee and setting up the morning tea and lunch. As each group takes a turn it's great to catch up with some of the groups that can't make it each meeting. Would also like to thank those that bring food to share and to help with the setting up of the hall and putting away.

Also thank you to Martha who helps us with the hall booking and takes home the linen from each meeting.

Many hands Make light work ad it is truly a combined effort. If I have forgotten anyone I apologise

As we start another year thank you to the incoming committee. I look forward to seeing you at our meetings.

Take care of yourselves and keep on quilting, sewing, knitting, or crocheting, whatever keeps your hands busy and your mind relaxed.

Regards

Jenny Behrendt
President SCCQ

News from the Groups

Batemans Bay

The members of BBPQ continue to meet three times a month at the CWA Hall in Sunshine Bay. We have an average of 18 -22 members each day and our meetings are full of friendship, sharing and chat. We have had a productive year so far with a lot of show and share to inspire.

We have a monthly workshop day where members share their skills. Our most recent morning was a Christmas in July with a variety of projects available including decorations, Christmas tree-shaped folded serviettes and mini Christmas stockings. A good time was had by all who participated.

Our August workshop will offer Crazy Patchwork and Dorset Buttons. We will also have the opportunity to put our brains to the test identifying members from old photographs. Our challenge – "Anything but a Square" due late in August and will be judged in September and it will be interesting to see everyone's interpretation of this theme.

Our members continue to be happy and generous with their time, and this is much appreciated by all.
Margaret

Braidwood

The Braidwood Quilters are a small group with a membership of 10 people. We hold Sit & Sew every Wednesday at the Quilters Quarters in the Scout grounds, Braidwood. Usually we have about 5 ladies attending. We work on our own quilt projects and two ladies make bags and craft items.

To expand our group we have decided to hold a Saturday Sew-along once a month to allow those ladies who work during the week to join our group. We will offer two projects at the first Sew-along, ie. A chandelier quilt or a bag made from recycled jeans. The ladies can also work on their own projects if desired.

We are currently working towards organizing our Annual Airing of the Quilts Festival, which will be held on the 25th & 26th November. We extend an invitation to all interested quilters who would like to enter a quilt in either the Indoor Quilt Competition (with prizes in each category) or the outside hanging of the quilts. Information and forms are available on our website

<https://braidwoodquilters.com.au> or email Ann Robinson at annrobinson@exemail.com.au

Bungendore

Bungendore Quilters had to find new venue for our Saturday sewing days and vi-monthly meetings. We now use the Boardroom area of the Bungendore Scout Hall at a much better rental cost. Our monthly Tuesday sewing days are still held at the School of Arts, but this was already booked on Saturdays.

At the beginning of June we held our first weekend Retreat for many years. We went to St Clements Retreat and Conference Centre at Galong. It was a work on your own projects weekend, with some pop-up classes for extra interest. Chris taught various fabric boxes and a scissor keep or pin cushion sing cathedral windows technique. Robyn taught a chook which could be a pin cushion, a doorstop or just a chook. We have already booked the same venue for Feb/March 2024.

We have also been supporting the work of the Women's Refuge, Queanbeyan, with gifts of quilts and blankets for the victims of domestic violence.

We are working towards our Annual Exhibition on the last weekend in November 25/26.

Dalmeny Quilters

See attached Flyer. <Sent to Group Contacts 22August>.

Gerringong UFOs

Our group continues to grow slowly. Our ladies are enjoying many and varied crafts from embroidery to knitting. One of our ladies is very adept at finding crafts that are just that little bit different or she is always prepared to support anyone who is interested in one of these unusual crafts. We have been exposed to such crafts as Turkish knitting, double knitting and broom stick crochet.

We are currently working on three different charity needs. For years we have put together packages for Share the Dignity and we are continuing with that project. Some of us are knitting beanies for the Mission to Seafarers at Port Hedland. The Chaplain gives out 2,000 a year. We are also about to crochet poppies to make two new wreathes for our local Club.

We recently held our Christmas in July celebrations. Terrific day was had by all. It is a lovely friendly Group and friendship, support and care for each other are values of the group.

Night Owls

Night Owls continues to meet fortnightly with an average attendance of 12-15 ladies. There is not much to report from the last meeting. Everyone has been busy working on their own individual projects, which gives us a variety of show and tell each week. We have a talented group of ladies who are keen to try different techniques and learn new skills. We have had a few members move away, hence our numbers are slightly down, with the same friendly faces attending on a regular basis.

In July, we had a demonstration on how to attach quilt bindings completely by machine and explored how to create a flange edge to our bindings. Everyone thought this gave the most professionalism finish and it is nice to see some of the finished quilts using this technique.

We try to do an in-house demonstration once a month at our regular meeting and run a charity quilt workshop on the 5th Tuesdays when they come around. We have been fortunate that some of our members volunteer to run these activities. Our next one, at the end of August, will continue a scrappy theme, of using up all those little left over pieces to make 31/2 inch blocks, which will be arranged in a colourwash style quilt.

Happy sewing everyone,
Lyn Keogh (Night Owls President)

Nowra

Our group remains busy with charity quilts and quilts donated for various raffle's throughout the area. We had two in-house tutors as well as a demo on Manx Quilting (check it out on YouTube).

We are getting organised for our Christmas luncheon and concert at the Shoalhaven Entertainment Centre in December as well as a bus trip to Rosehill in September for the Quilt show and casual meeting for breakfast as well as dinner out with partners.

Some of our ladies are planning a trip to Braidwood and Bungendore in the future.
Until next meeting
Happy quilting

Out of the Blocks

Those of us who can make it continue to meet twice a month.

Several of us have been knitting stitching and baby blankets. Some of our Group are also members of the Dalmeny Quilters and have attended free motion and working with threads workshops held recently at Dalmeny.

Also some of us belong to the Saturday Group who are back doing charity quilts again. Some of our ladies are talking of having a fun stitching day again. We have members away visiting family in warmer places.

Stay Safe and happy stitching.

SCCQ HOST ROSTER 2023

If you are unable to do your roster on the appointed date' please arrange a swap with another group. Please contact Margaret Herzog - margherz1@bigpond.com if you need contact details of the group you wish to swap with.

Year	Date	
2023	Wednesday 11 th October	Bungendore
	Wednesday 13 th December	Batemans Bay

Events for 2023

If you are planning any quilting events, please contact the publicity officer to add the date to this table. For meeting dates, please refer to the Host Roster. This information can be found on the SCCQ Calendar:

<http://www.southcoastquilters.com/events-calendar.html>

Date	Event	Where
11-14 October	Craft & Quilt Fair - Brisbane	Brisbane Convention Centre

Photos

Photos of beautiful crafts taken at each meeting, can be found on the SCCQ web site. Please use following link:

<http://www.southcoastquilters.com/meetings-2022>

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