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Next Meeting:	9 th August 2023 10.00 for 10.30 a.m.
Venue:	Uniting Church Hall, Page St, Moruya
Host:	TBA

SCCQ President Report

Hello fellow quilters.

Our last meeting was promoted as a fellowship day as well a buy, swap or sell day. The meeting was well attended with most of us taking home some new treasures for our sewing rooms that we just couldn't leave behind. Morning tea and lunch was delicious, and we got to meet some new faces as well as renewing old acquaintances. We saw some beautiful projects in our Show and Tell segment. It's great to see what other quilters/ groups are working on.

Our next meeting will be held 9th Aug. We will start with our general meeting and after a short break we will follow up with the AGM.

Looking forward to seeing you at our next meeting, bring some friends and enjoy the company.

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.

Our workshop coordinator, Gill has a program packed with new ideas and old favourites – recently ladies have tried slow stitching, chicken-scratch, using Inktense pencils to enhance stitcheries and chatelaine making.

We are looking forward to a "Christmas in July" morning, where a variety of projects are on offer. We have a challenge – "Anything but a Square" due in September and it will be interesting to see everyone's interpretation of this theme.

We continue to make quilts for a variety of local groups. So far, we have donated about 20 small quilts to various people, 72 cushions to the Breast Cancer unit in Moruya, about 30 heart-monitor bags to Batemans Bay Hospital and 42 bags to Meals on Wheels. Always something on the go. Our members continue to be happy and generous with their time.

On a sad note, we had to farewell our long-time member Annette Corrigan who has relocated to Canberra to be closer to her family. Annette reports that she is happy, well and very busy in her retirement village. We miss her positive presence greatly.
Margaret, President

Braidwood

Verbal report provided at the June meeting and taken from the minutes: 'They reported to be a very small group. The Braidwood quilt shop has brought out their annual challenge fabric for 2023. '

Dalmeny Quilters

Since our last meeting we've been busy. Seven of our members went on a trip to France. By all accounts, everyone had a great time and lots of shopping was done.

Whilst they were away enjoying themselves, those of us here were busy simply sewing. We also had a delightful and informative workshop on knitting led by Gerda. We had a great day and many of our members have returned to knitting.

Recently 2 of our members have left the group. Life member Lois Morante has moved to a care home and Irene Berry has moved to Bungendore to be closer to family.

24 of our members attended a 'Staycation' in May, held in the Narooma surf lifesaving clubroom, right on the beach with a spectacular view. We had an interesting weekend with a few members making 3-fold wallets. The rest of us brought our machines and did our own 'thing'. It's just nice to be able to sit and sew for the 2 days, have lunch brought to us, then go home to sleep in our own beds in between!

Meanwhile, monthly workshops continue as well as working on quilts and sale items for our upcoming quilt exhibition to be held over the October long weekend - Saturday 30th September to Sunday 1st October 2023.

Liz Foster, Dalmeny

Night Owls

In March we had a guest visitor, Steve Young, the secretary of CAERH - Carers Accommodation Eurobodalla Regional Hospital Inc. We had the pleasure of making a \$1000 donation to their cause, from money we raised by our participation in the SCCQ quilt show last September. We also donated the 'Kaffe Fassett' quilt we quilted last year so that they can raise further funds through a raffle. Both donations were greatly appreciated.

We have been continuing our block of the month project, with a new set of instructions issued at the beginning of each month. So far 4 blocks have been revealed. Hopefully we will get some beautiful variations using lots of different fabrics and colours.

We decided to support the Cancer Council with a biggest morning tea. In the past, before COVID, Night Owls had run an 'extravaganza quilt auction'. We decided that a more low-key approach was needed this year. Hence, we had a morning tea at a regular meeting. We ran a trading table of donated goods, from garden produce, fabrics, destash items, books, bric a brac, etc. This table was organised by Debbie Allen and Vere Grey. We also had a donated raffle prize and a show and tell of quilts that were special to the maker. Members were encouraged to bring a friend. Our efforts resulted in raising \$850, to be donated to the Cancer Council. Well done everyone and a big thankyou to those who helped with the morning tea yummys.

On the fifth Tuesday in May we had a workshop run by Susan Magnay. Susan generously gave her time and expertise, outlying how to make a Freeform Log Cabin. 12 ladies spent the morning exploring a not so traditional dive into the possibilities of the traditional log cabin block. We all appreciated the fact that there was no precise measuring or cutting, playing with colour and a great project for using scraps and leftovers from other projects.

We continue to have an average of 10 to 12 people at our meetings and it is always a room full of chatter with some lovely inspiring show and tell. Jean Watson has continued to keep our web page update. Photos of our regular show and tell, Susan's workshop and our biggest morning tea can be found on our blog page.

Lyn Keogh (President)

Nowra

Verbal report provided at the meeting: 'The group recently held their fourth, 9 to 5 sewing day. They also held their Biggest Morning Tea in May where they presented their charity cheque from the SCCQ exhibition in Batemans Bay to the Shoalhaven Cancer Care Centre in Nowra. \$1,333.00 raised for cancer. Three classes held - 3 bags in 3 different months.

Out of the Blocks

News since February till July 12, 2023

Since our last news in February this year a lot has happened! A couple of our members have had Cataract Surgery that seems to have had mixed results, but it hasn't stopped anyone stitching.

I reported in December that one of us had been able to go home from hospital for Christmas and that was happy for a while however Mariea Whittle did die a few months later and we are missing her. There was an amazing and beautiful Memorial held in her honour at the Eurobodalla Botanical Gardens in autumn - It's always amazing how long you can know someone and still find out so many new and interesting things about them. It was just lovely.

On a happier note- Lyn, Sandra and Sheila went to the Staycation at Narooma with the Dalmeny Quilters and had a lovely creative weekend with a great group of ladies. Sheila finished a scrap table quilt and Sandra has finished her fish wall hanging started in a Beth and Trevor Reid workshop. It's very colourful and pretty. Picture below. <Pictures also displayed on SCCQ web.>



Tracy Coomer and I went to a fabulous workshop with Gloria Loughman at a Community Hall north of Batemans Bay, the workshop was called Playing on the Surface, she is a wonderful and natural teacher. One day we will finish these projects!

Some of us have been making fabric Postcards and swapping them with others. They are very creative and arrive as a surprise through normal mail delivery. It is a pleasant change from the usual bills and junk!

We have all been frantically knitting encouraged by Gerda who held a workshop at Dalmeny that has been widely praised by us and others. It focussed mainly on the knitting of shawls and the variety of methods that abound.

Some people have been travelling and finding interesting quilts along the way.

As usual, we're all working on numerous projects at once and enjoying them all - mostly!
And - we all have happy, healthy sewing machines following a visit from Marie Warden's long time sewing machine mechanic Steve all the way from Bairnsdale.

Cheers Penny Sheaffe

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 9 th August	TBA
	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
21-24 July	Stitches & Craft Show - Melbourne	
11-14 October	Craft & Quilt Fair - Brisbane	Brisbane Convention Centre
November?	Craft & Quilt Fair - Canberra	Date and venue to be confirmed

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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