



## MACLEAN PATCHWORK & QUILTERS

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## Newsletter July 2022

### Diary:



**June 29th - July 3rd** Sydney Quilt Show- Homebush  
**July 8th - 10th** Our Quilt Exhibition  
**August 13th** Zone Day- Grafton

### Birthdays:



**JULY**

**Wilga B, Penne C, Judy S.**

### Presidents Message:

Our focus is now on our Exhibition. The dates to remember are:

**6<sup>th</sup> July:** We are accepting entries at the Jim Thompson pavilion at the Showground. You may bring in your entries to Patchwork on 5<sup>th</sup> July.

**7<sup>th</sup> July:** Our Judge Marilyn Hawkins will be judging the entries at the showground.

**8<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> July:** We are open to the public.

Please label your entries and provide a hanging sleeve on the back. Write a short story about your quilt and give it to Elizabeth.

We will need helpers for each day. PLEASE volunteer for a job. We need kitchen helpers; we need people taking entries at the door; people selling raffle tickets and on the sales table. We also need white glove people. We will be operating the kitchen selling refreshments. We will need slices and sandwiches to sell along with the tea and coffee. It will be a very busy time for all of us.

Zone Day will be held at Grafton Showground in The Barn on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> August. Entry is \$20.00. Please pay by 19<sup>th</sup> July. Refreshments will be provided but please bring your own lunch. We always have a lot of fun at Zone days, so put this on your calendar.

***Happy quilting***  
***Claudette***

### **Coming Events: -**

**8th - 10th July** Our Quilt Exhibition at Maclean Showground. Volunteers are needed.  
**13 August** Zone Day at Grafton.

### **Past Month in Review:-**

June brought the sunshine and some cooler days, but we also managed to get a workshop on free motion quilting, a workshop on kid's quilts, a presentation of a \$1,000 cheque to Mucyala Aboriginal Corporation who is co-ordinating the relief situation at Cabbage Tree Island community, and preparations for our Quilt Exhibition. Busy busy busy. We also have a couple of new members we welcomed; Liz and Karen who are have slipped into the group beautifully.

Neil J. had one of quilts selected for the Brisbane International. Even though everyone is concentrating on our quilt exhibition we still had a few 'Show and Tell' items for the blog.

### **In House Workshops:-**

<b>5th July 2022</b>	<i>No workshop -</i>	<i>Exhibition.</i>
<b>2nd August 2022</b>	<i>Marlene &amp; Barbara</i>	<i>Applique over cardboard.</i>
<b>6th September 2022</b>	<i>Neil J.</i>	<i>3D Trees.</i>
<b>4th October 2022</b>	<i>Mary W. &amp; Claudette H.</i>	<i>Machine appliqué &amp; stitching using domestic machine.</i>
<b>1st November 2022</b>	<i>Elizabeth B.</i>	<i>Pogaji.</i>

## **FYI**

**Random information on the craft of patchwork quilting.**

### **THE ORIGINS OF PATCHWORK QUILTING.:-**

Patchwork was used by ancient Egyptians for their clothes, wall decorations, draperies and furniture, with oldest depictions from 5,500 years ago (3,400 BCE). As they didn't have camera's back then I can't add a photo. But imagination can take you there.

## ***Quilting Tip of the Month:***

### **Baby Quilts**

Baby quilts are always a popular topic of conversation. If you or somebody you know has a baby on the way and you're thinking of starting a baby quilt project of your own, here's a few tips for you. Five tips within a tip! How can it get better than that?

#### **Tips for creating quilts and accessories for the modern baby:**

1. Baby quilts are meant to be used—spit happens! Not only should your fabrics and trims all be washable, it makes sense to wash, dry, and press all fabrics before you start sewing. This will also ensure that you don't get shrinkage later on that could distort the quilt. In addition, pre-washing the fabric reduces the baby's exposure to dirt and chemicals from the cloth.
2. For comfort and durability, look for high-quality cotton fabrics and soft flannels.
3. Pastels and primaries are tried and true, but consider bright greens, oranges, and unusual colour combinations like soft gray and ochre.
4. Intricately pieced patterns make impressive quilts, but if you're looking for easy baby quilts to make, you might try a whole cloth quilt or mat decorated with appliqués and/or simple stitching.
5. When making anything for babies and small children, leave off small items (like buttons)—they're choking hazards. Also, make sure strings or straps are too short to wrap around a baby or child's neck.

### ***Quote of the Month:***

*Quilts = Hugs made of fabric and thread.*

**Happy Creating.....Sue**