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Next Meeting: 10th February 2021, 10 for 10.30 a.m.
Venue: Uniting Church Hall, Page St, Moruya
Host: Out of the Blocks, Gerringong

Do you have any items of interest you would like to share with your fellow Guild members? Would you like to receive our Newsletter via email? Please email sccq.editor@gmail.com.

From Publicity Officer

Due to the bushfires and Covid restrictions most will know, we have not had a meeting since February 2020. This Newsletter will therefore not include the usual Meeting Minutes however included are Group Reports and at least you know that the SCCQ is still alive albeit limited by what it can do.

Due to some pleasing results, NSW has just further lifted some restrictions so hopefully this will translate to greater capacity at the Uniting Church Hall. The Committee will continue to review the situation and hopefully there will be good news for the first scheduled meeting of 2021.

The Certificate of Currency is now available, and I will include it as an attachment to this Newsletter.

On behalf of the SCCQ Committee, we wish members a very merry Christmas and great New Year. Stay safe. Jean, Publicity Officer

SCCQ HOSTESS ROSTER 2021

If you are unable to do your roster on the appointed date, please arrange a swap with another Group/s. Please contact Joan Flynn on 4473 9036 or email j4u@bigpond.com if you need contact details of the group you wish to swap with.

2021	Wednesday 10 th February	Out of the Blocks UFO Gerringong
	Wednesday 14 th April	Nowra
	Wednesday 9 th June	Cygnets Tuesday Twitterers
	Wednesday 11 th August (AGM)	Braidwood
	Wednesday 13 th October	Bungendore
	Wednesday 8 th December	Batemans Bay

SCCQ Quilt Show

Future date for this event has not been set. The unfortunate cancellation is in line with many quilting events throughout Australia.

News from Groups

Bega Valley

Bega Valley Quilters held their first meeting for a while on Monday, 9th November and will be holding their final of the year on the 23rd November. We are looking forward to a more relaxed outlook in 2021.

For now, Merry Christmas to one and all.

Regards, Trishia 🧡🎁🎄

Bungendore Quilters

We have been able to hold our regular meetings and sewing days as both our venues are large enough for the numbers that attend. We have been careful to follow the Covid guidelines and have never had such clean tables and light switches! This week we should be preparing for our annual quilt exhibition, but sadly made the decision that we could not hold it this year and are hopeful that we can hold it in 2021. A lot of members have managed to get quite a lot of projects done, in between battling the overgrown gardens and waist high weeds, which are threatening to engulf our gardens. I think that many people found they didn't manage to get as much done as they planned when we first entered lock down in March. I'm sure there are still many UFOs in sewing rooms and cupboards waiting to surface. The most important part is enjoy is actually meeting as a group - even if there is not much actual sewing achieved. Some people have even brought their knitting, or just dropped in for a chat and to look at some of our library books. It is the companionship that is so important. Perhaps we will manage to attend a meeting when you next manage to hold one - and combine it with visits to a couple of quilting shops of course.

Trudi Tritschler

Candello

The Candello Craft Group members are to celebrate the finish of a difficult 2020 by enjoying a self catered Christmas luncheon.

Up to only 16 members have enjoyed making and admiring the many craft creations, with a mini crotchet workshop, making Christmas decorations, knitting many different garments and creating some amazing quilts being on display. We have welcomed several new ladies, and members are going to welcome in 2021 after a holiday break in January.

Candello Craft members wish all fellow Craft ladies a very happy Christmas and may 2021 be an enjoyable year of friendship and creating

Sent in by Susan Stephenson



Gerringong

Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year to each and every one of you.

2020 has been a most unusual and, at times, a very distressing one for everyone. When the bushfires were on, our group was very conscious of the awful trauma some of you were experiencing. Some of us were able to help out friends and family who were impacted by that very devastating time. We have also made place mats to be

distributed to the victims of the fires. As the danger began to abate we thought the year could not get any worse, but how wrong we were.

We were able to join Nowra Quilters on a bus trip to Canberra just before Covid hit. We went down through Batemans Bay, and so we saw some of the devastation and desolation the fires had left behind. It was quite emotional just to see this, let alone to live through the horror of it all.

As with all other groups, we were unable to meet after March 19th because of the Covid restrictions. This was a very trying time for all of us, especially those who live alone. After about three months our members were very keen to have some kind of interaction, and so we began meeting for coffee in one of our local cafes, obeying all restrictions, once a week. Not everyone attended each week, but it was a great boost to the mental health of those that were able to attend.

In October we started meeting at the home of one of our members. She has a large outdoor undercover area, and we were able to meet there, while still social distancing. This has been wonderful, and we are all so grateful to Jenny for her generosity and hospitality.

Next week we are meeting for a Christmas get-together at one of our local clubs. We had decided to meet at Jenny's for our Christmas celebrations, but our clubs are very well equipped to deal with all current restrictions, so we decided to make the most of the opportunity to share a meal together. We are all really looking forward to this as it will be our one and only event for the year.

During the year we have been collecting toiletries etc and two of our ladies have been putting together Share the Dignity bags. We have already handed over quite a few, and we now have more ready to go. This year, instead of exchanging Christmas gifts, we are each making a donation to the Smith Family to be used to support disadvantaged children who need help with everyday items for their schooling. These donations will be pooled and sent off in the name of our group.

At this stage we hope to resume our normal weekly meetings in February, when the tourist influx has abated, and there are fewer people milling about. Of course, everything hinges on what Covid is doing at that time.

On behalf of The Gerringong UFO Craft Group, I would like to wish each and every one of you a very Merry Christmas, and a very Happy New Year. Here's hoping 2021 is a much calmer, happier and healthier one for all of us.

Regards, Margaret Di Salvio

Night Owl Quilters

Night Owls have fortunately met at the Malua Bay Community Centre since July 2020. To maintain Covid safety, the only thing we really miss is our usual morning tea, but we are avoiding extensive cleaning requirements by keeping the kitchen closed. As Julie mentioned previously, we continue to sit in a large circle rather than at tables. The show and tell sessions lead to great conversation which practically takes up our whole meeting. The time flies and we really enjoy each other's company.

As of November, Night Owls has a new Committee meaning some of us are in the process of discovering our new roles.

This year we are saying goodbye to 2 of our long-standing members, Glenice and Maggie. We will miss them and wish them well. We hope they find quilting communities in their new locations to share their many talents.

We also have seen several new members this year and it is always great to receive fresh ideas and perspectives. Our new members are diverse in style and experience and are incredibly talented and inspiring.

Our library was given a highly anticipated makeover by Janelle, Sue and Susan It has been transformed and we are eager to acquaint ourselves with our new Library next year.

We are celebrating our Christmas lunch at the Catalina Club in early December which will be our final meeting for 2020. We are all looking forward to 2021 with the hope that things will revert to some normalcy.

Wishing all fellow SCCQ members a wonderful and safe Christmas and New Year.

Jean, President, Night Owls

Tuesday Twits

Hi everyone, Twits would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!! Let's hope that next year will be a bit better than this past year, which, for most people has been a disaster. I guess on the good side we have had plenty of time to do a bit of sewing.

Twits have not returned to our weekly meetings yet, but more recently have met for coffee at the coffee van at Mollymook Beach. We have been lucky in the weather and have had lovely sunny mornings, without a strong breeze. We are busy planning our Christmas lunch which we are holding in a coffee shop in Milton, with its own private room, and we are all very much looking forward to it and catching up with some we haven't seen all year. The changing border closures have played havoc with one member's family visit – bit awkward when you're half way there. Barb has finished a couple of quilts and made a new one, and Wendy has found a few she hasn't finished. Oh well – one day. Sammy is furiously working on one for a Xmas present as is her norm for this time of the year. But she will get it done – she always does.

Again, Twits would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and hopefully we will be able to get together again soon and in happier circumstances."

Stay safe and look after yourself.
Cheers, Wendy

Yass Quick Quilters

As everyone else who belongs to a Quilting Group, our Yass Quick Quilters has not been able to meet since March earlier this year. We have sorely missed the social interaction, the sharing of sewing and the now-and-then extra outings together. However during this time we have been able to keep in contact with members by email and phone. Sometimes some attached photos have shown that most of us have still been creative with sewing or knitting.

Good news! We have found a new larger venue which allows us to comply with the required social distancing rules. So we are BACK TOGETHER as of early November! The Show and Tell has been terrific with some beautiful finished quilts proudly displayed to members in real time!

Our delayed AGM took place on 12th November and an enthusiastic Committee is now ready to leap into 2021. Our present membership stands at 37. We regularly have an attendance of about 20 or so each Thursday and 8-10 on the 3rd Saturday each month. We are all looking forward to next year, the camaraderie, laughter and wonderful support which we so readily share with each other.

We wish all affiliated groups of SCCQ a joyous and safe Christmas and a productive happy New Year in 2021.

Glenys Ferguson, President, Yass Quick Quilters

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