

The safety and well-being of women and children within South Australia has always been at the heart of SA Quilters (SAQ), and we continue to provide quilts to a range of community groups and organisations across South Australia who support their needs. The identification and support of recipients is a responsibility delegated by SAQ Leadership Committee to the respective community quilts program leaders.

SAQ currently has 3 community quilts programs:

- QUILTS OF LOVE
- FLINDERS KIDS
- COMFORT QUILTS

QUILTS OF LOVE

- Managed by Jill Clausen
- Supplies isolette covers, crib quilts and indigenous baby quilts to neonatal units in selected South Australian hospitals
- Completed quilts only please
- Quilt delivery to any official SAQ event - ie monthly meetings, weekly Sit 'n Sew days, Country Forum
- Quilt delivery to any designated SAQ member shop as listed on the SAQ web site
- Size Details: <https://www.saquilters.org.au/community-quilts/>

FLINDERS KIDS

- Managed by Chris O'Brien
- Supplies bright, cheerful quilts to the children's ward at Flinders Medical Centre
- Completed quilts only please
- Quilt delivery to any official SAQ event - ie monthly meetings, weekly Sit 'n Sew days, Country Forum
- Size details and suggested styles: <https://www.saquilters.org.au/community-quilts/>

COMFORT QUILTS

- Managed by Kate Seinor
- Supplies quilts to a range of community organisations that support adults in need
- Completed quilts preferred. Will accept tops if accompanied with appropriate backing and batting
- Quilt delivery to any official SAQ event - ie monthly meetings, weekly Sit 'n Sew days, Country Forum or to their monthly gathering at the Blackwood Uniting Church.
- Specific details: <https://www.saquilters.org.au/community-quilts/>

Program managers who coordinate these programs are grateful for the support of quilters who provide quilts. Regular feedback is received from recipients who express their gratitude after receiving a quilt in often challenging personal situations. Quilts are generally provided to individuals and families who are experiencing health and well-being challenges in their lives, so the major aim is to provide quilts whose fabrics/colours/designs brighten their situations. A budget line within SAQ annual budget provides these three programs access to some funds which allow them to facilitate and organise the making and quilting of additional quilts.

SAQ Affiliated Groups are encouraged to support community groups and organisations of their choice. It is suggested that they develop their own guidelines and vetting procedures to ensure that donated quilts are safe (ie no pins) and meet the designated guideline requirements. SAQ is able to support a limited number of affiliated groups with some funds to purchase bulk polyester batting.

Community Quilt Program leaders have minimal capacity to store donated fabrics and battings. If you have fabrics or batting that you wish to donate to these programs, please contact the secretary by email at secretary.saquilters@gmail.com.