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Hi everyone,

I love our Guild and all that we do, but in all honesty by this time of the year I'm looking forward to some serious playtime in my sewing room during January when most days are without an entry in my calendar! I've said it numerous times - I believe that our Guild has to be the most comprehensive, most active one in Australia. During 2024 we hosted:

- 11 evening Guild meetings, with 11 attending shops and 11 guest speakers;
- 3 day Festival of Quilts event;
- 5 day Quilt Encounter event;
- 11 editions of our I-Patch newsletter, 20-30 pages in each;
- 42 Sit and Sew days;
- 11 Modern Mix days;
- 10 full day workshops;
- 1 Market Day event with 34 stalls;
- 9 Comfort Quilts gatherings;
- 1 comprehensive website;
- 20+ new YouTube videos (162 in total);
- 1 active Facebook page (and multiple Facebook groups) and 1 Instagram account;
- 1 Mystery Bus Trip
- 1 "On the Couch" with Sue Spargo and Jen Kingwell
- 1 40th Birthday sew along - thank you Heather Ford; and
- More Teams meetings than we can count!

Additionally, we are proud of the active support we provide to our affiliated quilting groups and to our three community quilts programmes. Our Appraisal and Judging Teams have also played their part in supporting our members.

Each year our Guild nominates a charity to benefit from our annual fundraising efforts. Traditionally this charity has had a focus on supporting the needs of women and children. This year our nominated charity was Kick Start for Kids. The Festival of Quilts raffle quilt, the Clayton's Committee, along with individual member donations raised a staggering \$12,000. We also asked for donations of clothing at our December meeting for young people experiencing challenges in their lives. The line up of IKEA bags along the front of the stage spoke volumes of our commitment to support Kick Start for Kids. A huge thank you to everyone who bought raffle tickets, purchased kits from the Clayton's girls and who donated cash. You have contributed to life changing experiences for these vulnerable youngsters. Next year our chosen charity will be for [Puddle Jumpers](#).

The Quilt Encounter Team also fundraise each year, this time to the Royal Flying Doctors Community Support programme for SA/NT. We are proud to announce that \$5000 will be donated, thanks to those of you who purchased raffle tickets and donated cash to this worthwhile organisation. Thank you to all who contributed.

I hope that you too will find time during January for some serious playtime in your sewing room.

Until next time,
Stay safe and happy quilting
Chris

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SA Quilters meet on the first Thursday of each month (except January) at 7.15pm for 8.00pm start at Burnside Community Centre, Burnside Town Hall, Portrush Road, Tusmore.

The aims of SA Quilters are to:

- To promote the art of patchwork and quilting.
- To provide a forum for quilters in South Australia.
- To encourage the formation and maintenance of quilters' groups within South Australia.
- To seek, encourage and maintain a high standard of design and technique in both traditional and contemporary quilt making.
- To foster and maintain an interest in the history of patchwork and quilting.
- To hold, organise and take part in exhibitions and workshops whether in South Australia or elsewhere.
- To provide information, knowledge and skills with regard to quilt making in South Australia or elsewhere.
- To do such other acts and things as are in the opinion of the organisation ancillary or conducive to the achievement of any one or more of the above objects.

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Next SA Quilters Meetings

Thursday, 6th February 2025
Doors open 7:15pm for 8:00pm start
in the main Burnside Community Centre Hall

Welcome Address: President Chris O'Brien

Guest Speakers: Four guest speakers to reveal their secret passions

Shop: Heart n Soul Patchwork. **Facebook page:** [Heart n Soul](#)

Charity Quilt: Port Elliot Quilters

Fat Quarter Raffle: Spots

Show and Tell: Quilts with spots and stripes

Library open for borrowing and returns
Kitchen available for a cuppa – please bring a clean cup

SA Quilters Sit and Sew resumption dates for 2025. See full details on the SA Quilters web site Sit and Sew page at <https://www.saquilters.org.au/sitandsew/>

There is no SA Quilters monthly meeting in January and I-Patch is not produced in January.



 **Saturday Starz returns 25th January 2025**

 **Comfort Quilts returns 1st February 2025**

 **Unplugged Stitches returns 5th February 2025**

 **Modern Mix SA returns 9th February 2025**

 **Sew it's Wednesday returns 12th February 2025**

 **Monthly Members Meeting returns 6th February 2025**

SA Comfort Quilts

The following are frequently asked questions for SA Comfort Quilts. The group thanks you for your donations. Keep them coming!



Who receives comfort quilts? We supply quilts to several services, including: Calvary Palliative care services including Mary Potter Hospice; Flinders Palliative care wards; the Cancer Council; Children (and their adult carers) at Ronald Macdonald house; Families and individuals supported by the Migrant Resource centre; Others in need. Please note that this list is regularly reviewed & updated.



What is needed the most - Men's, Women's or Kids quilts? All of these in equal quantity. We tend to receive fewer men's quilts, so these are welcome.

Does the quilt need to be quilted & bound before I submit it? Yes please! Comfort quilts is a small group with minimal time and resources. We do not have the resources to finish an oversupply of donated quilt tops. Neat machine binding is welcome. No labels please.

What size? Kids: 40 inches x 48 inches. Adults: 48 inches x 48 inches. People receiving quilts are often frail and these sizes mean quilts are easier to handle and that quilts do not act as trip hazards.



What standard of workmanship? A reasonable standard of piecing, quilting and finishing conveys care and compassion. While you are not submitting a quilt for judging at a festival, you are representing SAQuilters with your donated quilt.

What colours/ materials? Brighter, cheery colours. Contemporary prints are great, as several recipients are younger adults. We have been asked to provide quilts that are not too warm, as care facilities are air conditioned. Quilting cottons and lightweight cotton batting are best.



Please do not use flannel and avoid buttons.

What patterns? Any of the Bedford quilt patterns are great (they have been carefully developed to be quick, easy & suitable for varied prints/colours). Quick and easy, traditional or contemporary designs are welcome. Aim for 'general appeal'.

What sort of quilting? We aim for quilts that are soft & cuddly, so please avoid dense quilting. Roughly 2 inch spacing from a simple edge to edge design works well.

SA Quilters Meeting Notes

Thursday
5 Dec 2024

President, Chris O'Brien, welcomed 150 members and guests to the SA Quilters December Christmas meeting. Annette Byron received the President's Encouragement Award for her beautiful first quilt. Therese May was the lucky winner of the door prize. Our thanks to Jeannie from the Kookaburra Quilts for donating prizes for the lucky raffle winners.

We were treated to some fun entertainment from Anne Marie's *Acting Out Troupe*, which performed two pieces to delight the audience. You can see a video on the SA Quilters Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/saquilters/>.

Our sincere thanks to Jeannie from the Kookaburra Quilts from Burra which was the December feature shop at the SA Quilters meeting. We acknowledge and appreciate the effort required to pack up and transport goods to the meetings, particularly from country areas. Find out more about Kookaburra Quilts on the web site [here](#).



Jeannie and Jackie from Kookaburra Quilts



Special guest, Ian Steel, attended the meeting to give us background on Kickstart for Kids, the organisation he started fifteen years ago.

SA Quilters is so proud of our members for their generous support for the 2024 charity, Kickstart for Kids. An amazing amount of products were donated by the members plus \$1,330 was collected in cash at the Christmas meeting. In addition \$7,000 was raised for Kickstart for Kids through the sale of Festival of Quilts raffle tickets and a contribution from SA Quilters. And Lessa and Faye raised \$4,070 through the sale of Quilt Kits. Such a wonderful and generous group of members – with a total of \$12,400 in cash and heaps of products to support kids in need.



Diane, President Chris, Billie and Ian Steel and Peg

THE PLEDGE

President Chris, issued a challenge to members to pledge that they will finish a quilt/project by the end of June 2025 and consider entering it into the 2025 Festival of Quilts. It is important to note that the pledge is serious and there will be consequences if the pledge is not met - the consequences haven't been decided as yet but there have been some rather interesting suggestions!!



Cindy holding Catherine's "pledge" quilt!

SHOW AND TELL

Nothing is to scale here



Elaine's T-shirt quilt



Sue made Santa sacks



Annette's quilt



Claire had six quilts



Rosanne's quilt



Jackie's Christmas deer

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Featured Quilter - Lyn Uppill

Lyn has the amazing distinction of being the owner of the longest running quilt shop in South Australia. Beginning life on Lyn and Chris's farm in Salters Spring 35 years ago and moving to Unley Road in the city four years later, Riverlea Quilts has become a fixture within our quilting community.

Lyn was one of the earliest members of the Quilters' Guild of SA, and in true country spirit later volunteered to be one of the Vice Presidents of our Guild. Guild meetings, from quite early times, have always invited member's quilt shops to be in attendance. Lyn was the first to bring her shop to a meeting at a time when we wouldn't have had sufficient quilt shops to attend eleven meetings each year. These days we have a waiting list of shops wanting to come!

Over the years, Lyn's passion for all things Japanese have seen her shop specialize in Japanese textiles and workshops. The work of her students is diverse and inspiring, with Lyn regularly challenging them with a new idea or technique. A special exhibit of student work was a feature in the 2023 Festival of Quilts here in Adelaide.

Kathy and I visited Lyn recently and asked her to reflect on her achievements as a successful quilt shop owner and as an acknowledged contributor to our wonderful quilting community. You can watch her video here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=98xvvc5LhM>

Chris O'Brien



SA Quilters Group Insurance Summary 2004

Policy Period 31/12/23 to 31/12/24

Public Liability Insurance is set at \$20,000,000

This covers members and groups for their meetings. Claims will only be successful if negligence on behalf of SA Quilters or its members, is proved. Self-inflicted injuries are not covered and neither is travel to and from meetings.

Public Liability insurance is protection if found to be legally responsible for personal injury to a third party or for damage to their property. It is one of the most important insurance covers.

Goods in care custody and control is set at \$100,000. Limit any one item is \$10,000. Cover is for items which belong to SA Quilters or identified as belonging to a group. Personal property such as handbags, purses, sewing machines, quilting equipment is not covered.

Money in transit Limit is \$6000 at any one time. This covers anyone responsible for takings at an event in between collecting the funds and getting them to the bank, which should be at the earliest time possible. Applies at SA Quilters meetings and in private homes, plus when being transported in cars etc.

Exhibition insurance - Fee is \$50 for each exhibition - no limit to how many can be held. Amount covered is \$100,000 with a limit of \$10,000 per item. Fee must be paid for cover to be in place. This is not an automatic cover and must be applied for on the appropriate form. The broker requires an established link between SA Quilters, the group and their exhibition.

Personal Accident Insurance – All volunteers working in a voluntary capacity on behalf of the policy holder are covered. The cover applies while a covered person is working on behalf of the policy holder, including necessary direct travel to and from such voluntary work, provided that the voluntary work is officially organised by and under the control of the policy holder.

A Certificate of Currency - a copy is sent to each group every year when annual fees have been paid showing the extent of Public Liability, General Property and Money in Transit cover.

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New SA Quilters Members

Robyn McDonald
Wendy Hicks

Marlene Durdin

New SA Quilters Groups

Social Sewers

Masonic Quilters and Craft Group

Twelve enthusiastic quilters from Masonic Quilters and Craft Group meet for lunch at the bakery before heading to the Bunk House at the Mannum Caravan Park for their annual Retreat in October. As soon as entry time came we were there setting up for our special few days together and filling the fridge with the food to be turned into our meals by the different cooks.

Our new retreat, Chris, was quickly producing block after block for a Christmas Quilt for her bed, yes – for this Christmas. But that was not the only miracle, her inspiration was the photo on her phone – she is working with no measurements or instructions. All the pieces were on the display board within a day and a half!

Sue, who loves to work with small scraps, was soon displaying panels made with one inch pieces formed into four inch blocks using all the traditional designs. From this inspiring activity has developed a plan for Sue to select one pattern for us to all work from and include a single piece of identical fabric with each pattern. We are to provide the remainder of the fabric to complete the project. The panels will be joined and hopefully be displayed as a finished quilt at our Exhibition next year.

Several quilters were working on Bedford patterns and some were working with the pieces Jill gave us last year as a welcome pack. From memory Diane and Janelle were engage in this. Margaret, who had sewn her gift pack at the last retreat, was now working on two identical patterns – one with a dark background while the other had the more traditional cream back ground. The difference in the look of the quilt was interesting.

Most of the quilts being made were to be charity quilts – Palliative care and Ronald McDonald House being two of our recipients. The quilt Jill worked on was a new pattern in blue/teal and bone/fawn shades which will be one of a pair – absolutely beautifully toned fabrics from her stash. Pip was working on a three dimensional pattern. The plan is to add machine embroidery to the spaces she is creating. Julie Gordon was using a combination of stash and a fat quarter to complete a pattern of multi-coloured boxes filled with stash pieces in random colour combinations sewn in a fixed pattern.

Julie Dohnt produced a bag and a quilt embellished with her machine embroidery, while Beryl worked on a quilt for a granddaughter featuring her own designed and stitched squares. Clare was working on new pattern with the astonishing speed we have come to expect. Clare favours the quilt as you go approach with her finished squares.

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A photo of the Masonic Quilters and Craft Group who are located at Tailem Bend

Masonic Quilters and Craft Group (Cont.)

Kay was busy working on what has become an almost full-time commitment – completing quilts that others have started but have not been able to complete. This time she is completing four almost identical quilts from materials handed to us to honour the work of an ex group member. We not only end up with ex member's stashes but have been given material from strangers because a family member of a recipient of a charity quilt has seen our name on the quilt we have donated.

We had a special morning tea for Janelle's birthday with a florist bringing in a beautiful floral arrangement. The next morning we enjoyed another morning tea with a visit from a group member. Did I mention these were both warm scones with jam and cream?

This year Pip had made a welcome pack for each of us – matching project and gadget bags for each retreat. These were greatly appreciated and admired and were quickly being used by the recipients. Too soon, this happy, helpful group were packing up the cars, cleaning the rooms and deciding whether to have a final coffee.

Beryl Aylen



2025 Membership

Thank you for being a member of our wonderful quilting family. Our membership year is from January to December.

Individual members renewing membership before the end of January 2025 will be in the running to win this fabulous Yazzii Supreme Organiser valued at \$139 donated by Yazzii. To be drawn at the February 2025 meeting.



You can find all the membership details on the SA Quilters web site at www.saquilters.org.au and click on the Members page.

40th Birthday Sew Along Thank You

SA Quilters would like to send a big thank you to Heather Ford and Kathy Rossini. Heather created the pattern that inspired us (or challenged us!) each month and Kathy assisted Heather greatly by checking and formatting the pattern so that it was easy to follow. Without Kathy the block of the month wouldn't have run smoothly, and without Heather we would not have had a block of the month. Lastly, well done to all the talented quilters that sewed along each month and I look forward to seeing all the finished quilts at future "Show and Tells".



Download the October instructions for the Sew Along quilting blocks on the SA Quilters web site here -

<https://www.saquilters.org.au/sew-along/>

Follow participants progress on the 40th Birthday Sew Along Facebook page at:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/882729666919816>

Make a Pledge to SA Quilters

At the December SAQ meeting Chris encouraged members to come up on stage and pledge to finish a UFO by the end of June 2025 and a surprising number were up for the challenge. Kathy took photos as a record of accountability. While this may have intimidated others in the audience, such a declaration can be highly motivating in terms of focusing on a specific quilt that has been languishing in one's sewing room for years, maybe decades.

We'd like to encourage each of our readers to make a similar pledge to themselves that during the first half of 2025, one UFO at least, will get finished.

Are you up for the challenge?

YOUR BIRTHDAY GIFT FROM SA QUILTERS

All individual members of SA Quilters are entitled to receive a 40 year commemorative badge, available for collection at SA Quilters monthly meetings.



Recipe Corner

Choc mint ball recipe

Ingredients

1 pack (200g) Mint Slice biscuits

125g cream cheese

200g milk chocolate to coat

Method

Leave cream cheese out of the fridge for a while so that it softens a bit. Pulverise biscuits in a food processor.

Mix biscuits and cream cheese together.

Take teaspoonfuls of the mixture and roll into small balls....there should be about 20. Place in fridge 30 minutes or so, until firm.

Melt milk chocolate. Dip balls into chocolate to cover, allowing excess to drain. Place on a foil-covered tray.

*Optional: they can be made Christmassy by adding a red mini M&M sweet and 2 slivers of peppermint leaf sweets.

Enjoy!



Cynthia's Ark wishes everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Our last class will be on Friday 20th December.

Shop will close on Saturday 21st December at 2pm for our Christmas and New Year break.

The shop will reopen on Friday 17th January 2025 at 9am, with our 3-day Summer Sale.

Check our Cynthia's Ark Facebook page for a sneak peak at the Summer Specials from Sunday 12th January.

Classes will restart on Friday 31st January 2025.

Inman Valley Quilters Report



Well, hasn't this year just rolled on through to Christmas. We have been very busy at Inman Quilters, tying up loose ends before the Christmas Break, which we have celebrated the year and all the hard-working volunteers and group members with our lunch at the Hotel Elliot. We had a fabulous turn out – we almost took over the entire front room. It was lovely to spend the afternoon gas bagging and telling stories without the guilt of not putting one stitch into our projects, as would sometimes

happen at our meetings. Before our lunch we acknowledged a talented group of ladies who participated in a very special and moving project. I will let the words of Margaret Houston recount their journey and the moving gesture they so generously donated their time toward.

Earlier this year, in April, the President of SA Quilters received an email from a mother whose son had been given a quilt made by Inman Quilters, whilst he was in the RAH. He recovered from his treatment at the RAH only to tragically, pass away a few months later in a car accident. The young man was a music teacher and talented musician who played in many bands in South Australia and beyond. He played in several Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoos and in the Queens 90 th Birthday Celebration at Windsor Castle. As a result, he accumulated many T-shirts and hoodies with the names of the bands and shows he had participated in. It was these items that she was hoping could be worked into a Memorial Quilt.

Most quilters and quilting groups have participated in Gifting Quilt programs, and whilst we know where our quilts are donated, we very rarely have “feedback” from a recipient. Whilst we as a group (or individually) had not made anything like this before, we felt it was a privilege to be asked. In July we met with the parents and took custody of the articles of clothing, all of which had deep meaning to the family. They asked whether we could make two quilts, one for the parents and one for the sister left behind.

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Inman Valley Quilters Report (Cont.)

We had our first “workshop” on the 10th September, which entailed sorting which hoodie/t-shirt went into which quilt, stabilising all the different fabrics and then coming up with a design.

The first quilt took many hours as we were learning as we went, but by the time we started on the second quilt, we “sort of” knew what we were doing. By the end of November, both quilts were pieced, quilted, and labelled and we had used every item of clothing except three.

Rather than just hand these back to the parents, we approached one of our members who is a very talented “bag” maker. She took away a black hoodie, a patterned shirt and a small handkerchief and came back with an amazing overnight/travel bag.

The ladies who have worked on this project have all said the same thing – “it has been one of the most rewarding things they have been involved in”, and it challenged us to think outside the square when it came to design, piecing and quilting. A date has been arranged for the Memorial Quilts and Overnight/Travel Bag to be handed over to the family.

Many thanks go to Helen Scholfield, Pat Shipley, Marg Houston, Robyn Gregson and Dawn Garratt for their time and enthusiasm. We are very proud of what they have created – a lasting memorial to a very talented young man.



Thank you Margaret. We just know the family are going to be touched by the thoughtfulness and tact you have all put in to producing such stunning and refined products for the family. I am sure it will be a very emotional day when you meet up with them to hand over your works. Thank you all for your time and creativity.

For now, we say a Very Merry Christmas to all and we hope you have a Safe and Happy New Year.

Looking forward to seeing you all in 2025 at our first meeting, our President’s Breakfast on Tuesday the 21st January. Eat well, be merry and stay safe.

Cheers
Bree Leibhardt

SIT AND SEW 2024

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A fabulous final "Sew it's Wednesday" Sit and Sew for 2024 with 38 quilters in attendance to celebrate the end of the year and to wish everybody a Happy Christmas. Lots of delicious food to share and lots of lovely friendships to cherish.

See you again on 12th February 2025.





# Silver City Quilters Biennial Exhibition 2024

The October Long Weekend and the historic Broken Hill Trades Hall were the date and venue for the Silver City Quilters Biennial Exhibition 2024.

Around 200 people, both locals and visitors to Broken Hill, came to view 75 different exhibits, ranging from quilts of all shapes & sizes, wallhangings, some beautiful bags and even a denim covered chair.

Our Exhibition Members Challenge this year was the letter 'J' – a small wall hanging of 12 x 20 inches. The winner was Marilyn Kingsbury with her entry 'J is for Jester'. We had a variety of different entries including jokers, jack-in-a-box, jetty, Jesus, joy and jellybeans.

Kornacraft Sewing Centre (from Gawler SA) was our visiting shop and provided plenty of opportunity for retail therapy. We also had a club work stall which did very well and started lots of people on their Christmas shopping.

The winner of the Viewer's Choice was Lyndal Graham with 'To Insanity & Beyond' - made with approximately 17,500 half inch hexies! Runners up were Chris Brown with 'Kantha Meditation' and Marilyn Kingsbury with 'Sunshine Garden'.

Half the proceeds from tickets sales for our Raffle Quilt will go towards sending local Broken Hill primary school students to Stewart House in Sydney. \*\*

At a debrief during our monthly meeting we came up with several ideas to improve the next exhibition, but thanks to lots of hard work from many of our members we were very pleased with the overall outcome of this one - which included welcoming 6 new members, who all signed up over the long weekend.

Jo Kells  
Secretary

\*\* Stewart House is a safe haven, located next to Curl Curl Beach and there is no cost to parents or caregivers. During a 12-day stay, children are provided with dental, optical, hearing and medical screening & treatment. They also participate in educational programs and excursions designed to develop their social and emotional skills, build self-esteem and improve their overall wellbeing ([stewarthouse.org.au](http://stewarthouse.org.au)).



*J is for Jester Winner - Marilyn Kingsbury*

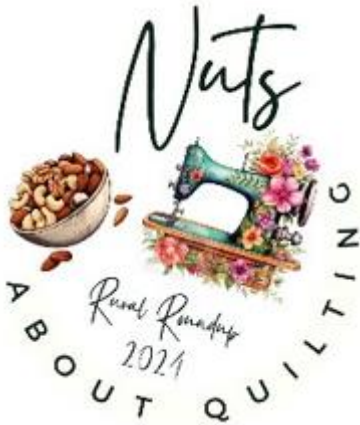


*To Insanity and Beyond - Viewers Choice Winner*





# Rural Roundup 2024—Nuts About Quilting



Barmera Lake Bonney Quilters recently had the privilege of hosting the South Australian Rural Roundup, 'Nuts about Quilting', cos we all are, aren't we?



We filled our venue at the Riverland Field Days Events Centre on Saturday, 26th October 2024 with over 170 enthusiastic quilter and patch worker guests from across the South Australia for a day of friendship and everything 'quilty' and a little local produce.

Our committed team had been planning the event for more than 18 months and the day proceeded with a few behind the scenes glitches but they were quickly overcome. The Events Centre provided us with plenty of room and marvellous

facilities such as the commercial kitchen, plentiful and attractive toilets and on grass acres of parking. We hosted four shops for a veritable smorgasbord of retail therapy and our program allowed for lots of time to tempt even the most reluctant stash collector.

Guest speakers included a very entertaining Peter Szabo who talked about his mulberry farm and how he produces luscious mulberries on a vine type trellis. Keryn Gorman promoted the need for us all to shop and eat local from her shop 'Illalangi' at Waikerie near the Waikerie silo art. SA Quilters representatives from Adelaide addressed us about the Guild activities and encouraged county crafters to submit entries for the Festival of Quilts and how to enter a winning quilt.

Two local quilters brought their creations; Claire Smith who is committed to repurposing denim jeans and other found materials into bags and creations and Glenys Leske who creates quilts and three-dimensional objects using fabric collage in particular birds. Look out for upcoming SA Quilters workshops from these talented women.

We also invited guests to watch and chat to our demonstrators throughout the day. Sue Farlane, a local Barmera Lake Bonney Quilter, demonstrated her wonderful wool flowers and her eye catching Christmas tree wall hanging. Cindy Massey showed us how to make 'Wonky Stars' using teeny tiny scraps of fabric, does she ever throw anything out? Sandra Smith from our local Riverland Embroiders Guild brought a colourful display of work encouraging combining embroidery into quilting.

Catching up with quilting pals from other groups was a highlight for many as was meeting new friends all over the sumptuous spreads for morning and afternoon tea. We're sure that no one went home hungry!

Almondco, SA Quilters, the Berri Hotel and Nutrien Ag sponsored the day. Raffle prizes were numerous with Bronwyn Atkinson winning the first prize of a quilt. May Westley and Debra Burton were the 2nd and 3rd prize winners while Andrea Kalisch won the lucky door prize. There were many other lucky prize winners!

We thank all our guests for making it a great day of socialising and fellowship.



*Rural Roundup Shoppers*



*Show and Tell SA Quilters 40th Birthday Sew Along*



*Sue McFarlane, a Barmera Lake Bonney Quilter*



*Shirley Tyler of Ezy Quiltz and Stitching*



*Major raffle won by Bron Atkinson*



*Rural Roundup attendees*



*Photo of Renmark Evening Star Quilters meeting with their sister group*



*Sonia Holten (Gawler) and Jan Murray (Barmera Lake Bonney Quilters)*



Original work by Jackie Bone-George; Sunday Stitchers; Carol Stacey; Lyn Dutton; Sheana Davies

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# Christmas Wishes

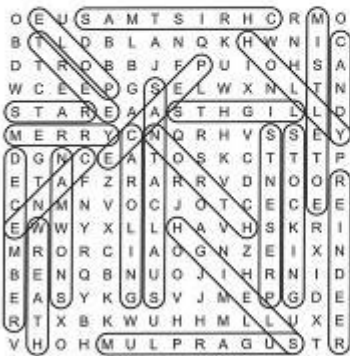


## PUZZLE SHEET ANSWERS

### Christmas Day

Word Search

SOLUTION



### Christmas Crossword

SOLUTION



### Scrambled Presents

SOLUTION

1. DOLLHOUSE
2. TRAIN
3. BICYCLE
4. SLINKY
5. TELEPHONE
6. WAGON

Scrambled Letters: H O T R I L S N P H O

Answer: North Polish





# Christmas Wishes

## CHRISTMAS DRAWING WINNERS

- Tree is sitting in a pot
- Star touching the top of the tree
- All 3 Presents have a Bow on top
- Closest child not touching the tree
- Santa hat sitting on the child's head
- Closest fireplace not touching the tree
- Stockings hanging from the mantel
- The fire is under the stockings



WISHES EVERYONE A LOVELY  
**CHRISTMAS**

SA  
Quilters

NEXT MEETING  
6<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2025



# Christmas Wishes

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*Dear Chris and office bearers and members of  
The Quilters' Guild of South Australia*

With best wishes  
for Christmas and the New Year

*Frances and Rod*

Her Excellency the Honourable Frances Adamson AC, Governor of South Australia and Mr Rod Bunten