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# ISLAND THREADS

## President's Report

Welcome to our newsletter, not in its regular style, but what is regular at the moment? This time round our newsletter is replaced with an email (a posted copy to anyone without an email address). Reasons include cost and a shortage of news, as well as safety factors and possible shut down of printing service. We will resume our normal service when the situation changes.

When we decided to cancel the March meeting, I could never have imagined the next weeks (leading into months) being spent at home, keeping safe and occupied, mending broken things and attempting to online school 3 children. I can only hope that everyone is as happy to be at home as I am and are continuing to stay safe and healthy. My thoughts are with anyone missing loved ones, and also anyone confined with loved ones.

We postponed (potentially cancelled) another couple of events also, De-stash and Sit and Sew Day, Appraisals Day and our Annual Retreat to Poatina. These may be rescheduled or just given a miss this year.

We did manage to fit in a pair of workshops with Helen Godden. We had low numbers but members who did attend would agree they benefited from her personalised attention and turned out some amazing work.

As for the rest of the year, we have not made any more cancellations. Yet! The June meeting is our next scheduled event. We will wait on advice from the Government and make any decisions based on the situation closer to the time.

On the Island Quilts Exhibition front, neither CraftAlive or Bernina have considered cancelling events in the second half of the year and business with us has not changed. I have been assured that any changes that do need to occur will be made with Guild consultation. With this in mind we continue to approach our exhibition in a positive, although restrained manner, knowing we can bring a show together confidently as per normal. Most importantly, just keep quilting.

Friendship Day is also still in the diary. Check details below.

We are working on final touches to our new website and preparation of the online entry option for our Island Quilts 2020. The site can be viewed but we are waiting on member passwords and back ground access. There is still work to be done but like everything at the moment it is moving in slow motion.

A reminder that it is time to pay memberships. The fee is \$40 and the Guild's bank account details can be found in the Treasurer's Report which is part of this newsletter.

"From the Ashes" is the theme of our Vice-Presidents Challenge. Further details below. Mentioning the VP Challenge leads me to the issue of us not currently having a Vice President. If you, or someone you know is capable of stepping into this position and would be happy to join our leadership team, I would love to hear from you. Feel free to call me and have a chat. 0437 218 091.

For now I hope everyone is safe and enjoying your time in isolation.

Happy Stitching.

Yvette Gilligan

MAY 2020

# *T.Q.G. Vice-President's Challenge*

Topic for 2020 is  
**“FROM THE ASHES”**

The size is approximately A3 (16 ½ x 11 ¾ inch or 42 x 30 cm)

This theme is inspired by the horror of the recent bushfires so use your favourite techniques or try something new to create a quilt which honours the ideas of regeneration, germination or humanity.



Have your work ready to be displayed at our  
**Christmas Meeting** in 2020. Please give appropriate credit for any patterns or photos you may use.

## Treasurer's Report

Prepared: 28 April 2020

Presentation date: For inclusion in May newsletter

Prepared and presented by: Danelle Griffin, Treasurer.

### Welcome to the first Treasurer's Report for 2020.

The Guild remains solvent with bank balance/s as of 28 April 2020 being;

General Transaction Account:	\$ 9,669.27
Term Deposit:	<u>\$11,471.52</u>
Total:	\$21,140.79

This amount is confirmed by the CBA Online banking extract.

The financial reports (Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss Statement, 28 April 2020) and extract from CBA Online banking (28 April 2020) will be available upon request, otherwise printed for viewing at the next general meeting. At the next general meeting I will call for these figures and reports to be ratified, as a true and accurate reflection of the position of the Guild as at 28 April 2020.

#### **Island Quilts:**

The sponsorship payment from Craft Alive remains outstanding. The communication with Craft Alive remains positive, however the last few months has seen Craft Alive postponing scheduled events and overall has not been favourable to their cash flow. We have discussed an extended payment plan for 2020.

#### **Poatina retreat:**

The Guild will hold over the deposits and full payments until the event is rescheduled.

#### **Website:**

The new website has been commissioned, please see following report for full information.

#### **Membership renewals:**

Membership renewal for 2020-2021 is open!

To renew your membership, please deposit \$40.00 into the Guild bank account

BSB: 067-600

Account number: 10733963

Account name: Tasmanian Quilting Guild

Reference: Membership number, Surname

You only need to complete a form if you wish to update your contact details.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or would like further information.

Danelle Griffin

Treasurer

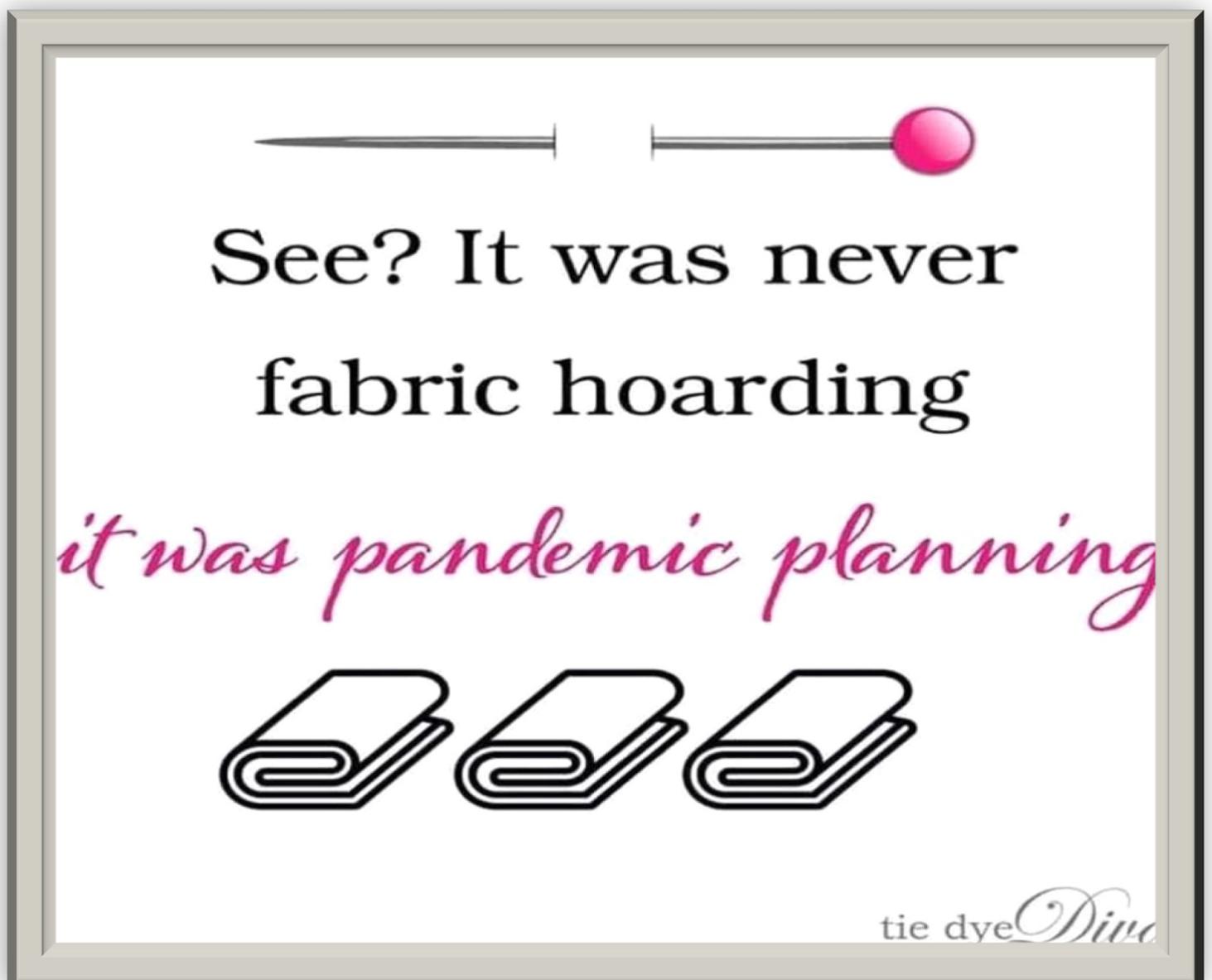
## Island Quilts 2020

All dressed up but nowhere to go. That's how the team felt as we almost met for our 2020 kick off meeting before closures hit a week before our scheduled meeting in March. We have however managed some forward planning and have tentative bookings for venues and judges are selected but until things become more settled, we cannot confirm the exhibition schedule.

On a more positive note we did reorganised the team a little and recruited a couple of our lovely and talented southern belles -Tina Thain, who will coordinate *Events* and Disa Cragg-Ohlsson who will lead *Marketing and Promotions*. Along with Faye on *Sponsorship* we are hoping to raise the profile of Island Quilts in 2020 through targeted social media, advertising and promotional campaigns. We were also considering a "jolly bus" to take northern members down to Hobart for a day of exhibition browsing and shopping. Think of the Pricilla Queen of the Desert but with a bolt of quilting fabric unfurling behind!

So, although we are not sure of the **when** and the **where** we sure know there will be a **what**. Island Quilts will happen and as always it will showcase the wonderful work of guild member so it's over to you. Start planning and working on your entries. We should have a bumper crop to choose from this year. Just think of all those realised UFOs and the projects that you now have time to start and finish!

Lynne Hargreaves



# Website Report

On behalf of the committee, we would like to direct you to the new website;

[www.tasquiltguild.com.au](http://www.tasquiltguild.com.au)

Firstly, you might notice that this is a new address, (the old one was .org) which will make us easier to find when searching for our webpage.

The new page takes a similar format to the previous page, in that the headings are the same, so a lot of the layout will be familiar.

The password for member section is:

**HappyQuilting2020**

\*Please note\* we are having one small hiccup which we are working on fixing, and that is in the member only section. To access the section, please click on Members Only, and enter the password on that page. If you click on Members Only and then go directly to the dropdown list (and select Forms/Newsletters etc) the password doesn't work. This is one small glitch we are yet to resolve.

The site includes lot of photos of members' quilts which have all been attributed to their makers. If you do come across any errors, please let us know.

I am very conscious that the last interaction about the website was at the general meeting in September, where in principle support was given by members for capital spending on the website. A lot has happened since that time to the point where the website is up and running. To provide a little bit of the process; there were three potential candidates identified to work on the website. One candidate had to withdraw due to a conflict of interest and the second candidate, once we got down to the nitty gritty, was not going to deliver on outcomes.

So, we were (I consider) very lucky to have Lyn Kenny revamp our website. Lyn is a website designer from Queensland, a quilter, and currently President of Queensland Quilters. And she had a vacancy in her bookings, to work on our website during January and February. That being the case, the Executive Committee commissioned Lyn to undertake the work, with a view to reporting to members in our March General Meeting. Alas the March meeting was cancelled, and it does seem very anti climatic to announce our new website in a report. But it does give you the opportunity to look over the website, and we can discuss more about it at the next meeting, hopefully in June.

This year we will introduce online entries for Island Quilts (we will also have paper entries!) and there is still some work to do on the online entry. As is usual every year, you will be notified when entries are open for Island Quilts, by which time the online entry form will be up and running. Most importantly, just keep stitching... entries will be open before we know it!

Again, if you have any questions or need any help with the website, please get in touch.

Danelle, on behalf of the Committee.

DAILY THOUGHT

THE SEWING  
ROOM ISN'T  
GOING TO  
TIDY ITSELF,  
SO LET'S JUST  
CLOSE THE  
DOOR

“  
**YES**  
*you do need*  
**MORE  
FABRIC**  
”

*- said the lovely bolt on the shelf.*



**A Year with Extra QUILTING Days**

- ❖ 29 Days in February
- ❖ 250 Days in March
- ❖ 5 Years in April

[SunnysideQuilts.com](http://SunnysideQuilts.com)

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SAVE THE DATE

# CHRISTMAS IN JULY

TQG FRIENDSHIP DAY - 1ST AUGUST 2020 (CLOSE ENOUGH!)

NEW TOWN BAY ROWING CLUB - 10AM-3PM

**COMMITTEE CHALLENGE: CHRISTMAS TABLE RUNNER.**

SEE TQG FACEBOOK PAGE FOR DETAILS.



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