



## December Shenanigans & the SMQG 2025 Dotty Improv Challenge Results

Many thanks to all the members who turned out for our December Sewday and enjoyed the festivities. Brand new members & old friends, from far & wide, came along to Ashfield. Probably our best-attended meeting ever. And it was fun!

Our lucky door hamper of delicious holiday treats was filled to bursting with generous contributions. The Stealing Santa game – so capably run by the wonderful (and possibly self-interested?!) Natalie – provided plenty of hilarity, entertainment, and downright skullduggery as people tried to disguise the excellence of their pick in the futile hope of trying to hang on to it. Again, the gifts were all excellent, varied & thoughtful donations – thank you to everyone who participated and contributed. We had a blast, and it seems many of you did too, with lovely feedback from members who enjoyed themselves.

We rounded off the fun by peer-judging the Dotty Improv Challenge. Votes were tallied, prizes were awarded – all spotty themed, of course.

**“Best in Show” was won by Rebecca Hastings** (see detail in banner above).

Other prize winners:

Best use of colour:

**Helen Hill**

Best improv:

**Deni Gliddon**

Best curve-y piecing:

**Fiona Scott**

(who insists she’s not really a modern quilter, and yet...)



It was great to see more & more of us stepping out of our comfort zone to play with improv & curves; and getting involved with the challenge. There will be another one to get stuck into later this year!



Clockwise from Top Left  
- Ready for Stealing Santa action!  
- All focussed on the game  
- Fiona’s curvaceous mini  
- Deni’s inspired improv  
- The lucky door prize hamper



## It’s Here!

### SMQG 2026 Retreat: 14-16 August

The Expressions of Interest form for our retreat in Bundanoon opens on **Monday 19 January at 10am**.

<https://forms.gle/t694RWidmL1L8Zy89>

Cost for members: **\$360**

**Non-refundable deposit: \$50**

Balance: **\$310**, due by 13 July

We’ve a feeling this one will be popular, so please get your name down soon if you’re interested in attending. If there are still spaces available in mid-May, we will open up to non-members at a cost of \$410. See the link above for more details on payment, etc.

## Modern Quilt Show Australia News

### MQSA Volunteer link:

We need all the help we can get!



Please consider volunteering: we have all sorts of roles, both standing & seated. Get in early and book the time slot most convenient for you.

<https://signup.com/go/WDkorWi>

Questions? Ask Helen H, or post in the FB group.

**Updated flyers available. Please ask if you want some to distribute via your local fabric store or craft groups.**

### MQSA Events link:

Some events are now fully booked, but others still have a few spots available; e.g. Tania Tanti’s Thursday evening trunk show has tickets – although her workshops are full.

<https://www.modernquiltshowaustralia.com/events/>

Use this link for evening and daytime session info.

### Reprinted raffle tickets now available:

Please contact Anita Brown – she will have new tickets at our Jan/ Feb/ March Sewdays. She will also replace any tickets already sold with new ones.

## 2026 Sewday Bargain

We’re running the “6 for 5” deal again in 2026.

Pay \$50 up front in Jan, and you’ll be covered for Sewday fees from January through June. (Usually a total of \$60).

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| - 18 January | - 12 April |
| - 8 February | - 17 May   |
| - 8 March    | - 14 June  |

**Happy New Year!**

**With best wishes from your committee**