



**Grace Widders - The Versatile Wedge  
Ruler Workshop on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> October**



The Workshop will be held at Strathfield Golf Club from 10 am to 4 pm. There is plenty of parking and easy lift access to the venue to transport sewing machines and equipment.

It only costs \$70 for a full day of tuition and this includes morning and afternoon tea. Grace will share tips on using a wedge ruler to create many different shapes including circles, ovals, curves, diamonds, squares, flowers, Dresden plates etc.

Please consider booking this workshop as we currently don't have enough members signed up, so we may have to cancel. To book Grace's Workshop, please click on the link below.

<https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1433471>



## QUILTNSW Exhibition

There has been a busy lead up to the QuiltNSW Exhibition happening 18<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> of this month. Everyone who has entered, is already a winner ...you have a finished quilt (or two)!

We have been allocated a Guild table on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> from 9.30 - 12.30 pm to promote our Group and the Modern Quilt Show Australia (next March). Unfortunately we cannot sell MQSA raffle tickets at this event but we have two free admissions to go with the table. If you would like to help on our Guild table, please contact me (Anita) on 0431 506 051.

Our committee and Wollongong MQG have been busy organising the **MQSA**. I hope you are preparing a modern quilt (or two) to enter. Entries open October 4<sup>th</sup> and close November 10<sup>th</sup>. The terms and conditions are at <https://www.modernquiltshowaustralia.com>.

Helen Hill and I have been working on the MQSA prize rosettes. **Our next Sewday is this Sunday 14<sup>th</sup>** and we will be doing a Foundation Paper Piecing (FPP) demonstration on paper piecing the rosettes. We will also have kits ready to handout to those who would like to make a rosette for the Show. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

## SMQG Annual General Meeting

Our AGM will be held at 2 pm during the **October 12<sup>th</sup>** Sewday at Ashfield RSL. All positions will be declared vacant. These are: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Events Co-ordinator and Social Media/Website Co-ordinator.

### Special resolution to include in this year's AGM:

When the Guild approved our current constitution back in November 2022, we included 3 year term limits for committee members to stay in any given role. It's always a good idea to encourage turnover and refresh the leadership team (and their ideas).

However, when a group has a small membership, we acknowledge that sometimes it's tricky to find people willing to step up and take on the responsibility of an executive role on the committee.

With this in mind, we consulted our member who is wise and experienced in these matters (thank you, Louise S!). She suggested we update our "Terms of Office" to give us a bit of flexibility, so that you - our membership - will have the power at an AGM to approve the extension (beyond 3 years) of any committee member's tenure. If you are happy and want them to continue in their role, that is. So this year, we're proposing a special resolution to coincide with our AGM, to amend our constitution. (See wording below).

Please note: your committee really hopes that we can avoid exercising the ability to extend. We'd much prefer to have new faces helping run our Guild. But approving this amendment means we'll have options to continue operating legally, per the NSW Office of Fair Trading.

There may also be other minor changes proposed under this special resolution, in order to bring our constitution into line with the MQG's requirements for affiliated guilds. These will be governance related, and you'll be appropriately notified in advance of the AGM.

If you have any questions about any of this, please get in touch with one of the committee members. Or ask a question on our private Facebook forum.

### The current constitution reads:

*16(3) The maximum number of consecutive terms for which a committee member may hold any single office is 3, commencing from the dates of approval and registration of this version of the constitution.*

### Proposed 16(3) would read in full:

*16(3) The maximum number of consecutive terms for which a committee member may hold any single office is 3, commencing from the dates of approval and registration of this version of the constitution, unless approval is given at an AGM for one or more committee members to continue to hold an office for an additional term or terms.*

## SMQG 2025 Dotty Improv. Challenge

Why not get those creative juices flowing and enter our annual “Dotty Improv: Modern Spots and Circles Challenge”. All you need to do is bring your quilt entry to our December Sewday. Members living outside Sydney and those who can’t make our December Sewday, can post their entry to our new postal address:

Sydney Modern Quilt Guild

P O Box 17

BLAXCELL NSW 2142

Please allow 2 weeks for Australia Post to deliver and email us at [thesydneymqg@gmail.com](mailto:thesydneymqg@gmail.com) to let us know an entry is on the way.

For full instructions on our Dotty Improv. Challenge please click on the link below.

[Facebook link to SMQG Members only Dotty Improv Challenge 2025](#)

**The PDF instructions are also attached to the emailed copy of this Newsletter.**

## The Sewing Basket Big Basket Sale 2025

Address: 303 Marrickville Road, Marrickville

Browse through over 15 stalls of 100% donated goods at very affordable prices. We will have unique fabrics, patterns, embroidery materials, knitting and crochet yarn, haberdashery, and more.

The sale will be at Marrickville Town Hall on Friday 3 - Saturday 4 October 2025 and entry is free. Choose between a morning or afternoon time slot. To register please click this link. Entry is free.

<https://events.humanitix.com/the-sewing-basket-big-basket-sale-2025>

## Diary Dates

**14 September** SMQG Sewday, Ashfield RSL

**18 – 20 September**

QuiltNSW Exhibition at Rosehill Gardens Racecourse  
**4 October** entries open for the Modern Quilt Show Australia (MQSA) 2026.

**12 October** SMQG Sewday & **AGM**, Ashfield RSL

**26 October** Grace Widders Workshop

**9 November** SMQG Sewday, Ashfield RSL

**10 November** entries for MQSA 2026 close.

**7 December** SMQG Sewday.

Pre-Christmas fun and games, including voting & prize presentation for our SMQG2025 Members’ Challenge “Dotty Improv: Modern Spots and Circles”.

## 2025 QUILTNSW SUITCASE CHALLENGE - STRIPES

The 2025 Suitcase Challenge theme is STRIPES. You can use striped fabric or maybe create your own, from fabrics in your stash.

Your design could be one block, multiple blocks, an art or pictorial quilt. From bold graphic designs to subtle tonal variations. Your challenge is to incorporate stripes in a creative way. You can use solid colours or prints and are encouraged to experiment with techniques.

Your finished quilt must be 40cm x 40cm (16 x 16 inches) and must comprise 3 layers. You can use embellishments to enhance your design, but they should not protrude excessively from the surface and not extend past the standard size. Please note that the Suitcase Challenge quilts will be exhibited during 2026 so any embellishments must be robust.

Entries will close 5pm Friday 10 October, and quilts will be judged and exhibited at the QuiltNSW AGM in November. More information and the conditions of entry are on the [QuiltNSW Website](#)

*Anita Brown*

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