



Detail from our 2023 group quilt: *Colourful Cascade*

2026 Group Quilt Project

At our April Sewday, Sharon Marley introduced the idea, inspiration and fabric packs for this year's SMQG group quilt project.

Sharon's design is an alphabet-style quilt to update our Sydney MQG banner quilt using the 3x colours from our logo on a grey background. (The background fabric is supplied, along with paint chips to use as a colour guide for shopping your stash for the letter fabric).

We are asking members to contribute letter blocks with S, M, Q or G.

- Use upper and/ or lower case
- Use any font, or style you want
- Create using any technique you would like: foundation paper piecing (FPP) / improv / appliqué / needle turn / button hole / raw edge

Find the full instruction sheet on our private Facebook group (block sizes are listed on there too).

If you can't make a Sewday, but are interested in making blocks, please contact us so we can organise to send you background fabric & the colour chips.

Sharon has also put together a fantastic resource for inspiration (see also for credits for lettering used here): <https://au.pinterest.com/thequiltersgarden/alphabets/>

Please have your blocks ready by our August Sewday – that gives us have 3 months to get stitching!

2026/27 Guild Membership Renewal

It's that time of year again... Please look out for the subscription renewal invoices that will hit your email inbox over the next couple of weeks. As flagged earlier in the year, there is a small increase of \$5.00: this will allow us to cover our increased running costs; such as our online expenses (web hosting and security, for example), insurance cover, and the cost of affiliation with the international MQG.

Membership for FY26/27 will be \$70.00

Our joining costs will not increase for the year (\$25.00) Thank you in advance for paying promptly.

Although our group is small (but growing!) we are able to minimise our overheads because we have an amazing group of volunteers, who are generous with their time and skills.

"Snuggly for Winter" in July

We're planning a little themed gathering for July ... Your committee thought it would be a good idea to have a bit of a special mid-year Sewday (Sunday 12 July), to look forward to as winter kicks in, and also to welcome all our new members.

So, while it's not an official challenge, we thought it would be fun if you could bring along your favourite bit of snuggly quilting: could be a lap quilt, quilt coat, or a quilted scarf or jolly bag that cheers you up on a rainy day – and be willing to share why you love it. Might be an old favourite, or something new for Winter 2026?

We'll also have a mini version of our December Lucky Door hamper: this time – specifically – bring along your favourite snack for nibbling while stitching & watching telly in the chilly, darkest months of the year.

What will you bring for Shnuggly Show & Tell?

You've got a couple of months to think about it... 🤔💡

Bundanoon Retreat Update (Aug 14-16)

While our retreat is currently fully booked, we have opened a Wait List, so if someone does drop out we can approach members on a first-up-first-in basis.

Use this form here to let us know if you're interested: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdP6bOH4VjDhioiJHJeQiM8IVL1W2XZc6Jk7tcmDzZSvAl4Ug/viewform>

Please Note: members who have secured a spot should note that the balance of fees will be due in July. Helen Hill will contact you via email with the details.

A New Member!

Please welcome Rachel White.

Some of you may have already met her when she joined us at a Sewday earlier in the year.

2026 Sunday Sewdays

Ashfield RSL: 11:00am – 4:00pm

Next few months: Sunday 17 May

Sunday 14 June

Sunday 12 July

See our website for dates & more information.

<https://www.sydneymqg.com.au/meetings/>

*Best wishes for happy quilting, from
your committee*

