

Australasian Quilt Convention

9 Nicholson St, Carlton Gardens
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Open to public: 10am to 4.30pm daily
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Dear Quilter,

We're looking forward to seeing you in Melbourne for this year's AQC and to celebrate with four days of quilting, shopping, inspiration and celebration.
Here are a few reminders and tips to ensure your convention experience runs smoothly.

On the following pages you will find a list of Frequently Asked Questions and Answers.

Just Announced: You're Invited to a Handi Quilter Breakfast on Friday:

You'll be able to test drive the latest machine over breakfast and there'll be a celebrity guest in attendance – Angela Walters, Handi Quilter ambassador and quilting celeb from the USA. All attendees will receive a free gift. The breakfast is only open to delegates and is on Friday April 21 from 8am.

We look forward to seeing you and to bringing you another wonderful event! In the meantime, if we can help we are only a phone call or email away if you need anything.

Kind regards,



Judy Newman & The AQC Team



Royal Exhibition Building

April 20 to 23, 2017

Welcome Cocktail event:

April 19

Have you booked your social functions?

Please check your AQC itinerary: did you book the **Welcome Cocktail Party**, the **Gala Dinner** and **lectures**?

Even though Gold Passes and Two-Day packages include various social functions (depending on which pass is purchased), you still needed to **BOOK** them to claim your place.

Check your emailed confirmation to make sure they are listed so you will be allocated a ticket. The Gala Dinner does sell out and if you have not booked your place you may **NOT** be able to attend.

FAQs

I HAVE BOOKED, BUT HAVEN'T RECEIVED ANYTHING?

An email confirmation was sent out for every booking, but if you booked from someone else's email, or have a spam catcher, you may not have received it. If you need a copy, please email us at aqc@expertiseevents.com.au

WHEN DO I GET MY REGISTRATION PACKAGE, TICKETS & BADGE ETC?

When you arrive at AQC, come and register at the Help Desk.

We'll have your Delegate Pack with your itinerary, classroom locations, Gold Pass or Two-Day badge and your function tickets waiting.

WHAT DO I NEED TO BRING TO CLASS?

All classes have some requirements that you need to bring – either cash for a kit or materials provided by the tutor, or a list of materials for the class, or a combination of both.

All the Class Requirements are on our website, linked to the class you booked – go to www.aqc.com.au then The Convention menu tab and find Classes on the drop-down menu. At the end of the description is the list of Class Requirements.

You'll get a shopping opportunity on Thursday and Friday from 8.30am in the VIP preview if you can't find all you need beforehand.

If you need us to email or post the Class Requirements to you, contact Miriam Mendoza on 02 9452 7591 or email aqc@expertiseevents.com.au

DO I NEED TO BRING A SEWING MACHINE?

All classes where a machine is required will be set up with machines for students – you don't need to register or request one.

If you want to bring your own, that's fine but no technical assistance will be available, and according to the venue Workplace Health & Safety regulations they will need to have a current tag showing that the appliance has recently been safety tested by an electrician.

Thank you to our generous sewing machine sponsors: Bernina, Brother, Handi Quilter, Husqvarna Viking, Janome and Pfaff.



YOUR AQC CHECKLIST

- ✓ Check your itinerary and make sure you've booked your social functions
- ✓ Gather your class requirements together and organise them (snaplock bags?)
- ✓ Pop any class fees into an envelope with the right change
- ✓ Advise us of any medical dietary requirements
- ✓ Book your transport and accommodation
- ✓ Take out travel insurance in case an emergency prevents you from attending (unthinkable but it can happen)

I HAVE DIETARY REQUIREMENTS...

If you have not already done so, please advise us if you have medical dietary requirements. You will then need to make yourself known to the wait staff at each meal so they can locate your special meal for you.

Email dietary requirements to aqc@expertiseevents.com.au or phone Yolanda Borel on 02 9452 7502.

ARE THERE LOCKERS?

There are no storage facilities in the building, however you are welcome to leave your sewing gear in your classroom during breaks and overnight for multi-day classes, however no responsibility is taken and you do so at your own risk. A lockable trolley bag is a good idea for security of your belongings. During the day we operate a Cloakroom Service for luggage and coats at our Help Desk; the cost is \$2.

WHERE CAN I FIND AN ATM?

There is now an ATM in the Royal Exhibition Building, as well as the Museum opposite.

CAN WE STAY IN THE CLASSROOM AFTER HOURS?

For security and Workplace Health Safety reasons there is no access to your classroom after the class finishes on any day during the convention.

WHERE ARE THE SOCIAL FUNCTIONS HELD?

Everything is under one roof. All the social functions are held in the same venue as the classes, expo and quilt show – the magnificent Royal Exhibition Building.

I CAN'T MAKE IT TO REGISTER BEFORE THE COCKTAIL PARTY. CAN I STILL ATTEND?

Yes, see a staff member at the entry so they can check your name on the list of attendees.

WHAT IS THE DRESS CODE? We're not prescriptive but people often ask

Gala Dinner: Cocktail wear or party frocks are fine.

The Welcome Cocktail Party: dress code is smart casual but come as you are is fine.

In class: be comfortable – and if you are using paint or dye, you may want to bring an apron or cover-up.

Wearing layers helps adjust to Melbourne's changeable daily weather – the venue is NOT air-conditioned.

SAFETY AT NIGHT

During the orientation session, we will be encouraging delegates to find a buddy to walk home with after social events. If you have friends at AQC, consider buddying with a newbie who may be on her own!

IMPORTANT TIMES TO NOTE

ALL events are held at the Royal Exhibition Centre, 9 Nicholson St, Carlton

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19: 4.30PM TO 5.30PM: Registration Desk opens, then every morning from 7.30am. One of our staff will be there at all times to assist you.

NOTE: It is a lovely historic building but there are drawbacks – there are NO toilets in the foyer during Registration on Wednesday afternoon and due to OH&S regulations and forklifts operating, delegates cannot enter the interior of the building. Toilets are available at the Melbourne Museum opposite until 5pm.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19, FROM 6PM SHARP: Welcome Cocktail Party

We'll be Meeting the Tutors, and there'll be some fantastic entertainment – try to be there! Cocktail food and drinks will be served at this event – it does not include dinner.

THURSDAY, APRIL 20, FROM 7.30AM SHARP: Orientation: DON'T miss this! There are prizes to win in Gary's Game of Trivia!! PLUS you'll find out more about the activities planned for you over the weekend, where to go and when. Thank you to *Punch with Judy* for sponsoring the Orientation and providing prizes.

THURSDAY, APRIL 20 and FRIDAY, APRIL 21, 8.30AM – 10AM: VIP Preview of the Expo & Quilt Show: If you are a Gold Pass delegate or Two-Day delegate, this is your chance to shop and see the Quilt Show before the crowds arrive.

THURSDAY, APRIL 20, 5.30PM TO 6.30PM: Lecture with Angela Walters

FRIDAY, APRIL 21, 8AM: Handi Quilter Breakfast for AQC Delegates. Meet the Handi Quilter Simply 16 over breakfast, with Angela Walters from Handi Quilter USA. Free gift for all attendees - held on the Mezzanine level. More info on the last page.

FRIDAY, APRIL 21, 5.30PM TO 6.30PM: Lecture with Luke Haynes

SATURDAY, APRIL 22, 7PM UNTIL LATE: Gala Dinner

CLASS TIMES: Thursday, Friday: 10am to 5pm | Saturday, Sunday: 9am to 5pm



Zinnia, Velda Newman

TELL your Friends about these great lectures:



Thursday Evening Lecture: Quilting is My Therapy with Angela Walters (USA):

5.30pm to 6.30pm, Thursday April 20

Have you ever heard the phrase, 'Even a blind squirrel gets a nut sometimes'? That phrase perfectly sums up Angela Walters' career. From fast food employee to professional machine quilter, she uses her quilts to share the story of how she found her passion for quilting. Leave inspired, knowing that if she can do it, anyone can do it! Angela is the author of numerous books including her recent publication *Quilt with Tula and Angela*, co-authored with Tula Pink.

Cost: \$49 per person

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Friday Evening Lecture: My Quilts & My Influences with Luke Haynes (USA):

5.30pm to 6.30pm, Friday April 21

A fascinating insight in the work and techniques of Luke Haynes. Known for his portrait quilts which combine familiar patchwork backgrounds with striking portraits, Luke's work is at home in fine art galleries but has firm roots in traditional quilting designs. His work has been featured in many gallery exhibitions, and is held by numerous museums including the New York Folk Art Museum, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, and in private collections.

Cost: \$49 per person

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Meet the

Simply^{HQ} Sixteen™

... Over Breakfast

**ONLY for
AQC Delegates
RSVP by April 1**

You're invited to join Angela Walters from HQ USA to get up close and personal with the NEW Handi Quilter Simply 16 with Little Foot Frame.

When: 8am, Friday 21st April 2017,
Where: Lecture area Mezzanine floor Royal Exhibition Building.

From Beginner to Advanced, finish any size quilt without the space requirements of a conventional frame system. When space is at a premium, the solution is Simply.

If you would like to join Angela, known as the Rock Star of Quilting then please RSVP info@blessington.com.au by 1st April 2017.



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