



**There should be an
eighth day of the week
called**

Sewday

**where all you do is
sew all day long.**

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Notes from the Boardroom

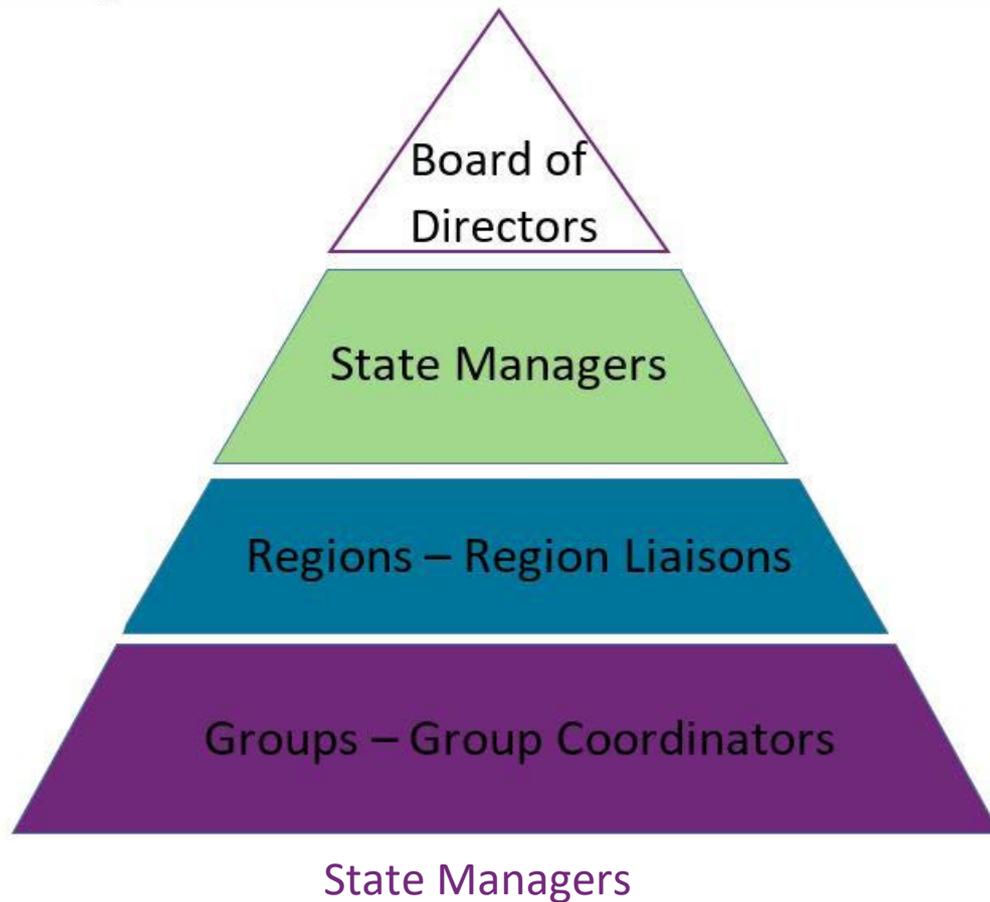
Board Nominations

A reminder that nominations for a position on the Board of Directors must be submitted no later than midnight, 28 February 2018. To nominate please send the following to the Returning Officer (returningofficer@aussew.org.au):

- signed [nomination form](#)
- portrait style photo (head and shoulders shot)
- short biography
- outline of qualifications, experience and skills you will bring to the Board. These must address the selection criteria outlined in the [Position Description](#).

An information pack about Board duties and responsibilities is available on the website on the HELP/FAQS page in the member section.

The information submitted with your nomination form will be published in a special edition of AUSSEW News for all members to review prior to the election of a new Board.



For many years the structure of the Guild has been as illustrated. State Managers, previously known as State Liaison Officers, represented their members by either sitting on the Board or liaising with Board Directors. Many generous volunteers have taken on this role in their home state over the years and we thank them all for their contribution.

For the past year several states have been successfully operating without a manager. Rather than twist arms to find reluctant volunteers, the decision has been made to 'retire' this role. In a Company Limited by Guarantee, the ultimate responsibility for management, finances, policy decisions, etc. lies with the Board of Directors. Each State will be assigned a contact on the Board. This person will be available to provide guidance for Groups and Regions as required.

Although we appear to be removing a role, the reality is that this is very similar to the original practice of having the State Liaison Officers sitting on the Board. The difference lies in the number of people on the Board – reduced from 11 to 5 currently sitting. This reduction in numbers has reduced costs for board meetings and also allowed for more efficient operation. Further cost savings have been achieved by conducting board meetings online when possible.

Board contacts for each state are as follows:

- NSW & ACT – Sallie Saunders director_ss@aussew.org.au
- QLD – Colleen Whittaker director_cw@aussew.org.au
- VIC & TAS – Deb Evans treasurer@aussew.org.au
- SA & WA – Jude Ewen partners@aussew.org.au

Meet Our Industry Partners



Sure-Fit Designs was started by Glenda Sparling of the US and has been in Australia since the late 1980s.

I have been sewing for about 20 years, mostly self-taught but taking a few TAFE courses too. Then I learned about SFD at a seminar in Brisbane, and have been using it ever since for my business and personal sewing.

Recently completing my formal training in the USA, I am now the sole distributor for SFD in Australia.

I am offering presentations and seminars in Australia and would like to make contact with Guild members around Brisbane to organise a seminar.

Martha Schuster, Australian distributor

martha@surefitdesigns.com.au



The Designer Stitch School of Fashion and Design is dedicated to teaching design and unique methods of accomplishing both basic and traditional sewing projects. Learn the principles of both design and development and extend and sharpen sewing skills needed for design, fit, and construction.

Please contact us with any queries regarding the courses on offer. Include details about what classes you are inquiring about – times and dates and any other information that you would like, and also your contact phone number, so I can speak with you further. It would be great to hear from you.

Ann Grose

41 Gowrie Street, Bentleigh East. Victoria. Australia.

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<http://designerstitch.com.au/contact-us/>

Around the Nation

Mittagong Group

In December the Mittagong ladies celebrated 20 years since their group was formed.

Leanne Abbott (right) was the founding Group Coordinator and Anne Thomson (left) is the current one.

Congratulations girls, you are most likely the second oldest group still going after Carlingford (NSW). The very first group was Bega which sadly folded in 2014/15.



Upcoming Events

Bookings are now open for **SEWAHOLICS EXPO** (Gold Coast, QLD)

Join us on **14 July 2018** for “**Sewing Around the World**”

Full programme details and booking information available on the ASG website under

[WHAT'S HAPPENING, SPECIAL EVENTS](#)



Enter the **Sewing Challenge** by making something with an international flavour.

Garment category

Judges prize - \$100 fabric voucher

Viewers' choice prize - \$50 fabric voucher

Home decor/accessories category

Viewers' choice prize - \$50 fabric voucher

Entry form available on the website

AUSSEW-Along 5th - 8th March 2018



It's time for some more fun. Another Sew-Along is starting in a few weeks. It's a relatively simple project – a cosmetic bag and lipstick holder. Neither are very complicated to make, although the cosmetic bag has the added feature of a fold-out flap with pockets for your makeup brushes. Don't panic, we'll take you through it step by step.

The real challenge, which is always optional, is to make it out of a laminated fabric such as vinyl or oilcloth. Not as difficult as you might think and definitely worth the effort as you will have a bag that can be wiped clean with a damp cloth.

There's a zipper involved but if you did the last Sew-Along you'll be approaching this with confidence as you are no longer afraid of zippers.

Check out the supply list on our blog where you will also find out how to be in the running for the prize of a collection of sewing machine needles.



This Sew-Along is open to ASG members and non-members. No need to register – just check the [ASG blog](#) each morning for the daily instructions. If you are a member of the [AUSSEW-Along Facebook Group](#), the instructions will also be posted there.

Sewing Retreat, South East Queensland 6 to 8 April 2018



Interested in a weekend of sewing and relaxing in the company of friends old and new? If so the **Kindilan Retreat** may suit you. It's a great opportunity to refine your sewing skills, try something new, fine-tune pattern fitting or finish off projects. There are no courses or workshops; your time is your own.

PGL Kindilan occupies a beautiful, 220 acre bushland site in Redland Bay, zoned a Conservation Area in South East Queensland. Accommodation will be in single beds in the roundhouses (as pictured), maximum 2 people per room with shared bathroom facilities. The only linen supplied by Kindilan is a bottom sheet.

Date: Friday, 6 April (from 10am) to Sunday 8 April 2018 (4pm finish)

Venue: PGL Kindilan, Corner Days & German Church Road, Redland Bay QLD 4165

Cost: \$100.00 (**ASG Members only**)

Check the website - [WHAT'S HAPPENING, RETREATS](#) - for more details and a booking form.

NSW Industry Day

Saturday 24 March 2018

Venue: McCalls Patterns, 26-28 Clements Avenue, Bankstown

Doors will open 9.00 am for shopping and a cuppa. Make sure you bring \$\$\$\$ with you as there will be some fantastic buys from our Industry Partners and talented guest speakers. (Only McCalls & Hollie Bell will accept credit cards.)



Lorraine Jenkins – Stabilising Your Sewing World

Preparing the foundations of your sewing project is just as critical as accurate cutting, stitching and a good fit. Taking the time to stabilise fabrics and edges is well worth the time spent when you see the improved results.

Lorraine will have the various stabilising tapes and other products demonstrated for sale. CASH ONLY

Hollie Bell (Tools by Hollie, ASG Industry Partner)

Sew Sister, a custom-made dressmaker's dummy. An exact 3D scanned replica of your body

Hollie will go through the process of creating a Sew Sister and you can be scanned and order one **ON THE DAY!** To the first member (only members need apply) who is brave enough to stand in front of the audience on the day, in their best fitting bra & panties, to assist in demonstrating the process, Hollie is happy to offer that member a **BIG** discount on their own Sew Sister!



Gail Ferris – Tybernia Textiles - hand spun woven & knitted fibres



Ever wondered how the fibres you love to knit & sew with became the beautiful coloured fibres that we see as knitting wool or that gorgeous cashmere fabric? Gail has been on a journey for 50 years, an exciting journey into natural fibres.

All the colours in Gail's work are hand dyed, using an old crockpot that still works. She will share with you her dyeing secrets so bring along pen & paper!

Gail will bring samples for you to look at and feel, together with one-of-a-kind pieces for sale – cash only.

Ready to book?

We have a **New Year Special, Early Bird price** of \$35 for members and \$45 for non-members. Get in **before 16 February 2018.**

After this date, members pay only \$45 and non-members \$55.

Price includes entry, morning teas, lunch & speakers

All booking will be online so if you don't have access to a computer why not ask your group leader or a friend to book for you? Make sure you print out your tickets and bring them with you.

BOOK NOW

Be sure to check out all the program information, as well as how to be in the running for the discounted Sew Sister, at [WHATS HAPPENING, SPECIAL EVENTS](#)

Geelong Fibre Forum 30 September to 6 October 2018

Tafta Inc presents a week-long retreat for artists, craftspeople and like-minded individuals to come and create with tutors of their choice. The Geelong Fibre Forum has been running for over 15 years at the Geelong Grammar Campus, Corio.

The forum retreat runs Monday to Friday from 9am - 4pm and Open House on Saturday 9am -12noon.

The forum offers residential or non-residential options. The cost for non-residential includes lunches every day and tutor fees. The cost for residential includes all accommodation (single or shared), meals from Sunday night through to Saturday breakfast and tutor fees.

An impressive array of classes are on offer. Some examples...

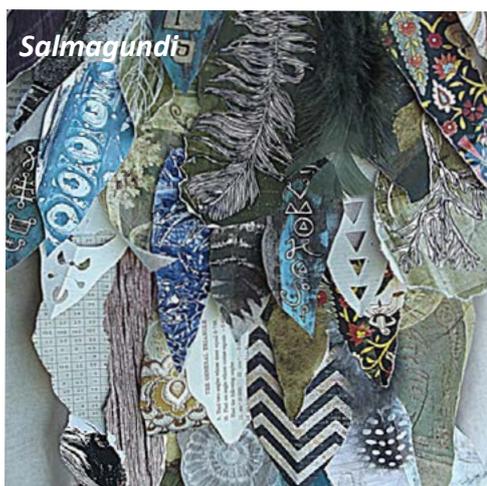


Control Dyeing Unleashed – A unique opportunity to learn and practice heritage methods of resist dyeing techniques from oriental countries like India and Japan.

Nuno-felt hats and ruffle scarves – This workshop will focus on techniques, patterns, and concepts using both open and closed resists (and some using multiple resists) to design sculptural felt creations.



Salmagundi – an eclectic mix of process, materials, function and design



Zero-waste fashion – learn to design and make garments without wasting fabric.

Visit <http://www.taftainc.com.au/>
for full program of classes

Book Review

Zero Waste Fashion Design

Roughly 15% of the total fabric used by the fashion industry is wasted. This is just one of the many ways fast fashion negatively impacts the environment. To counteract these wasteful practices, a new movement, zero-waste fashion, has sprung up. Zero-waste garments are produced with little or no textile waste.

Zero Waste Fashion Design combines research and practice to introduce a crucial sustainable fashion design approach.

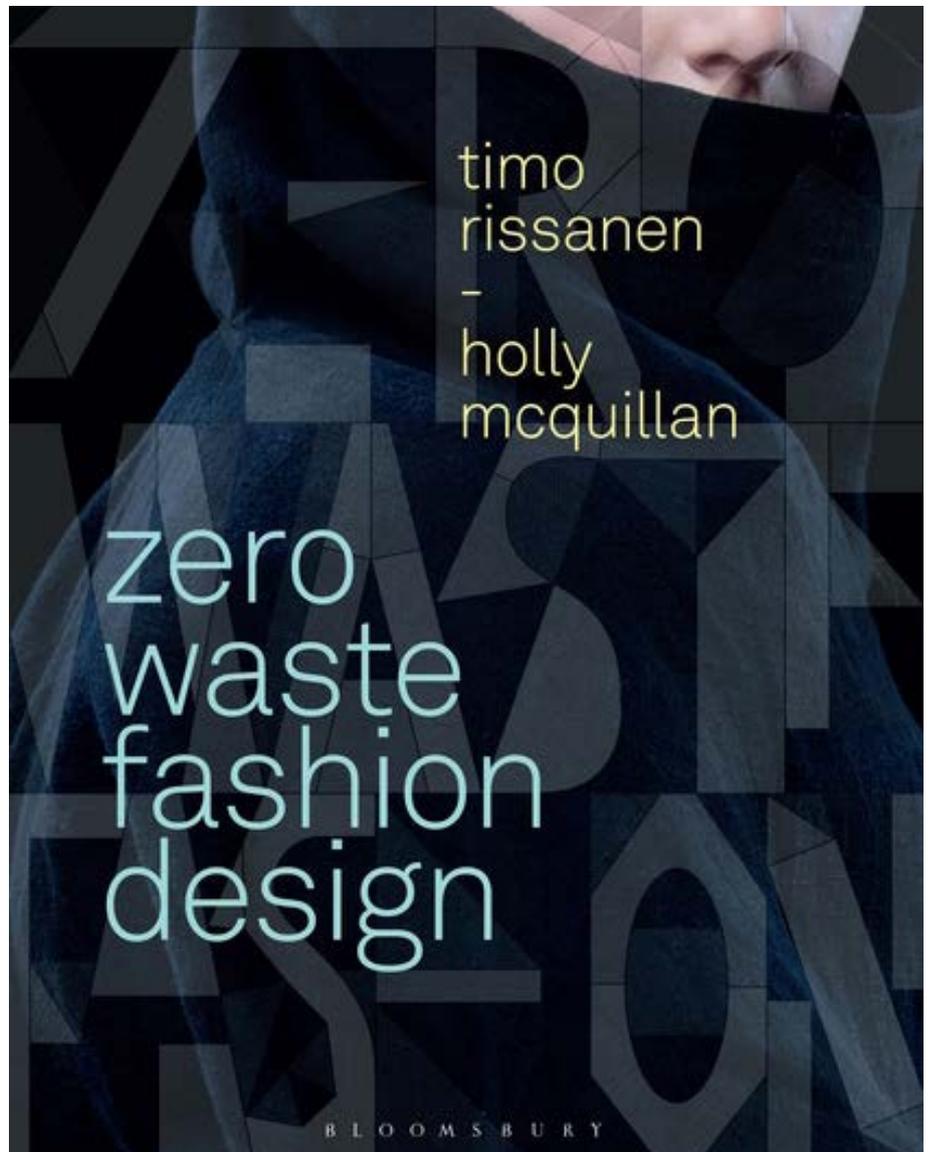
Written by two industry leading pioneers, Timo Rissanen and Holly McQuillan, the book offers flexible strategies and easy-to-master zero waste techniques to help you develop your own cutting edge fashion designs.

Sample flat patterns and more than 20 exercises will reinforce your understanding of the zero waste fashion design process. Beautifully illustrated interviews with high-profile, innovative designers, including Winifred Aldrich, Rickard Lindqvist and Yeohlee Teng, show the stunning garments produced by zero waste fashion design.

Featured topics include:

- The criteria for zero waste fashion design
- Manufacturing zero waste garments
- Adapting existing designs for zero waste
- Zero waste designing with digital technologies

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Buy & Sell Page

The Buy & Sell service on the ASG website has been discontinued. It was initially introduced when online selling venues were not as popular as they are today. In recent years, very few members took advantage of Buy & Sell and those who did met with limited success. We bow to the superior service of eBay and Gumtree.

The good news is that this page has been replaced with one that will benefit all members. Read on...

Discount Page

Who doesn't love a bargain? A number of our Industry Partners are offering discounts and/or special deals to ASG members – one of the benefits of belonging to the Guild. Some of the discounts are ongoing and others are for limited periods. To take advantage of these generous offers, discount codes or special website links are provided. We don't want to advertise these for the whole world to see so a new page has been created in the Member section of the ASG website (www.aussew.org.au). You will find it under the DIRECTORIES menu.

We will continue to work with all our Industry Partners to negotiate further discounts and special offers for ASG members so keep checking back for updates.

Remember, these discounts are for ASG members only. Please don't share with all your friends who are not members. It's a benefit of membership!

Many thanks to all our Industry Partners for supporting the Guild. Let's give them our support in return. Together we can keep the art of sewing alive.

Subscribers to Australian Stitches magazine will be sad to learn that publication has ceased. Individual back issues can still be purchased at <http://www.woodlandspublishing.com.au/>

