



Embroiderers' Guild N.S.W. Inc.

## President's Report

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The differing circumstances and locations of Guild Groups often makes it difficult to work out a policy that affects all Groups equally. As so often happens in a country the size of Australia, distance is one of the greatest factors. The distance from Sydney, and the resulting difficulty and cost of travelling is an issue that has caused a lot of discussion in relation to the administration levy. The Committee has decided that "Country" Groups will be able to have one levy free workshop a year. For this purpose country Groups are those that are South of Wollongong and the Southern Highlands, West of the Blue Mountains and North and West of Newcastle. These boundaries have not been drawn on distance alone, but also take into account the ease of getting to Sydney to attend workshops held at Headquarters.

While the levy is sometimes referred to as a levy on classes held outside headquarters, this is not strictly correct. The levy applies to classes held by Groups, wherever they take place, including at headquarters. The levy is not meant to subsidise classes held at headquarters but rather to contribute towards the administrative costs relating to tutors, such as accreditation, administration and training. This used to be subsidised by the profits made from workshops held by the Guild at Headquarters, but sadly this is no longer the case.

The Committee believes that this change to the levy recognises the difficulties that Country Groups have in getting to Sydney and together with the Travelling Tutor scheme will make it easier for Country Groups to continue experiencing the benefit of Guild Tutors.

The Guild has once again had a stand at the Darling Harbour Craft and Quilt show and our volunteers did a wonderful job of representing the Guild and answering a variety of embroidery related questions. As usual, the display of post cards drew a lot of admiration and interest. The 'longest distance recognition' of a postcard that I saw at the show was by a member from Narrabri who recognised one from her group.

A reminder that membership renewals are now due. If you have not yet renewed yours, please ring the office and Chris or Janet will organise it for you.

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