



# Machine Embroidery Guild Inc.

Catalyst for the Machine Embroidery Aficionado

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I thought it would be a good time to remind you that the Member and Ordinary Early Bird expires on 31 December 2005. One month left to book at a great price!! The first week is filling up - so don't delay.

If you have any problems at all with registering please let us know and we will rectify the problems you are having.

Members: If, for some reason, you are unable to book by the 31st December and you would still like to benefit from the "special" Early Bird Price - drop me a line and I will reserve a place for you at that special price.

#### EVENT:

We have not been "idle" since the last email..... Work has been done collecting more sponsors as well as some surprise gifts and lovely additions to our "goody bags".

Spotlight have been very generous in providing our adaptable/"enviro friendly" delegate bags and they will become a collectors item in the future.

KennyKreations have come on board as a sponsor and are providing some web support for us as well as some nice surprises for the delegate bag and door prizes.

More give-aways and prizes are being added to the list.

#### SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

We are going to hold a "Special General Meeting" at the event which will address changes that are needed in the Constitution. Please take a moment to read through our Constitution and highlight, to [exec@meginc.org](mailto:exec@meginc.org) any anomalies you may find and these will be included in the Special Resolutions to be voted on at that meeting.

Notice for the meeting will be put up on the web and sent to members and all those who will be attending the event.

#### THE GUILD

There have been some rumblings that have been heard around the traps that we are strictly a Tasmanian group. WRONG!! The Machine Embroidery Guild - though incorporated in Tasmania - is truly an Australian based organisation. We welcome all Nationalities who find benefit in "belonging" however we ARE NATIONALLY AUSTRALIAN!! - Just thought I might emphasise this one ;-)

We have members from all over Australia (still waiting for someone from NT yet though).

#### The Committee:

Unfortunately Caroline Fittall has resigned, through illness, from the Committee. Trish Larter has very kindly offered to take on the role of Marketing (and a great job she is doing too). But we are looking for people to come on board (at least until the elections). Don't be afraid to nominate yourself. If you have a skill you believe we could use - contact us at [exec@meginc.org](mailto:exec@meginc.org) and let us know.

We have NSW, TAS and QLD covered and interest Queensland.

We did also receive some interest from SA and WA - those ladies (and you know who you are).

Don't be shy in putting up your hand - you won't be left dangling on your own - the current Committee have laid a trail and help is always around.

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## THE FUTURE

We are very luck insofar as we are being approached by many of the well known artists around Australia who have recognised the need for a Guild such as ours and we are not passing any of their offer up. The whole idea is to provide our members with a cross section of information that helps them achieve the skills they require to succeed in their craft.

[Secret Squirrel]:

Lyn Kenny has very kindly offered to provide some workshops/seminars for us which will incorporate "Around" Australia starting sometime after July 2006. These events will cover various digitising software, proprietary and other. Lyn will also share some of her techniques with us.

Rachel Stirling (Sitrlling Embroidery) has also come on board and we are currently in the initial planning stages of organising some events on techniques for all things Machine Embroidery. These workshops are ideal for us all and all the young girls out there who would like to learn techniques for stabilising, hooping and much more.

## MEMBERSHIP AREA (web)

We are currently evaluating software for our membership area and once our member numbers are up (only need another 5) we can start establishing online member forms as well as forums and other benefit areas.

While much of our time is concentrated on the upcoming Event - we are working in the background sourcing new benefits and other services that we believe all our members will enjoy.

Looking forward to a long and enjoyable partnership.

Christine Harris  
on behalf of the National Committee