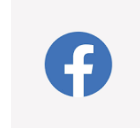




Victorian Feltmakers Inc



To all VFI Members,

Hope you are staying warm this cool month. Slowly getting more mild days than chilly, well here on the Bellarine anyway! This month we have a newsletter chock full of exciting things from the world of wool and felting – upcoming events, classes, photos from the Sheep and Wool Show in Bendigo and much much more! Come along to the AGM on Saturday and meet other members and pick up some treasure in our destash. We also have another beginners class making gorgeous 3D hearts as part of The Heartfelt Project which you can book now through our user friendly system called TidyHQ. To book click this link:

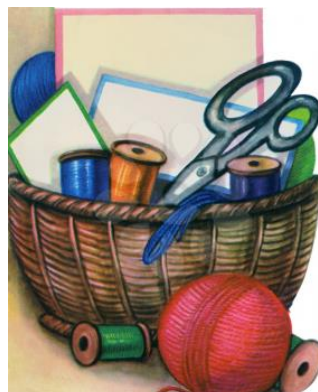
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AGM & Destash

Please note that the Victorian Feltmakers Inc. (VFI) Annual General Meeting will be held on Saturday 15th August 2026 at 11 am. Electronic copies of the agenda and minutes of the 2025 AGM have been provided by email, along with a copy of the nomination form. Hard copies will be available on the day of the AGM for those present. If you would like more information about the nomination process or any of the positions, please feel free to ask Jill at

vicfeltsecretary@gmail.com



Prior to the AGM, a destash of felting and associated craft items will be held from 10-10.55 am at which members are able to bring items for sale or to give away. Following the AGM we will have a short Show and tell and lunch before the felted hearts beginner workshop begins at 1 pm.

Have you renewed your membership for the next 12 months?

We have 3 levels of membership at the VFI: Life, Regular, and Concession. Membership is valid for 12 months from the date of joining. For existing members, the membership renewals are due on July 1st, 2026.

- Regular Member - \$70 for 12 month period
- Concession Member - \$60 for 12 month period
- Life Member - Nil

To provide a smoother payment experience, all payments are now made through our new TidyHQ platform, to complete your payment securely by debit or credit card go to the TidyHQ link below:

https://vfi.tidyhq.com/public/membership_levels

I have added these screenshots of what you'll see when renewing your membership which will assist with navigating the system.

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Regular Member \$70.00
1 Year · 06-07-2026 – 05-07-2027 Register →

Concession Member \$60.00
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St James Anglican Church, 1461 High Street
Glen Iris, Victoria, 3146
Australia

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Fill in the details to register clicking on regular or concession member then fill in your card details and then you should get a screen that looks like this confirming your membership and its all done.

Victorian Feltmakers Inc. knitonefelttwo@gmail.com

Thank you, Jo!

Registration is complete.
Your payment has been received, you'll receive an email confirmation shortly at knitonefelttwo@gmail.com
[View My Memberships](#)

Regular Member	
06-07-2026 – 05-07-2027	
Member	
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Membership Price	
Sub Total	\$70.00
Total	\$70.00

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For anyone needing assistance with this process you can contact me on 0432935174 and I can step you through the process over the phone, alternatively if you would prefer to pay by bank transfer, please contact our Treasurer by email: VicFeltTreasurer1@gmail.com and we will provide further instructions for you. Thank you for helping us transition to the new platform !

Beginner Workshops Series

So the third of our beginners workshop '3D hearts' by Alice is being held this month.

**3D Hearts part of the Heartfelt Project with Alice: Sat 15th August @ 1–4pm (A few spots left !)**

There is nothing quite like wool as a medium for bringing comfort. Through the Heartfelt Community Project, founded by the artist Wendy Bailye, where wool felted hearts are created and shared as symbols of care, hope, and compassion. These hearts provide comfort to recipients, and the felting process itself supports emotional wellbeing for makers. Let's make comfort hearts for someone in need and share them freely with the local community.



To book click this link: <https://vfi.tidyhq.com/public/schedule/events/85975-beginner-workshop-making-comforting-felted-hearts-with-alice>

Make a small Pod or Vessel with Jane – Sat 17th October at 1 – 4pm (1 spot left !)

Discover the magic of felting in this relaxed and creative workshop! You'll learn how to craft your very own small pod (just like the one pictured) while picking up the essential skills to get you started on your felting journey. Along the way, we'll explore the fascinating history of felting, the different techniques you can use, and the wide variety of wools and fibres that bring these beautiful creations to life. But most importantly—this workshop is all about enjoying yourself, getting creative, and trying something new in a friendly, supportive space. By the end of the session, you'll head home with your handmade pod and a basic felting kit so you can keep the creativity flowing.

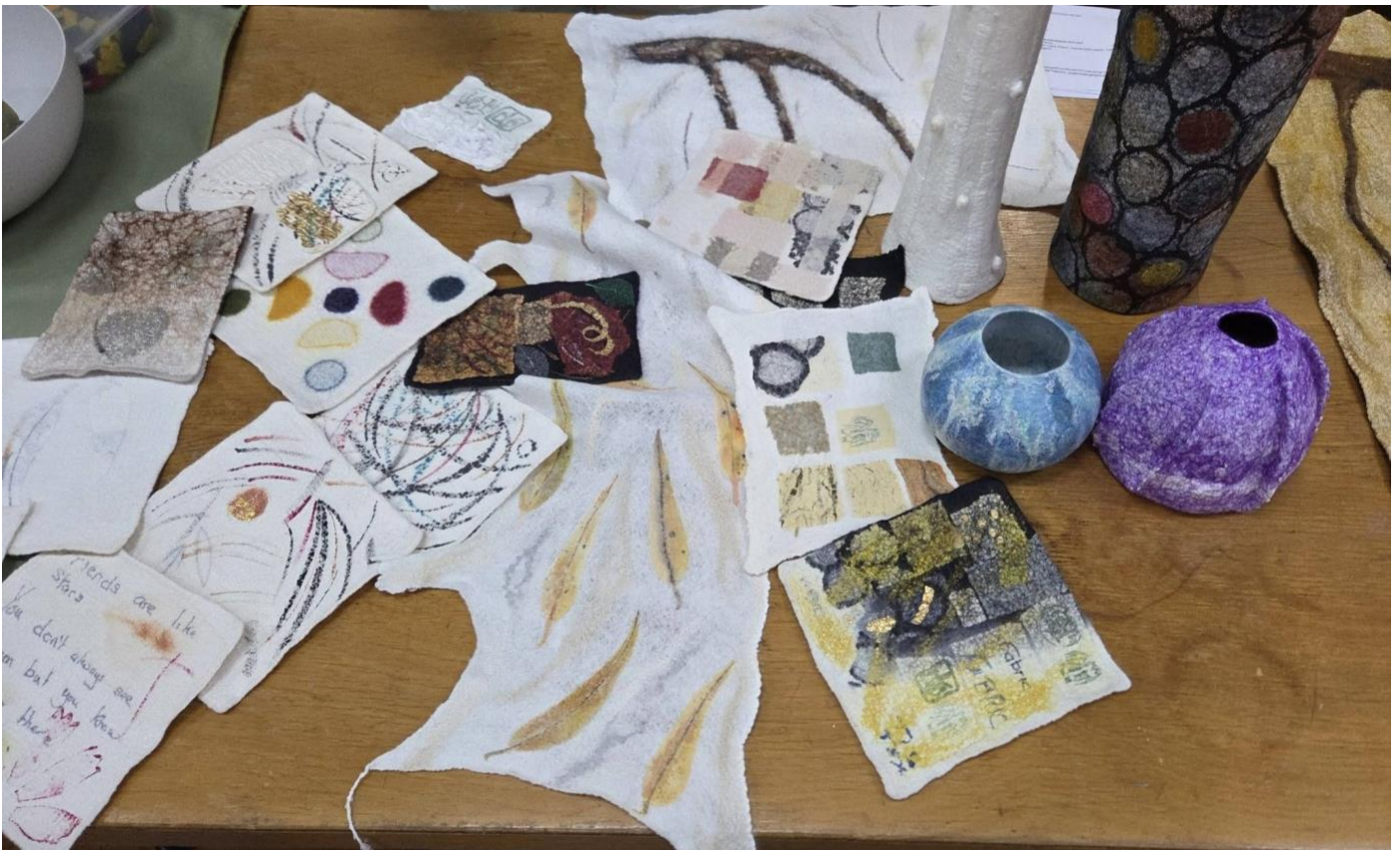


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If you have any questions or would like more information give me a call – Jo on 0432 935174 or feel free to email me at jobagge1@gmail.com

Sat 25 th July Felting Frenzy – Using paper in felting by Jane St Quintin

A great time was had by all as you can see from the below photos – thanks Jane for a great session!





Sat 19th September Felting Frenzy – Dolls by Di Morley and Mary McMahon

Come and join us and make a two sided gorgeous Japanese inspired doll made from many different fabrics plain or felted, 42cm long.

Material List

Sewing needles.

Paper Pins and Scissors for pattern

Old Wool Tops for stuffing

Embroidery Threads for face (You can use DMC threads or fine wool.)

Buttons for eyes

Wool for hair

10 different materials for one side of the doll (Plus another 10 if you want the other side different)

Bring your colours to match or choose from some that I will supply.

- Size of nuno felt for body, front and back, 42cmx32cm.
- Size of nuno felt for both wings, 38cmx30cm. Contrast colours to body.
- Piece of white felt for head, front and back, 25cmx15cm.
- Piece of felt for collar, 23cmx7cm. Contrast to body and wings, one piece.
- Neck tie/ribbon.

Please make sure you fill in the Registration Form if you are attending the Felt Frenzies. You will find full details there if you are intending to take part in the Skill Share. Attendance at our Felt Frenzies is limited and must be booked and paid for in advance. Please click on the Registration Form link below to book and pay for your place.

Non-members are welcome to join one introductory session free. Registration is essential.

Felt Frenzy registration form: <https://vfi.tidyhq.com/public/schedule/events>

Favourite Supplier for this month: Plenty of Thyme Fibre

We have bred Saxon Merino sheep at our beautiful property in Regional Victoria for over 15 years. Saxon Merinos are a heritage breed, much smaller than the typical Merinos you may be familiar with; when lambs are born they are only the size of a house cat! Our small flock live their whole lives on our farm. They are non-mulesed and their only job is to grow beautiful fleece.

They range in colour from champagne through to pure black, and produce glorious superfine wool. At 17.5 micron, it has to be felt to be believed!

The fibre is processed locally and hand dyed on our property, ready for you to spin, felt, weave or use in any other way your heart desires.

<https://plentyofthymefibre.com.au/>

Events in 2026

Date	Activity
Sat 15 th August	AGM meeting & Beginners Felting Workshop – Making 3D Comfort Hearts
Sat 19 th Sept	Felting Frenzy – Dolls – Di Morley and Mary McMahon
Sat 17 th Oct	Member meeting & Beginners Felting Workshop – Small Pod Vessel
Sat 21 st Nov	Felting Frenzy Using scraps – Christmas decorations & other ideas– Jill Preston
Sat 5 th Dec	VFI Christmas celebration

Events outside of the VFI you may be interested in:**Victoria:**

All about Fibre and Yarn Festival – Romsey, 13th September www.allaboutfibreandyarn.com.au

Geelong Fibre Forum – September 27th to October 3rd www.taftainc.com.au/geelongfibreforum

Interstate:

QLD Yarn Fest – Morayfield 22nd to 23rd August

Fibrefest – Wyong NSW: 27th Sept <https://www.knittersquildnsw.org.au/what-we-do>

Dates to put in the diary for next year!Grampians Texture Festival 13 – 18th March 2027

Grampians Texture is an annual workshop series for fibre artists and provides an opportunity to participate in workshops with visiting Australian artists. Workshops are suitable for beginners to experienced artists. We are delighted to announce the program for Grampians Texture 27 from 13 – 18 March 2027, will have 19 leading Australian textile tutors, teaching 2, 4 and 6 day workshops in venues across Halls Gap and Pomonal.

Set in Halls Gap, on the edge of the spectacular Grampians National Park, in western Victoria, workshops are available for – 2 day (13 Sat–Sun 14 March), 4 day (Mon 15–Thur 18 March) and 6 day master classes (Sat 13–Thur 18 March). Sessions run from 9am – 4pm with morning tea and lunch provided at your workshop. Catering is supplied by the local bakery and will comprise of a salad roll, muffin or slice and piece of fruit daily. Please advise your diet requirements upon booking.

WORKSHOPS:

Anzara Clark | paper textile
Juliet D Collins | free machine
Janet Day | spinning
Anne Farren | cloth to clothing
Mary Hettmansperger | jewellery
Penny Jewell | eco dye
Anita Johnson | felt sculpture
Helle Jorgensen | crochet
Hape Kiddle | wood carving
Jenny King | crochet garment

Keith Lo Bue | shrines & icon sculptures
Cesar Marulanda | recycled plastic
Alysn Midgelow-Marsden | mixed media
Catherine O'Leary | reuse felt stash
Julie Ryder | screen print
Heather Thomas | eco dye
Sera Waters | slow stitch
Ilka White | weaving
Meredith Woolnough | free machine

[Grampians Texture Overview - GrampianArts](#)

Southern Hemisphere Felt Convergence, Adelaide on 26 – 29th July 2027

Over four inspiring days, the Convergence will offer:

- **Hands-on workshops** - *led by experienced and respected felt makers*
- **Tutorials and demonstrations**- *exploring traditional and contemporary techniques*
- **Creative exchange** - *across cultures, styles, and practices*
- **Meaningful Connections** - *with a vibrant international felting community*

Keep up to date with news & events being planned by registering now: www.feltconvergence.com/contact



Four Days of Felt Making



Join us in Adelaide in July 2027 for four inspiring days dedicated to creativity, community, and innovation in felt.

A Celebration of Fibre and Creativity

- Workshops
- Presentations
- Trader Displays
- Suitcase Sale

SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE **FELTERS** CONVERGENCE 2027



Connect,
collaborate,
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Stay Connected

Program announcements and early bird registration will be released soon.

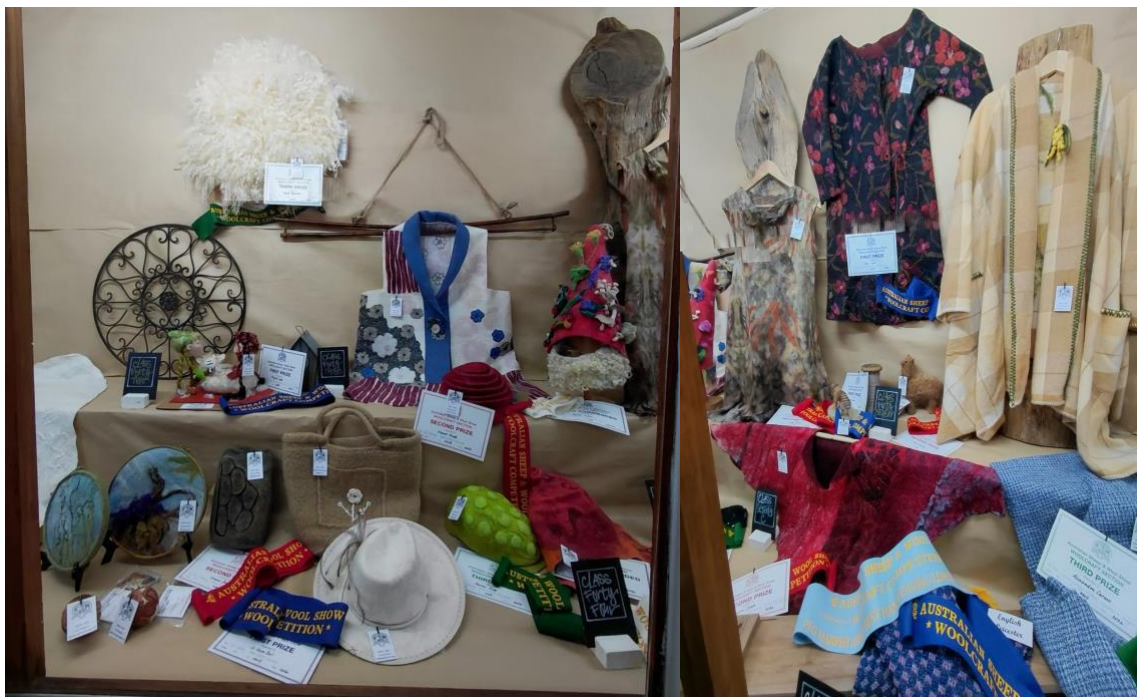
Register for our newsletters and follow our Facebook page for updates and registration information.

Join us in Adelaide in July 2027 for four unforgettable days of felt making and fibre-filled fun.

Email: info.shfc2027@gmail.com

Australian Sheep & Wool Show 2026, Bendigo – 17th to 19th July

What a great event this was! Here are some photos from the felting competitions (classes listed below) which featured many beautiful items including an amazing, felted outfit by Jo Barr, Vincent van Gogh 'Sunflowers' by the Grand Valley Spinners and Weavers and many more.



- Class WC42 Hand Felted Article (not wearable)
- Class WC43 Hand Felted Garment (excluding Nuno method)
- Class WC44 Hand Felted Accessory (e.g. scarf, hat, boots, bag)
 - Class WC45 Hand Felted Article / Garment – Nuno method
- Class WC46 Hand Felted Article / Garment – commercially produced pre-felt / needle-felted batt
 - Class WC47 Hand Needle Felted Article – natural fibres

If you would like to put in an entry for next years show keep an eye out for the woolcraft schedule which will be out early 2027 on the Australian Sheep and Wool Show website: www.sheepshow.com