

AUSTRALIAN FIRE RELIEF DONATIONS

SCCQG IS ABLE TO OFFER FREE SHIPPING TO AUSTRALIA!

Thanks to **Heather Van Sickle** (Quilters By The Sea SCCQG representative), SCCQG will be able to ship items to Australia for free. Heather's brother's company **BGI Worldwide Logistics, Inc.** is based in Rancho Dominguez and he has offered to send our items free of charge using his industry contacts.

At this time, the items to be sent will be limited to **quilt blocks** and **animal care/relief items**. Details are provided below.

All items must arrive by **MARCH 16, 2020** and should be sent to:

BGI Worldwide Logistics, Inc.
Attn: Heather Van Sickle
3110 E. Via Mondo
Rancho Dominguez, CA 90221

Please contact Heather at 562-824-0280 if your guild has questions or would like to make alternate delivery arrangements.

Many thanks to Heather and BGI Worldwide Logistics!

TREE QUILT BLOCKS FOR AUSTRALIAN FIRE VICTIMS

Wollongong Modern Guild has decided to make tree blocks for quilts. **If you would like to help, please make a tree block of a generous 12.5 inch square using a low volume / white or pale grey background.**

The tree is a symbol of growth and nourishment. A tree symbolizes the generations of a family; a tree sprouts from a seed, the roots provide strength and stability, and whilst the new sapling is young and vulnerable they are protected by the other trees until they grow and flourish. In time the branches spread and then create new fruit that gives life to the next generation.

There is no restriction to one type of tree block. We would love our quilts to be beautiful and diverse just like our wonderful communities. The below quilt blocks have been designed and supplied for inspiration, but please feel free to use your own ideas and colours.

<https://wmqg.tumblr.com/post/190118420413/australia-is-burning>

Pattern links for tree blocks may be found here.

<https://lorenauriarte.com/bushfire-charity-block-drive-for-wollongong-mqg/>

FREE PATTERNS OF ITEMS TO MAKE FOR INJURED ANIMALS

Wildlife Care Sewing Patterns

<https://www.silketouchquilting.com/wildlife-care-sewing-patterns/>

Animal Rescue Craft Guild - variety of patterns

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/arfsncrafts/files/>

PATTERNS TO PURCHASE WITH PROCEEDS GOING TO AUSTRALIAN CHARITIES

Corinne Sovey - Koala block pattern

<https://www.corinnesovey.com/product/koala-block-pattern/>

Penguin and Fish Koala Embroidery patterns

<https://penguinandfish.com/koala-fundraiser>

PATTERNS TO MAKE AND SELL WITH PROCEEDS GOING TO AUSTRALIAN CHARITIES

Koala Curtain Tie Knit Pattern

Let's Knit designer Jane Burns has granted permission for you to knit this pattern and sell your finished projects to raise money for charities supporting animals affected by the Australian bushfire crisis. This charming tie back is a great novelty addition to your home and is easy to knit in the round. The pattern is available for a limited time of one month so don't miss out.

https://www.letsknit.co.uk/free-knitting-patterns/koala-curtain-tie?fbclid=IwAR1pWXALoHgPITR67WKP_s2K07GJMHvUTiqYyq3LYszyVvqrckFMDNBI3_w

Koala Lovey Blankie Knit Pattern

Let's Knit designer Jane Burns has granted special permission for you to knit this pattern and sell your projects to raise money for charities supporting animals caught up in the bushfires that are devastating Australia. This pattern is available for a limited time period of one month, so don't miss out. This koala comforter blanket is knitted in the round and features an adorable sleepy koala face.

<https://www.letsknit.co.uk/free-knitting-patterns/koala-comforter?fbclid=IwAR1XvmPsrE90o3EhN3rEdHwxE9vk1E0ggTXHF8Hi73cUBti6GEaFb2eLBvQ>

FINANCIAL DONATIONS TO CHARITIES IN AUSTRALIA

**AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT WEBSITE WHERE YOU CAN SEARCH FOR INFO RE CHARITIES
Australian Charities and Not-for-Profit Commission - you can verify the legitimacy of a charity**
<https://www.acnc.gov.au/charity>

WIRES Australian Wildlife Rescue
<https://www.wires.org.au/donate/emergency-fund>

Rural Fire Brigades Association Queensland
<https://www.rfbaq.org/donate-to-rfbaq>

Human Appeal Australia
<https://www.humanappeal.org.au/campaign/bushfire-emergency-relief/>

Wildlife Rescue South Coast
<https://www.wildlife-rescue.org.au/>

Red Cross Australia
<https://www.redcross.org.au/campaigns/disaster-relief-and-recovery-donate#donate>

St. Vincent de Paul Society
<https://donate.vinnies.org.au/appeals-nsw/vinnies-nsw-bushfire-appeal-nsw>

Salvation Army - international donations
<https://donate.everydayhero.com/d/sowWR0enUs68x8bfhDosig/amount>

Government of the State of Victoria, Australia
<https://www.communityenterprisefoundation.com.au/make-a-donation/bushfire-disaster-appeal/>

World Wildlife Fund
<https://support.wwf.org.uk/australia-bushfires>

Port Macquarie Koala Hospital
<https://www.koalahospital.org.au/act-now/donate>