



## March 2024 Newsletter

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### President's Piece

Welcome to the new members of Coastal Quilters who have joined us this year. I encourage you to come to some of our other events (such as classes, sit'n'stitch, retreats) as these are a good opportunity to get to know our members in a smaller group.

Well, I'd never have guessed a talk on rugby jerseys could have been such an interesting slice of NZ history. I'm sure many of you would remember the names of the knitting companies that existed in previous years. Tina Downes helped work out the composition of the original jersey from a scrap of fabric that was discoloured, what is now brown turned out to be blue! A couple of the recreated jerseys were very thick wool, I have no idea how the lads played in them but they wouldn't be cold.

The story of the Irish linen covering on the top half of the jersey in 1905 was interesting – it made the jerseys difficult for the opponent to grab. The cunningness behind the design reminded me of the special fabrics NZ made for the canoeists at the recent Olympics, it seemed to work well for them.

Thank you to all those people who made the neonate quilts in memory of Ann Scannell. That was a really impressive display at the last meeting. Thank you to Raewyn who will be delivering them to the hospital.

With the weather cooling down, it is a good time to get back into sewing unless you don't slow down over summer! Coastal Quilters have plenty of opportunities to meet with others at sit'n'stitch on the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month, or a class on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday and our first full retreat of the year at the beginning of April.

Best wishes for a relaxing break over the Easter holidays.

Nicky  
President

### Next Sit and Stitch

**Saturday, 23 March 2024**

St Andrews Church Hall

### Next Club Day

**13 April, 1.30pm start**

**Doors Open 12.45 pm**

**Speaker: Philippa Doyle**

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The neonate show and tell .  
And they kept coming – a bag  
full from Jan Lucas!







Tina with replicas of the All Black jumpers and also some of her own quilting.

## Sit and Stitch

We had a good number of members at February's sit and stitch. Don't forget it's on again this Saturday. Here are a few photos of what was being worked on/completed.



## 2024 Speakers

April: Philippa Doyle – About her recent trip to India.  
June: tba  
July: tba

### About Philippa

Philippa Doyle has been stitching for over 50 years and making quilts for almost as long. She is a past President of Wellington Quilters and has been involved





with the last two Quilt Symposium held in Wellington. She has recently returned from a textile tour to India and will be telling us about the magic she encountered there and show us some of the textiles that she brought home with her.

## Retreats



Silverstream Retreat will be upon us in a couple of weeks' time, from Friday 5th to Sunday 7th April. 15 people will be attending for the full weekend and 4 people will be joining us on the Saturday only. Looking forward to see you all there.

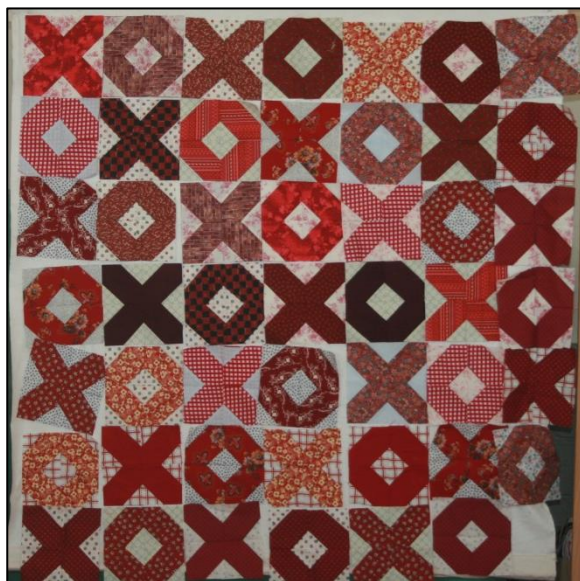
### MARK THESE DATES IN YOUR DIARIES

2024 Full Retreats	5-7 April 2024 – Silverstream 30 August – 1 September 2024
2024 Mini Retreats	26-27 July 2024 22-23 November 2024
2025 Full Retreats	4-6 April 2025 5-7 September 2025

## Gift Quilts

Thank you to those who have taken quilts to bind, and to those taking projects to work up into a quilt top. At the moment we have lots of tops that need quilting. These are good opportunities to quilt either with your walking foot, or practise your free motion quilting. I will have a couple of pinned tops ready to be taken away at the next meeting.

A collection handed in at Feb meeting of the noughts and crosses BOM - looking very effective.



## Block of the Month

Wow! What a fantastic response to our February BOM. Thank you so much to everyone who participated. We have more blocks coming back next meeting so we'll pretty much have enough to make two quilts!

I'm looking forward to seeing what traditional blocks you've chosen to make for the March BOM. I've already had one back early. (Thanks Judith!) A hint of mystery and suspense keeps us on our toes.

We should have another Gift Quilt BOM for the April meeting. After that we will hand it over to anyone else who'd like to give BOM or a Challenge a try. Come and have a chat to myself or one of the Committee if you've even a seed of an idea.

Alison Spurdle  
027 306 2822

## Library

Here are March's new additions to the library. Have a chat to Maree, our Librarian, if there is anything in particular you'd like to see in the library.



## from a Recent Class with Di Barnden








## Classes 2024

Class Date	Class Name	Description	Payment Code
13 April and 18 May (changed date) 9:00 – 12:00	<b>English Paper Piecing – With Marge Hurst</b>	This hand class will teach the basics of putting together various shaped pieces and relevant stitches to use. You will have homework between classes so that you will have a finished small quilt or table runner upon completion. These classes will be held before our regular Club Days.	EPP
20 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>Floor Mat – With Jenny Hunter (Plume Levin)</b>	Jenny owns Plume in Levin. She is coming down to teach us how to make her Floor Mat. The mat is 48" or 23cm in diameter, so is a good project to use up some of those larger pieces hidden away in your stash.	FlrMat
11 May 10.30 start	<b>Beginners Class – Lynette from Cherry Pie Levin</b>	We have been asked by members to run this class, so that we can hopefully get some new members to enjoy what our Club has to offer. Class will be held at the Plimmerton Pavilion in the Supper Room on the same day as our Club Work Day. Lynette Corlis owns Cherry Pie in Levin (a regular stop on our yearly Bus Trip). She will be teaching a simple Table Runner and will bring a range of kits to purchase for the course. Grab a friend and they can attend the class while you are at the work day and catch up for lunch. More Details to follow.	Beginner
15 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Finish it Up – Di Barnden</b>	Get those UFO's into the daylight and get them moving. Di will be on hand as always to help, advise and get you back on track. Always a fun day.	FinUp

## Classes for July to September

Date	Class/Tutor	Description	Code
20 July	<b>Komebukuro Bag (Rice Bag) – Clare Smith</b> 	Learn how to do 'One Stitch Sashiko' and turn your stitching into a Komebukuro bag (rice bag). Participants will explore a range of different one stitch sashiko stitches in class then complete the panels at home ready to return and complete the bag construction in a second class. The stitched panels could also be used to make pincushions and these are quick to make and make great gifts.	

17 August	<b>Bear Paws – Di Barnden</b> 	Small Lap Quilt can be made with one colour or several. Go hunting in your stash to see what gems you can uncover.	
21 September	<b>Christmas Stocking – Cherie Gurney</b> 	<p>Have a day of creative fun making your very own Christmas stocking. Choose from either the Black Christmas Tree Stocking kit or the Gold and Silver Stars Kit (included in the kit is a prequilted Christmas stocking, embroidery floss, tape and cord). You will learn how to paint fabric, handstitch text and join all the components together by machine stitching to finish off. Fabric paint and paint brush supplied by tutor.</p> <p>Note: Kit is supplied by tutor at a cost of \$40.00</p>	

If you have any suggestions of classes that you would like to do, please talk to Nicola Drake (email [l.n.drake@extra.co.nz](mailto:l.n.drake@extra.co.nz)) or put a note in the suggestion box which is on the sign-in table on meeting days. Occasionally a class will have an additional cost for equipment or materials.

- Your place in class is not secured until you pay. Please ensure you register and pay and do not just turn up on the day.
- All classes start at **9.30am (unless otherwise stated)** and are held at the St Andrews Church Hall, Steyne Avenue, Plimmerton unless stated otherwise. Please arrive early to set up your machines etc.
- **It is important we each remember to help clear up our own area (table away & floor clean) before leaving – we are all volunteers!**
- Please be mindful that attendance at any of our classes is for those members who have enrolled and paid to attend. Turning up without enrolment or popping in puts extra pressure on our limited space, time and tutors. Thank you.

**When paying online,** use the club's bank account BNZ - 02 0524 0056822 00 and please remember to include your name and the Payment Reference for the class you are doing. Classes are \$40.00 for members and \$55.00 for non members.

## Meeting Duties

Thank you to everyone for continuing to help out with duties at our Club Day. Our pool of members able to contribute, especially with heavy lifting, is limited so we really appreciate your offers to help on the day, even though you may not have been down for any duty.

April 2024		June 2024	
<b>Hall:</b>	Gayle Carmichael	<b>Hall:</b>	Wendy Neilson
<b>Kitchen:</b>	Lynne Kennedy Dianna Lacy	<b>Kitchen:</b>	Sue Tattersall Annette Veitch
<b>Sales:</b>	Jean Corin Verena Coleman Denise Field Prue Cooke-Willis	<b>Sales:</b>	Jean Corin Verena Coleman Denise Field Prue Cooke-Willis
<b>Raffles</b>	Lorraine Jones	<b>Raffles</b>	Leza Marfell
<b>Quilt Holders:</b>	Georgina Shann Alison Spurdle	<b>Quilt Holders</b>	Hannie van Cruchten Leonie Bond
<b>Frames</b>	Alz and Janine Armstrong	<b>Frames</b>	Alz and Janine Armstrong
<b>Library:</b>	Marilyn Piercy	<b>Library:</b>	Jan Lucas

## Helper Duties (All helpers to arrive by 12.45 pm)

If you are new to helping out with duties, the following is a simple version of what is expected. If you are unable to do your duty please contact a committee person.

Hall	Please arrive by 12.45 to help put out chairs in the hall and at the end of meeting help stack any unreturned chairs to back of hall.
Kitchen	Simone brings milk, biscuits and cups etc. Prior to start of meeting, you need to put out cups, biscuits, coffee, milk in jug, make sure zip is boiled and teabags put in pot ready for the tea break. Help pour tea during break and afterwards wash up any cups and tidy up kitchen area.
Sales	A committee person will direct you as to what is required eg put out fabrics, books etc on sales tables, take in sales and after afternoon tea help pack up and count all money taken in.
Raffles	Sit at raffles table and sell raffles! At end of afternoon tea, count up money taken which is then given to Alison Tierney (Treasurer)
Library	Maree and librarian helpers will give you a container of pens and as books are taken out, members name and date of return are written on library book cards. (Return date of books is the month following). Cards to be put in numerical order in container and given back to Library Helpers at end of break.

### Helpers:

Jean Corin, Denise Field, Verena Coleman (Sales Table), Simone Etheredge (Chief Tea Lady), Maree Le Comte, Louise Shirkey, Judy Elliot (Library), Prue Cooke-Willis (Club Membership), Alison Spurdle and Prue Cooke-Willis (Gift Quilts), Lesley Hall (Mini-retreat, Sit 'N' Stitch), Alz and Janine Armstrong (Frames & Photos), Rachel-Mary Perry (Almoner), Angela Ambler (Greeter) .

**Classes:** Nicola Drake

**Membership:**

Prue Cooke-Willis 027 337 3493 Email: [prudencecw@gmail.com](mailto:prudencecw@gmail.com)

Rachel-Mary Perry is our Club Almoner. Please contact Rachel-Mary on 021 1705 151 or email [rmperry1943@gmail.com](mailto:rmperry1943@gmail.com) if you know of someone coping with an illness or bereavement.

# SYMPOSIUM 2024 REGISTRATIONS ARE OPEN



**Tutors have now been announced for the Symposium – looks very exciting.**

Not too late to register - for more information and to register for this awesome event in October 2024 go to [www.quiltsymposium.com](http://www.quiltsymposium.com)

## Tips/ trivia – check these out:

**A fascinating look at how needles and pins are made:**

<https://youtu.be/wZJPuL2sqQ>

Preview YouTube video How It's Made - Needles & Pins



- Use a drop or two of glycerine on your fingertips when piecing or quilting. It makes the material easier to handle and the needle and thread slip in and out of the cloth more easily.
- Use a finger cut from a kid glove on the underneath finger that the needle pricks when hand quilting. You can still feel through the glove.
  - From Quiltmania Magazine *(must try as I'm just about to start some handquilting.)*



## 2023/2024 Committee

A reminder about our Committee contact and roles below. If you're ever interested in finding out more or joining the committee please feel free to contact any one of us. We are a small group and always welcome new members on board.



Nicky Gardner	President	04 232 2805
Gayle Carmichael	Past President	027 602 7888
Lindy McKeown	Newsletter Editor	021 2800 315
Alison Tierney	Treasurer	04 904 4105
Alison Spurdle	Gift Quilts Coordinator	027 306 2822
Hannie Van Cruchten	Retreats	021 033 8070
Georgina Shann	Secretary	021 027 26225
Nicola Drake	Classes	021 396 473
Vacancy	Block of the Month	
Maree Le Comte	Librarian	04 232 4425
Prue Cooke-Willis	Membership and Gift Quilts	027 337 3493

### Coastal Quilters Bank Account Number

Payment of classes, retreats, subs, bus trips etc, please include your surname and the reason for payment eg subs, Bus trip, class name (payment reference)

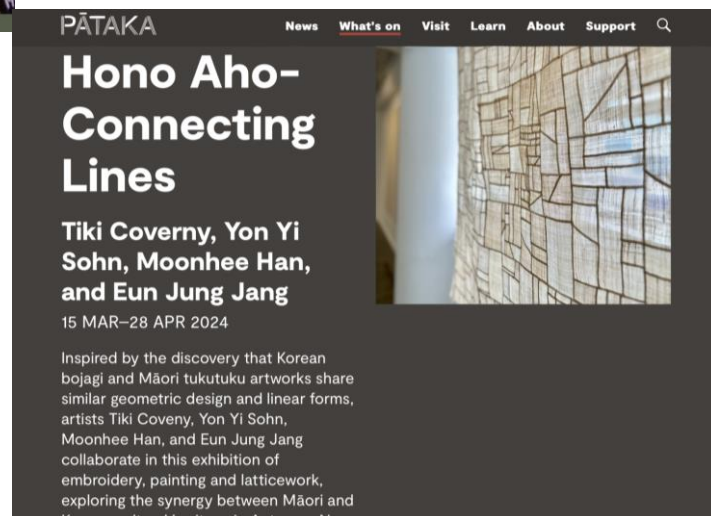
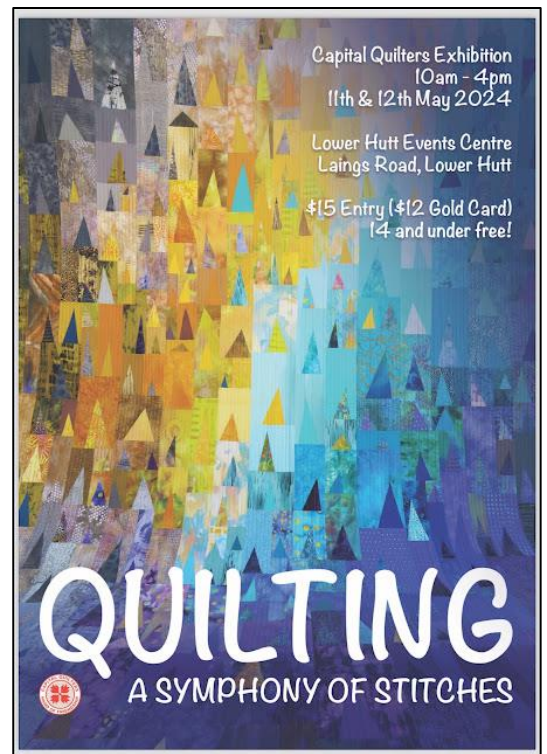
**BNZ - 02 0524 0056822 00**

### Have you changed your address – snail or email?

If so, please let Prue ([prudencecw@gmail.com](mailto:prudencecw@gmail.com)) know so she can update lists and keep you in touch with Coastal Quilters.

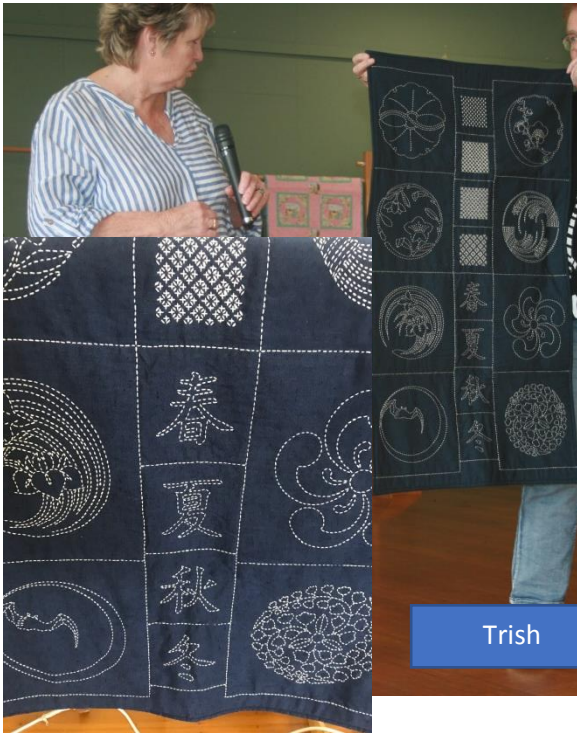
## SUGGESTIONS OR CONTRIBUTIONS?

Have you any ideas for a class, project, book or speaker? Please speak with one of our committee or put your ideas into the Suggestion Box on the table in the front foyer. We welcome any suggestions.





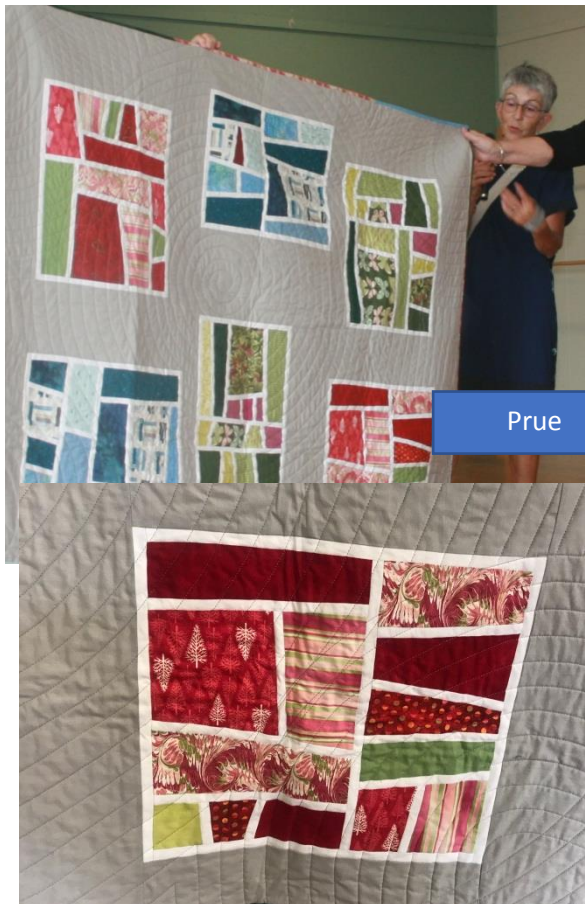
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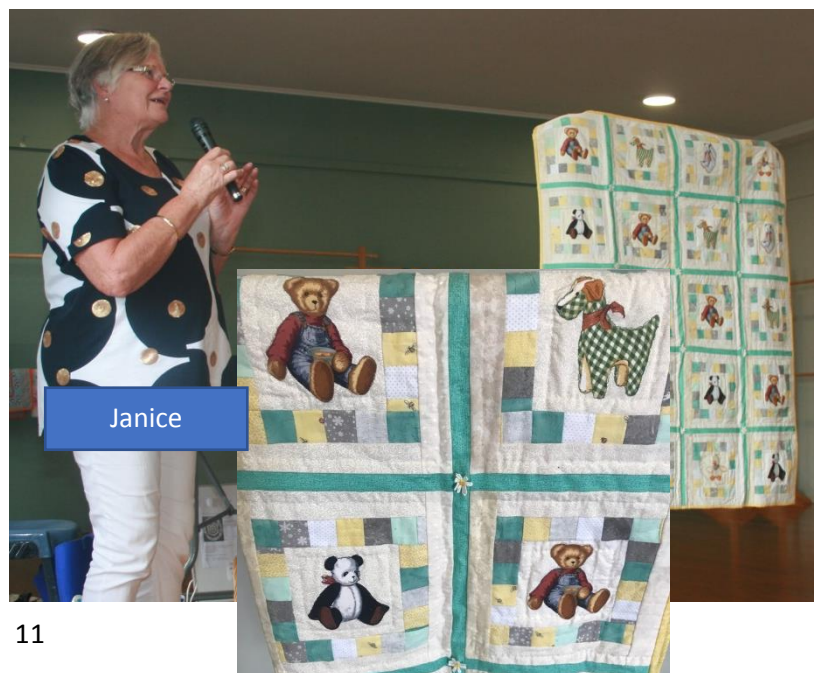
Nicola



Prue



Nicky



Janice



Coastal Quilters Events Calendar 2024		
March	2- 2 June	<b>Paraikete Threads</b> – Pataka Art & Museum, Porirua
	15-28 April	<b>Hono Aho-Connecting Lines</b> – Pataka Art & Museum, Porirua
April	13	<b>Club Meeting – Speaker:</b> Philippa Doyle
	13	<b>Class: English Paper Piecing,</b> Marge Hurst
	20	<b>Class: Floor Mat,</b> Jenny Hunter (Plume, Levin)
May	4	<b>Tote &amp; Gloat 2024</b> , 8.30am – 5.00pm, Fly Palmy Arena 2, 61 Pascal St, Palmerston North. Guest Speaker: Wendy Nutt
	11	<b>Club Work Day</b>
	11	<b>Class: Beginners,</b> Lynette (Cherry Pie, Levin)
	11-12	<b>Capital Quilters Exhibition,</b> Lower Hutt Events Centre 10.00 – 4.00 am Entry \$15 (\$12 Gold Card)
	18	<b>Class: English Paper Piecing,</b> Marge Hurst
June	8	<b>Club Meeting</b>
	15	<b>Class: Finish It Up,</b> Di Barnden
	29	<b>Gift Quilt Workday</b>
July	6	<b>Club Meeting (AGM) (Please note this is a week earlier than our normal monthly meeting)</b>
	26-27	<b>Mini Retreat</b>
August	10	<b>Club Meeting</b>
Aug-Sept	30-1 Sept	<b>Full Retreat, Silverstream</b>
September	14	<b>Club Meeting</b>
October	2-6	<b>Quilt Symposium</b> – Cambridge High School – <b>Registrations open</b>
	9	<b>Club Work Day</b>
November	9	<b>Club Day</b>
	22-23	<b>Mini Retreat</b>
December	14	<b>Christmas Meeting</b>
Coastal Quilters Events Calendar 2025		
April	4-6	<b>Full Retreat, Silverstream</b>
May	16-18	<b>The Great NZ Quilt Show 2025, Christchurch</b>
September	5-7	<b>Full Retreat, Silverstream</b>