



Coastal Quilters

April 2025 Newsletter

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President's Piece

Our speaker, Robyn Blandford gave us a very entertaining description of starting Fox's Cottage, but also how much work goes into running a quilt shop. After showing quilts that demonstrated her quilting journey, Robyn confessed to being a serial knitter (never without her knitting or doing some every day). Her accomplishments in knitting include having patterns published on Ravelry. Now I understand why a quilting shop also sells wool!

Robyn, in her current role with Craftco travels over the lower half of the North Island to meet with the shop owners taking samples of the company's wares. It was interesting to see the types of products that the owners have to make their purchasing decisions on (not easy). Some of those products make their way to Fibre Flair, and judging by the bees (CQ members) around the honeypot (Fibre Flair's table) have made their way into your house.

We had a lovely display at the show and tell section of the meeting. Some of the quilts were made at retreat and shows what can be achieved in a weekend. Also great to see the coats made at the recent class with Anna Hicks.

Retreats are not only about stitching we also had our newest Honorary Member (Rupert) come for the day, he suddenly gained a lot of new aunties. We didn't get a visit from a guide dog this time but congratulations to Jan for the success of the dogs we have met recently.

If you have not tried a retreat or class I'd encourage you to try them. They are a great way of learning new things as well as getting to know members in a smaller group. The next mini retreat is coming up in June.

Our next monthly meeting will be our workday. Bring your project(s), these can be for hand or machine sewing and join us for as long as you like between 10.30am and 3 to 3.30pm. We will provide tea and coffee, irons and ironing boards and some extension cords.

Nicky

Sit and Stitch

Saturday, 26 April 2025

St Andrews Church Hall

Doors Open 10.00am

Work Day

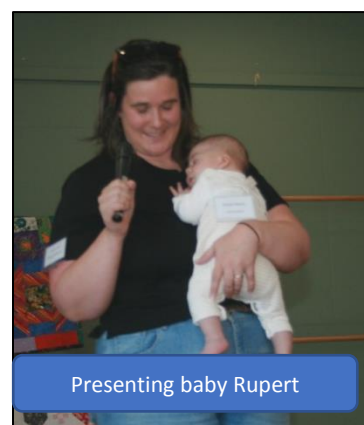
Saturday, 10 May 2025

Plimmerton Hall, Sunset Parade,
Plimmerton

Doors Open 10.30 am

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Presenting baby Rupert

Samples of Craftco's stock and one of the many quilts Robyn displayed.

2025 Speakers

May: Work Day

June: Beverley Willaims – Weaving Demonstration

July: AGM and speaker tbc

Our June speaker, Bev Willaims lives in Palmerston North with her Dog Tama and has been an active weaver for over 15 years. Her interest in weaving stemmed from her grandmother who was an active weaver in Taranaki. Bev did not want to work with flax, so instead began using wool and other mediums to create cloaks, mats, bags and wall hangings. Bev has exhibited her work locally in Palmerston North and is a member of her local Weaving Club.

May Workday - 9 May

Moira, who has been working through archiving Coastal Quilters records, will be at the May workday with old photos that she would like help with to identify. At the workday please have a look through these to see if you can help or you may even have old photos you would like to bring along to be archived.

Next Sit and Stitch

Will be held this Saturday, 26 April, everyone is most welcome to come along for an enjoyable day (or even just a few hours) of stitching or chatting.

Silverstream Retreat (by Hannie)

What a great retreat this was again. It never seems to amaze me how much work gets done in two full days, some even manage to get two or three projects either finished or partially finished while at retreat, projects that may have been sitting there for a while or may start a completely new project.

Even though we arrive on the Friday afternoon and leave on Sunday afternoon there is always some down time, either with a trip to Thimbles and Threads or Pete's Emporium to go bargain hunting. We also make time to chat, admire each other's work or get some advice from our fellow quilters who are always more than willing to help, and not to forget our happy hour on the Saturday. I do have to mention – no cooking, no dishes, bliss.

Georgina and Rupert attended on Saturday for the day. It was so lovely to meet baby Rupert and of course there was no shortage of baby minders. Georgina even managed to get some sewing done. Marg got a visit from her daughter Helen and Marilyn a visit from her daughter Yvette who brought two of her dogs, one a puppy in a backpack as it still needed to be vaccinated.

There is a lot happening at retreat. If you haven't attended one yet, please come and see for yourself, you'll not regret it.

Looking forward to our next Silverstream Retreat, keep these dates free 5-7 September 2025.



Marilyn's birds



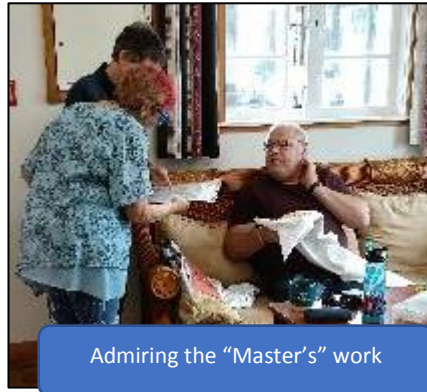
Hannie's bear paws



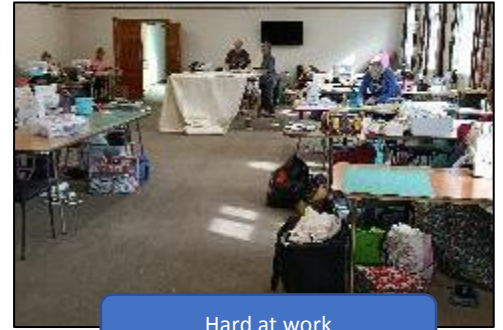
Nicola's partially finished wedding gift quilt



Simone's churn dash blocks



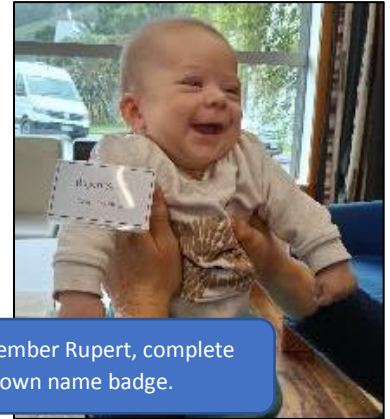
Admiring the "Master's" work



Hard at work



Lorraine's machine embroidery – look at the buttons!



Our newest member Rupert, complete with his own name badge.



Finished quilt by Alison S



Cat quilt by Marg



Lisa's work in progress



Nicky's own creation

Mark these following retreats in your diary.

Mini Retreats – St Andrews Church Hall

- Friday 27 and Saturday 28 June 2025
- Friday 28 and Saturday 29 November 2025

Full Retreats – Silverstream Retreat

- 5-7 September 2025
- 1-3 May 2026 and 4-6 September 2026
(Please note these changes for 2026)

Gift Quilts

Saturday, 5 July will be our annual Gift Quilt Work Day. It will be at St Andrews Church Hall running from approximately 9:30am – 3:00pm. As we did last year, the morning will be dedicated to preparing quilts for quilting and in the afternoon we will include a fun session creating quilt tops for those who wish to participate. More details will be in the May and June newsletters.

Alison Spurdle 027 306 2822 and Prue Cooke-Willis 027 337 3493

Block of Month

Here are a few of March's completed blocks which were handed in and attached are the latest April autumn toned, country theme BOM instructions.

If you can't return your BOM at the following meeting please bring them back at a later meeting. The blocks will be sewn together to make another gift quilt and this is not done immediately. Often extra blocks need to be made to complete the quilt so if you have any late returns are always gratefully accepted.

Please remember also if you have any black on white / white on black fabric scraps please pass them on to a committee member for a black on white / white on black themed BOM.

Thanks for your support
Alison and Judith



Committee Help

Some of our current committee will be stepping down at our AGM in July and to ensure we maintain a great club we need members to think about joining the committee. You may have already spent time on the committee, but might like to rejoin for a couple of years.

We meet once a month, usually in the evenings for an hour or so, and where possible carpool (if you can't make the meeting there is the opportunity to join online). There is a reduced subscription for committee.

By contributing some of your time and skills you will help us keep a strong club where we can continue to offer a variety of speakers at each club meeting, run classes, retreats, library, sit and stitch and work days.

Classes Coming Up

A reminder: If you plan on attending any class can you please remember to fill in a class booking sheet first, then pay for the class. We've had a couple of instances where members have paid for a class but haven't registered on the class list and we've found ourselves slightly embarrassed! Luckily this has worked out ok but in future please make sure to register on the class list. Thank you.

Here are the remaining classes for 2025. Doors open at 9.00am to set up machines, tables etc ready to start class promptly at 9.30am. Pack up will be 3.30pm to be away by 4.00pm.



Date	Class Name	Description	Payment Code
21 June	Fiesta – Diana Carroll	Please note these two classes have swapped months.	Fiesta
19 July	UFO – Di Barnden		UFO
16 Aug	Clear Project Bag – Rosemary Ward	This flat zip pouch is ideal for storing your patchwork and other craft projects . One side of the pouch is quilted and the other side is clear vinyl or mesh fabric allowing you to see what's inside. The pouch can be made any size you like. The pouch measures 10 x 14 inches.	ProBag
20 Sept	To be confirmed	Maybe Quilt as you Go	
18 Oct	Dunkards Path or Orange Peel	Tutor to be arranged – yet to be confirmed	
15 Nov	Quilted Bags - Clare Smith	Quilted Bags	

If you have any suggestions of classes that you would like to do, please talk to Angela Ambler (email angelaa@xtra.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.

Library

We have received the latest Feb/March Homespun magazine for the library. Please have a chat to Maree if you have seen any particularly good books recently.

Note: If you're a member of Porirua Library and are joined up to their online books system Libby, they have a range of quilting books and magazines free of charge which you can download, including the latest issues of Homespun, Quilting Arts, American Patchwork and Quilting.



Meeting Duties (All helpers to arrive by 12.45 pm)

If you are unable to do your duty please find another member who you can swap with but if you are stuck contact a committee member. 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.

June 2025		July 2025	
Hall:	Lindy McKeown	Hall:	Lindy McKeown
Kitchen:	Christine Gibbs Margaret McLeod	Kitchen:	Leonie Bond Patricia Fouhy
Sales:	Jean Corin Verena Coleman Denise Field Nicola Drake	Sales:	Jean Corin Verena Coleman Denise Field Nicola Drake
Raffles	Helen Westerbeke	Raffles	Ruth Cameron
Quilt Holders:	Marilyn Piercy Dianne Traveller	Quilt Holders	Isobel Whooley Hannie van Cruchten
Frames	Alz and Janine Armstrong	Frames	Alz and Janine Armstrong
Library:	Marg Jorgensen	Library:	Jeanette Zimmerman

Helper Duties

If you are new to helping out with duties, the following is a simple version of what is expected.

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 (Nicola) 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 Denise Daniel (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 (Gift Quilts & Membership), Lesley Hall (Mini-retreat, Sit 'N' Stitch), Alz and Janine Armstrong (Frames & Photos), Rachel-Mary Perry (Almoner), Raewyn Hill (Greeter) .

Membership: Prue Cooke-Willis 027 337 3493 Email: prudencecw@gmail.com

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

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)

Account Name: Coastal Quilters Inc.

Bank: BNZ - 02 0524 0056822 00

Account No: 02 0524 0056822 00

Have you changed your address –snail or email or phone contact?

If so, please let Prue (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.

Committee 2024/25

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Judith Havill	BOM/Gift Quilts	027 3198 235
Off Committee Roles		
Maree Le Comte	Librarian	04 232 4425
Prue Cooke-Willis	Membership and Gift Quilts	027 337 3493



Club Day Raffles

We'll have more \$25 vouchers included in our April club day raffles, from Thimbles and Threads.

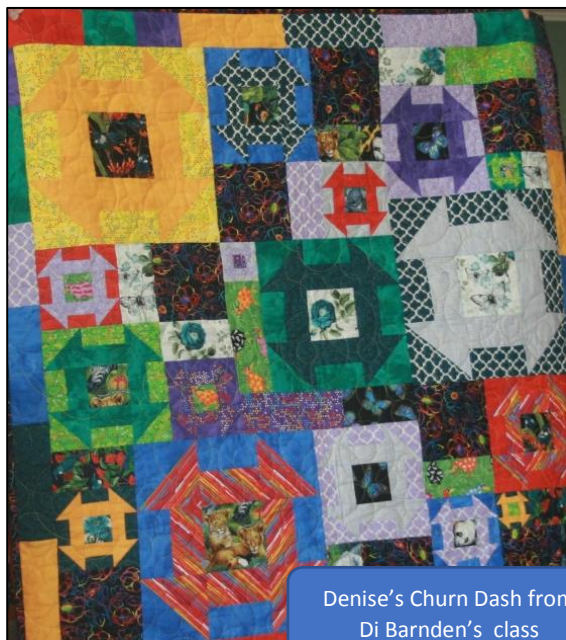
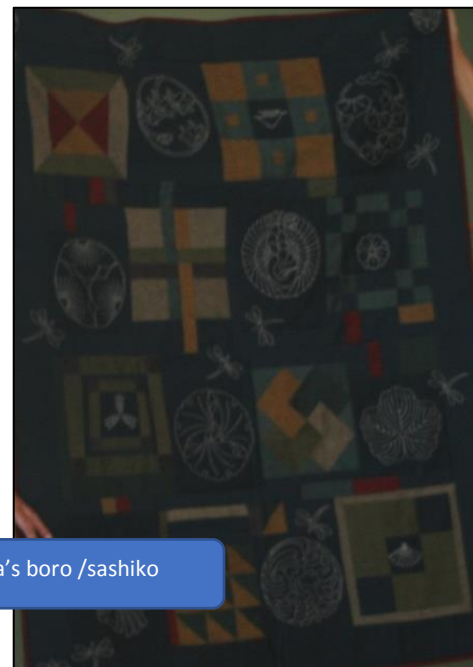
Show and Tell



Angela's BOM from Foxes Cottage



Trisha's boro /sashiko



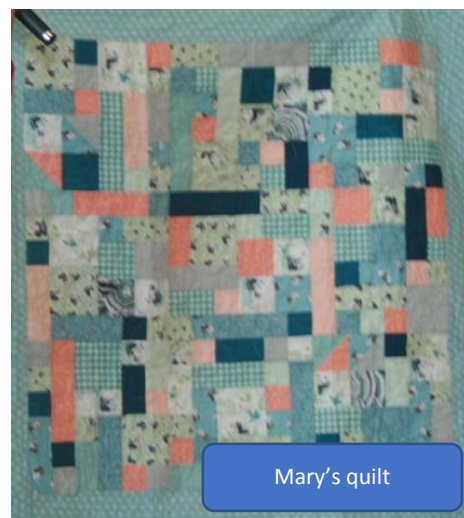
Denise's Churn Dash from Di Barnden's class



Prue's appliqued cushion and Quilt as you Go quilt



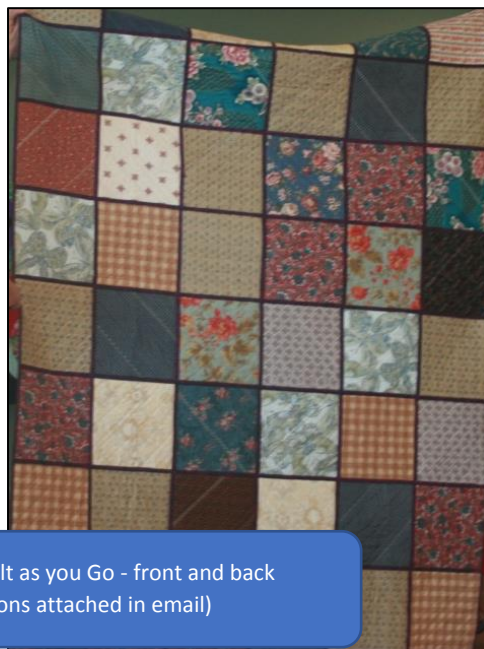
Catherine and Lorraine modelling their jackets from Anna Hicks' class



Mary's quilt



Hannie's from Chris Jurd's Symposium class and bear paw from Di's class



Alison Spurdle's Quilt as you Go - front and back
(See instructions attached in email)

Have you ever wanted to ensure you get a good fold when wrapping or just tying a bow around a quilt. You can even stick a card in the front flap. Check this out:

- Lay your quilt face down
- Fold up a little less than a third of your quilt
- Fold over again and you should still see about 4 inches of backing
- Flip it around
- Fold the 4 inches backing flap up
- Flip it around and fold a third of the quilt over
- Fold over the other third
- Lift that last fold and you will see a little pocket
- Shove the other side in there – And that's it – super easy and your quilt wont unfold. *(PS I haven't tried it yet – Lindy)*



For more info with pictures check out 627handworks.com

TOTE & GLOAT 2025



**SATURDAY
3 MAY**
8.30am - 5pm

FLY PALMY ARENA 2
61 PASCAL STREET
PALMERSTON NORTH

QUILT EXHIBITIONS
QUILT CHALLENGES
SHOW & TELL
DOOR PRIZE & RAFFLES
LIMITED TICKET DOOR SALES

GUEST SPEAKER
GLORIA LOUGHMAN

ENTRY FEE: \$25

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Saturday 3 May 2025 from 08:30-17:00
Tote & Gloat 2025
Public - Event by Rose City Quilters

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Christchurch**

1 DAY \$15.00 2 DAYS \$25.00
3 DAYS \$35.00



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TAURANGA PATCHWORK & QUILTERS GROUP



QUILT EXHIBITION

**Friday 20th and Saturday 21st June
2025**

Tauranga Yacht Club

**90 Keith Allen Drive
(Sulphur Point)**

Fri 9.30 am - 5pm • Sat 9.30am - 4.00pm

**Entrance
Fee
\$8.00**

**Quilt Exhibition • Raffles • Merchant's Stalls
Refreshments available**

Coastal Quilters Events Calendar 2025		
April	26	Sit and Stitch , St Andrews Church Hall, Plimmerton
May	3	Tote and Glote , Fly Palmy Arena 2 8.30 – 5.00 pm Entry \$5
	10	Club Work Day , Plimmerton Hall
	16-18	The Great NZ Quilt Show 2025, Christchurch , Airforce Museum of NZ, 45 Harvard Ave, Wigram 1 day \$15, 2 days \$25, 3 days \$35
	23-25	Positively Patchwork Whakatane , The Art House, Short St, Whakatane, 10-4.00pm Gold coin entry
	24	Sit and Stitch , St Andrews Church Hall, Plimmerton
June	14	Club Meeting , Plimmerton Hall
	20-21	Gems of the Bay, Tauranga Patchwork & Quilters Club , Tauranga Yacht Club, 90 Keith Allen Drive, Tauranga Fri 9.30 – 5.00 and Sat 9.30 – 4.00pm \$8.00 entry
	21	Class - Fiesta with Diana Carroll
	27-28	Mini Retreat , St Andrews Church Hall, Plimmerton
July	3-6	Wairarapa Quilters Exhibition , ANZAC Hall, 62 Bell St, Featherston 10.00 – 4.30 pm \$5.00
	5	Gift Quilt Work Day , St Andrews Church Hall, Plimmerton
	12	Club Meeting & AGM Plimmerton Hall
	26	Sit and Stitch , St Andrews Church Hall, Plimmerton
	19	Class - UFO with Di Barnden
August	9	Club Meeting , Plimmerton Pavilion
	16	Class - Clear Project Bag – Rosemary Ward
	23	Sit and Stitch , St Andrews Church Hall, Plimmerton
September	5-7	Full Retreat, Silverstream
	13	Club Meeting , Plimmerton Hall
	20	Class tbc (possibly Quilt as you Go)
	27	Sit and Stitch , St Andrews Church Hall, Plimmerton
October	11	Club Work Day , Plimmerton Pavilion
	18	Class - tbc
	25-26	Sit and Stitch , St Andrews Church Hall, Plimmerton
	31- 2 Nov	Auckland Festival of Arts , Auckland Netball Centre, 7 Allison Ferguson Drive, St Johns, Auckland \$10
November	8	Club Meeting , Plimmerton Hall
	15	Class - Quilted Bags, Clare Smith , St Andrews Church Hall, Plimmerton
	22	Sit and Stitch , St Andrews Church Hall, Plimmerton
	28-29	Mini Retreat , St Andrews Church Hall, Plimmerton
December	13	Last Club Meeting for year and Christmas Party

