



## May 2025 Newsletter

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### President's Piece

Workday provided a great opportunity for some stitching, either by hand or machine. I always enjoy seeing the variety of projects that people are working on from intricate hand stitching to knitting and piecing as well as the colour combinations that people choose.

The Committee and helpers used the small room to sort out the sales table (ie declutter and narrow the focus to quilting) as well as remove the tiny pieces from the scrap bin – hopefully there is now nothing under a 3 inch square and most pieces are larger. If you have very small pieces and do not want to throw them into the landfill, try following Lisa's example and make a draught excluder filled with these scraps to donate to an op shop.

We also had a donation of fabric, patterns and equipment from a previous member (Gloria Wilding). This has been sorted and will be gradually added to the sales table. Thanks to Janice Emeny who went to Whanganui to collect a car full from Gloria.

Moira has collected material for our archives and is sorting this to create a digital archive. However, bundles of photos with no details are not helpful. Thanks to those who helped put some of these into context. There will be more opportunities to help out with this!

Raewyn Hill and Jenny Allan have kindly agreed to arrange the bus trip for the first Saturday in August. This is a very convenient bus that only stops at places suitable for quilters to add to their stash. If this sounds like a fun day out for you, then please sign up.

In a previous column I let you know that the Committee had decided to update the website. The release of this is coming very soon. We will let you know when it is live.

Our AGM is coming up in July – please think about whether you would like to join us. Yes, it is one evening meeting per month (we carpool to get to the different venues) and some work in between depending on your role. The positives include contributing to our club to help keep it running smoothly and getting to know other members better. 'Many hands make light work' so another couple of people on the Committee would be very welcome. A nomination form is attached.

### Sit and Stitch

**Saturday, 24 May 2025**

St Andrews Church Hall

Doors Open 10.00am

### Club Day

**Saturday, 14 June 2025**

Plimmerton Hall, Sunset Parade,  
Plimmerton

Doors open: 12.45 pm

Meeting starts: 1.30 pm

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Appliqued cushion by Prue



## 2025 Speakers

**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.

## Next Sit and Stitch

Is on this Saturday, 24 May at St Andrews Church Hall.

## From May Work Day

It was a busy recent work day – besides plenty of sewing and chatter there was a good sort out of sales table fabric, donated fabric and the scrap basket.



Dorothy Gibbs' was working on her beautiful Sue Spargo Christmas wall hanging



Plenty of time for cuddles!



Hard at work



## Shop Hop Bus Trip Time - 2 August

Mark this in your diary and get your name down.

- Departs 7.30am Plimmerton with pick ups at Paraparaumu and Waikanae
- We will visit five Quilt Shops...Fibre Flair, Cherry Pie, Hidden Hollow, Amiees Homestead and Fox Cottage
- Cost: \$40
- We will stop at Palmerston Golf Club for lunch (own cost cabinet food and menu)
- Return home late afternoon



These outings are so much fun, whether you shop till you drop or just enjoy a wonderful day out browsing with friends. Sign up list will be at our next meeting or contact Raewyn 022 0897178 to be sure you get a seat on the bus

## Gift Quilts and Work Day

It's been business as usual for Gift Quilts lately. There's our usual flow of blocks, tops, quilting and binding. I say this every time, but I truly am grateful for every little bit that you as CQ members do to contribute to the beautiful quilts that we donate each year.

With our annual Workday galloping up on 5 July, here are some more details.

Location: St Andrews Church Hall

Time: 9.30am – 3.00pm. This is the time we will be running, and you are welcome to come for the time that suits you.

What are we doing?

Morning: Piecing backings, cutting backings and batting for quilt tops, pinning some smaller quilts, quilting, making binding, sewing binding on to quilts, collating fabric collections for potential quilt tops, cutting scraps into usable sizes for piecing and so on.

Afternoon: The tasks that have been started in the morning can keep going, but in the afternoon we will have an easy quilt top sewing session. It won't be a race like last year, but I hope there will be a little bit of competition between teams. There will be a few different easy patterns along with fabric from the CQ stash to make into a quilt top. I suggest working in pairs, with one person sewing and the other cutting (there will be a small amount of this) and pressing. You can of course swap over as you need.

Arrange a Team buddy ahead of time or come and work with someone on the day.

Bring your tools – sewing machine, rotary cutter and board, iron, sewing and quilting necessities, etc but most importantly – your creative brain!

We'll have tea and coffee available but bring your own lunch or purchase from one of the local eateries.

It's going to be a fun day of working together towards creating special quilts for our charity. We're looking forward to seeing you there.

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## The Great New Zealand Quilt Show 2025 (by Nicola)

Some of us from our club recently went down to Christchurch to see the Great NZ Quilt Show. We went down on the Wednesday and stayed at a place called Living Springs. What lovely views of Lyttelton and sunrises each morning. On Thursday we stitched, laughed, ate, walked and swam in the indoor pool. On Friday we went to the Show. What lovely quilts on display. There were about 23 stands and of course many purchases were made. I also went along to some demonstrations like Charlotte Scott. On Saturday we had another day of stitching and on the Sunday we headed home and I flew back to Palmy. A great few days away.



## Block of Month

Here's one of our earlier BOM's put together and doesn't it look so effective. Our last month Autumn-toned Country Themed block was very simple to do and hopefully there will be lots coming in at our June meeting.

**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



### 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

#### 2026

- Friday 27 and Saturday February 2026
- Friday 26 and Saturday 27 June 2026
- Friday 27 and Saturday 28 November 2026

#### Full Retreats – Silverstream Retreat

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



## Classes Coming Up

If you plan on attending any class can you please remember to fill in a class booking sheet first, then pay for the class.

- For a class to go ahead there must be a minimum of nine attendees.
- Confirmation of the class going ahead will be made four weeks out from start date
- To secure a place within a class, the fee is to be paid in full at least four weeks prior to the class

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	<b>Fiesta – Diana Carroll (See photo above – will be a great class)</b>	Class needs list now available and will be emailed to everyone enrolled.	Fiesta
19 July	<b>UFO – Di Barnden</b>		UFO
16 Aug	<b>Clear Project Bag – Rosemary Ward</b>	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	<b>To be confirmed</b>	Maybe Quilt as you Go	
18 Oct	<b>Dunkards Path or Orange Peel</b>	Tutor to be arranged – yet to be confirmed	
15 Nov	<b>Quilted Bags - Clare Smith</b>	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](mailto: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

Please talk to our librarian Maree if you have any particular books or magazines you'd like to see in the library.



## 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	
<b>Hall:</b>	Lindy McKeown	<b>Hall:</b>	Lindy McKeown
<b>Kitchen:</b>	Christine Gibbs Margaret McLeod	<b>Kitchen:</b>	Leonie Bond Patricia Fouhy
<b>Sales:</b>	Jean Corin Verena Coleman Denise Field Nicola Drake	<b>Sales:</b>	Jean Corin Verena Coleman Denise Field Nicola Drake
<b>Raffles</b>	Helen Westerbeke	<b>Raffles</b>	Ruth Cameron
<b>Quilt Holders:</b>	Marilyn Piercy Dianne Traveller	<b>Quilt Holders</b>	Isobel Whooley Hannie van Cruchten
<b>Frames</b>	Alz and Janine Armstrong	<b>Frames</b>	Alz and Janine Armstrong
<b>Library:</b>	Marg Jorgensen	<b>Library:</b>	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](mailto:prudencecw@gmail.com)

Rachel-Mary Perry is our Club Almoner. Please contact Rachel-Mary on 021 1705 151 or email [rmpperry1943@gmail.com](mailto:rmpperry1943@gmail.com) if you know of someone coping with an illness or bereavement.



## 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.

### 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?

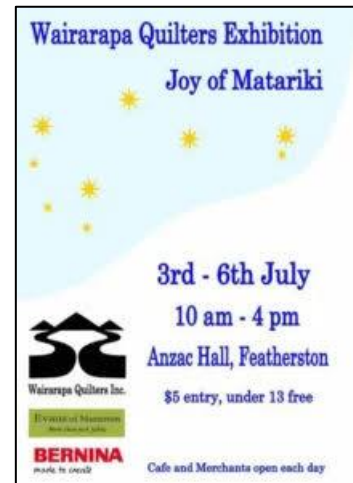
If so, please let Prue (prudencecw@gmail.com) know so she can update lists and keep you in touch with Coastal Quilters.

### 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.

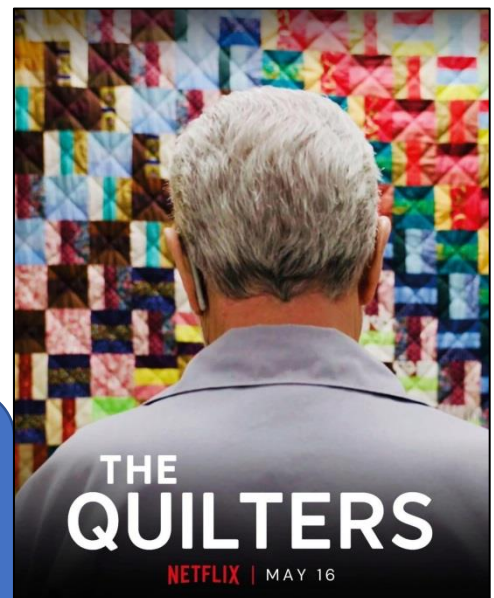
## Committee 2024/25

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<b>Off Committee Roles</b>		
Maree Le Comte	Librarian	04 232 4425
Prue Cooke-Willis	Membership and Gift Quilts	027 337 3493



#### Worth a Watch

The Quilters is a powerful Netflix documentary that takes you inside a maximum security prison where a group of incarcerated men find purpose, expression and redemption through quilting in a space that becomes more than just a sewing room. it becomes a lifeline.



#### Club Day Raffles

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





Coastal Quilters Events Calendar 2025		
May	24	<b>Sit and Stitch</b> , St Andrews Church Hall, Plimmerton
June	14	<b>Club Meeting</b> , Plimmerton Hall
	20-21	<b>Gems of the Bay, Tauranga Patchwork &amp; Quilters Club</b> , Tauranga Yacht Club, 90 Keith Allen Drive, Tauranga Fri 9.30 – 5.00 and Sat 9.30 – 4.00pm \$8.00 entry
	21	<b>Class - Fiesta with Diana Carroll</b>
	27-28	<b>Mini Retreat</b> , St Andrews Church Hall, Plimmerton
July	3-6	<b>Wairarapa Quilters Exhibition</b> , ANZAC Hall, 62 Bell St, Featherston 10.00 – 4.30 pm \$5.00
	4-5	<b>Auckland Quiltmakers Show and Market</b> , Mt Albert War Memorial Hall, 773 New North Rd, Auckland 10.00am – 4.00pm
	5	<b>Gift Quilt Work Day</b> , St Andrews Church Hall, Plimmerton
	12	<b>Club Meeting &amp; AGM</b> Plimmerton Hall
	26	<b>Sit and Stitch</b> , St Andrews Church Hall, Plimmerton
	19	<b>Class - UFO with Di Barnden</b>
August	2	<b>Club Shop Hop Bus Trip</b> (details in newsletter)
	9	<b>Club Meeting</b> , Plimmerton Pavilion
	16	<b>Class - Clear Project Bag – Rosemary Ward</b>
	23	<b>Sit and Stitch</b> , St Andrews Church Hall, Plimmerton
September	5-7	<b>Full Retreat, Silverstream</b>
	13	<b>Club Meeting</b> , Plimmerton Hall
	20	<b>Class tbc (possibly Quilt as you Go)</b>
	27	<b>Sit and Stitch</b> , St Andrews Church Hall, Plimmerton
October	11	<b>Club Work Day</b> , Plimmerton Pavilion
	18	<b>Class - tbc</b>
	25-26	<b>Sit and Stitch</b> , St Andrews Church Hall, Plimmerton
	31- 2 Nov	<b>Auckland Festival of Arts</b> , Auckland Netball Centre, 7 Allison Ferguson Drive, St Johns, Auckland \$10
November	8	<b>Club Meeting</b> , Plimmerton Hall
	15	<b>Class - Quilted Bags, Clare Smith</b> , St Andrews Church Hall, Plimmerton
	22	<b>Sit and Stitch</b> , St Andrews Church Hall, Plimmerton
	28-29	<b>Mini Retreat</b> , St Andrews Church Hall, Plimmerton
December	13	<b>Last Club Meeting for year and Christmas Party</b>