



June 2025 Newsletter

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President's Piece

Those of you who missed Bev Willaims speak to us at the last meeting missed a treat. She started with some family history that connected her whakapapa to Taranaki and Wales. Bev's weaving journey only started 15 years ago when she turned 70. At this age she decided that harakeke would be too hard on her hands so uses wool. One of the first korowai she made was for her family and this has been used by several members already. She has used feathers from a number of different native and non-native birds and explained how they are inserted to prevent them falling out. The korowai were stunning and considering each one takes 1-2 years to make, Bev has been incredibly productive and innovative in her designs.

A big announcement at the meeting was the launch of our new website. Subsequently an email has been sent to all members. You can now view our website from a variety of devices and you can book classes and retreats online. Payments are still to be done through direct banking to avoid the surcharges that would have occurred through the website. From a Committee perspective, it is now much easier to keep the website up to date. We are grateful to Rainbow Creative who designed the website and especially for their help as Lindy and I got to grips (or not) with driving the systems. If you have any questions or spot any mistakes/ irregularities – please send an email to our Coastal Quilters address coastal.quilters@gmail.com

We have our gift quilt workday on 5 July. This is a fun day and a great opportunity to make real progress on all aspects of quilt making for our charities. Last year the jelly roll race was very entertaining so I'm sure this year's challenge will be equally exciting. You don't have to come for the whole day, feel free to pop in for a shorter time.

The July meeting is our AGM but don't be put off as it usually lasts about 10 minutes. I have received a couple of nominations for the Committee but ideally would like one or two more as we have two people retiring from the Committee. Nominations need to be submitted by **9 July**. I'll be stepping down as President at this meeting so will be handing over this column to someone else.

Nicky

Mini Retreat

**Friday and Saturday,
27 and 28 June 2025**

St Andrews Church Hall

Doors Open 1.00 pm Friday

AGM and Club Day

Saturday, 12 July 2025

Plimmerton Hall, Sunset Parade,
Plimmerton

Doors open: 12.45 pm

Meeting starts: 1.30 pm

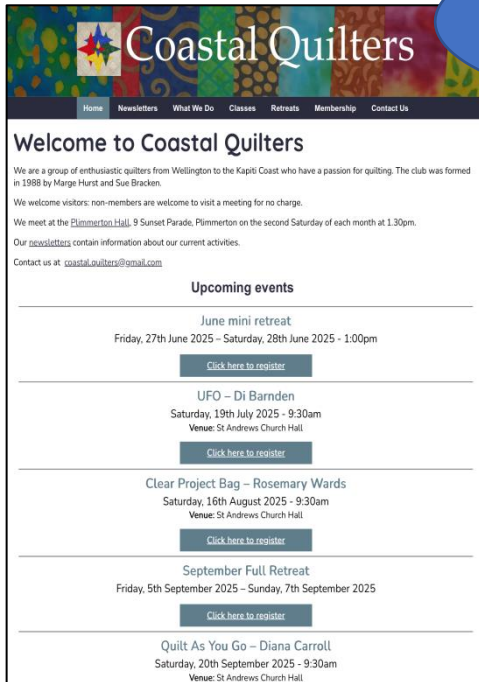
Speaker: Camilla Watson

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Have you checked out our new website yet?
www.coastalquilters.org.nz



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Welcome to Coastal Quilters

We are a group of enthusiastic quilters from Wellington to the Kapiti Coast who have a passion for quilting. The club was formed in 1988 by Marge Hurst and Sue Bracken.

We welcome visitors: non-members are welcome to visit a meeting for no charge.

We meet at the **Plimmerton Hall**, 9 Sunset Parade, Plimmerton on the second Saturday of each month at 1.30pm.

Our **newsletters** contain information about our current activities.

Contact us at: coastalquilters@gmail.com

Upcoming events

June mini retreat Friday, 27th June 2025 – Saturday, 28th June 2025 - 1:00pm
Click here to register
UFO – Di Barnden Saturday, 19th July 2025 - 9:30am Venue: St Andrews Church Hall
Click here to register
Clear Project Bag – Rosemary Wards Saturday, 16th August 2025 - 9:30am Venue: St Andrews Church Hall
Click here to register
September Full Retreat Friday, 5th September 2025 – Sunday, 7th September 2025
Click here to register
Quilt As You Go – Diana Carroll Saturday, 20th September 2025 - 9:30am Venue: St Andrews Church Hall



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Newsletters

Our newsletters are published monthly. They contain information on upcoming events, recent meetings or events and other quilty things further afield.

May 2025



April 2025

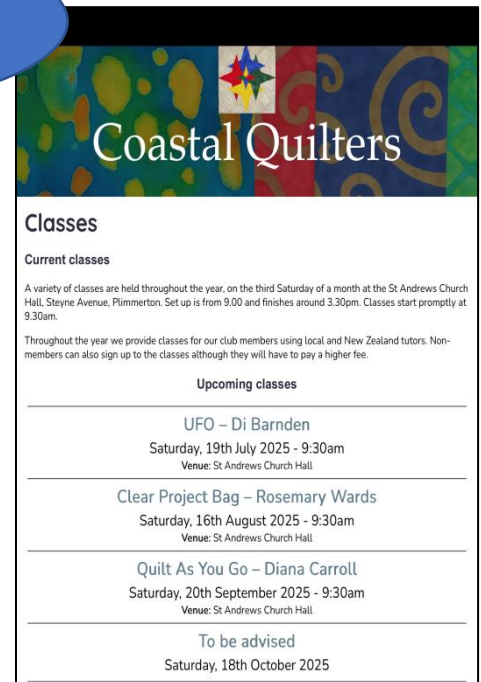


March 2025



February 2025





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Classes

Current classes

A variety of classes are held throughout the year, on the third Saturday of a month at the St Andrews Church Hall, Steyne Avenue, Plimmerton. Set up is from 9.00 and finishes around 3.30pm. Classes start promptly at 9.30am.

Throughout the year we provide classes for our club members using local and New Zealand tutors. Non-members can also sign up to the classes although they will have to pay a higher fee.

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Quilt As You Go – Diana Carroll Saturday, 20th September 2025 - 9:30am Venue: St Andrews Church Hall
To be advised Saturday, 18th October 2025

2025 Speakers

July: AGM followed by Camilla Watson

Camilla, who has been quilting and teaching adults for over 30 years and has won many awards, will talk about her quilting journey.

- Check what's coming up
- Enrol online into classes and retreats
- Catch up with previous newsletters

Mini Retreat

Mini Retreat is coming up tomorrow Friday, 27th starting at 1.00 pm and again all day Saturday, 28 June at St Andrews Church Hall. Everyone is very welcome to attend. If you haven't already registered, you can do this through our new website www.coastalquilters.org.nz or contact Hannie to let her know. Cost for full retreat is \$20 or if you intend coming for just one of the days it's \$15.00.

Shop Hop Bus Trip Time - 2 August

Mark this in your diary and get your name down quick. Places are filling up.

- Departs 7.30am Plimmerton with pickups at Paraparaumu and Waikanae
- We will visit five Quilt Shops...Fibre Flair, Cherry Pie, Hidden Hollow (an offshoot of Foxes Cottage), 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.

SUBS FOR 2025/2026

Subscriptions are \$30.00 for 2025/26 year, same as last year, and are now due. They can be paid either at our next Club day or by internet banking (details below), thank you.

Account Name: Coastal Quilters Inc.
Bank: BNZ - 02 0524 0056822 00
Account No: 02 0524 0056822 00

Gift Quilts and Work Day

Workday will be at St Andrews Church Hall on Saturday, 5 July from 9.30am – 3.00pm. Come with your sewing tools for the time that you're able. Details were in the May newsletter. We'll be working on Gift Quilts plus a bit of fun sewing in the afternoon. So far for 2025, we have 17 completed Gift Quilts. This workday will help us with the completion of at least as many again by the end of the year.

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A big thank you to those members who have recently donated these latest gift quilts.

A Lesson - Working on Value

Check this out

(If you're anything like me, I have difficulty choosing colours and what goes with what!)

https://exuberantcolor.blogspot.com/2010/03/lesson-on-value.html?fbclid=IwQ0xDSwLIGp5leHRuA2FIbQIxmQABHIoHb6j3r7vobK7IYQFPidLXXqVzsUMLQ5e2tod94cHYknMZ6eW5TQeMEK42_aem_pSRf7fGc_L-l9CLLyfSglQ



Block of Month

Here's one of our recent BOM's put together by Judith and now ready for quilting. Another great one to add to our Gift Quilts.

June's BOM is a Disappearing Rail Fence block and we look forward to seeing these returned at our July meeting. These will make another beautiful quilt for someone. Pattern is from *Create with Claudia*, *Disappearing Rail Fence* and some good tips for piecing this block can be found on Youtube

https://youtu.be/v_JkahCywZo?si=HF0Jr8NPhk9u5dDD



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



It was all heads down at the recent Fiesta Class.

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

Classes Coming Up

If you plan on attending any class can you please remember to enrol online, <https://coastalquilters.org.nz/> and 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

For March next year Diana Carroll is booked to teach a Foundation Piecing class.

We do have the October date now free – so if anyone has any suggestions on what they would like to have a go at please speak up as we need to know people's interests.



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
19 July	UFO – Di Barnden	Bring along any projects that you may be stuck on for some group input and advice. Di will be on hand to help, advise and get you back on track.	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	Quilt as You Go – Diana Carroll		YAYG
18 Oct	tbc	To be confirmed	
15 Nov	Quilted Bags - Clare Smith	Quilted Bags	QBags
21 March 26	Foundation Piecing – Diana Carroll		Foundation

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.

Recent Fiesta Class



Some of the completed Fiesta blocks. A great class, seemed very complicated at the start but by following the very clear instructions works well and makes a lovely quick quilt.

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.

July 2025		August 2025	
Hall:	Lindy McKeown	Hall:	Lindy McKeown
Kitchen:	Leonie Bond Patricia Fouhy	Kitchen:	Catherine Doughty Leta Hunter
Sales:	Jean Corin Verena Coleman Denise Field Nicola Drake	Sales:	Jean Corin Verena Coleman Denise Field Prue Cooke-Willis
Raffles	Ruth Cameron	Raffles	Anne Briggs
Quilt Holders:	Hannie van Cruchten Merilyn Maclachlan	Quilt Holders	Sandra Baird Raewyn French
Frames	Alz and Janine Armstrong	Frames	Alz and Janine Armstrong
Library:	Jeanette Zimmerman	Library:	Marilyn Holland

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)

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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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Denise Daniel	Treasurer	021 433 647
Moira Butterfield	Secretary and Archives/Librarian Liaison	021 0345 580
Lindy McKeown	Newsletter Editor	021 2800 315
Hannie Van Cruchten	Retreats	021 0338 070
Nicola Drake	Sales Table/Raffle Liaison	021 396 473
Angela Ambler	Classes	027 2802 391
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

A reminder to be mindful about looking after ourselves (especially with our Mini Retreat coming up tomorrow.

HEALTHY HABITS FOR QUILTERS



AVOID SITTING FOR TOO LONG
Set a timer every 30 minutes, and get up and stretch and move for 5



DO MORE STEPS
Set up your ironing board or cutting mat in the next room



If your phone rings, have a walking conversation
Turn up your favourite song and boogie!



AVOID MUSCLE STRAIN
Set up your cutting mat at kitchen bench height



Set up your sewing machine so your joints are in neutral alignment



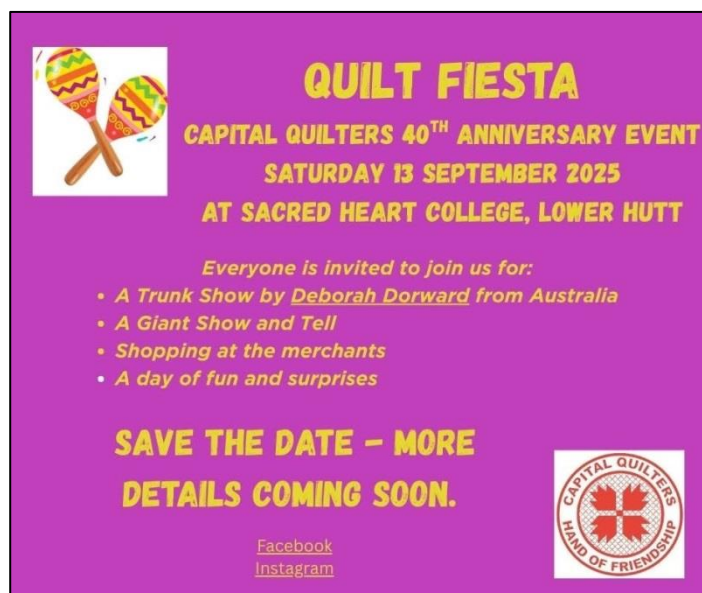
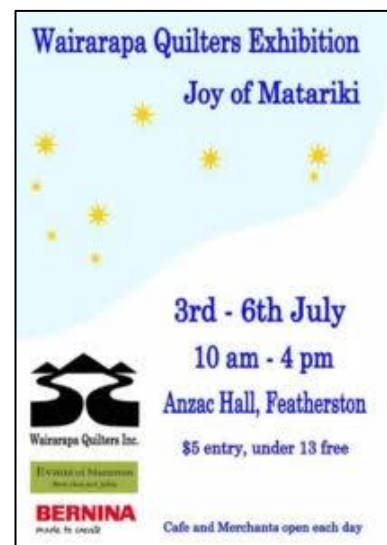
LOVE YOUR EYES
Look up from your work regularly and change your point of focus



TAKE CARE OF YOUR BODY
Eat well and get enough sleep



HYDRATE
Take a water bottle into your sewing room.



Club Day Raffles

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

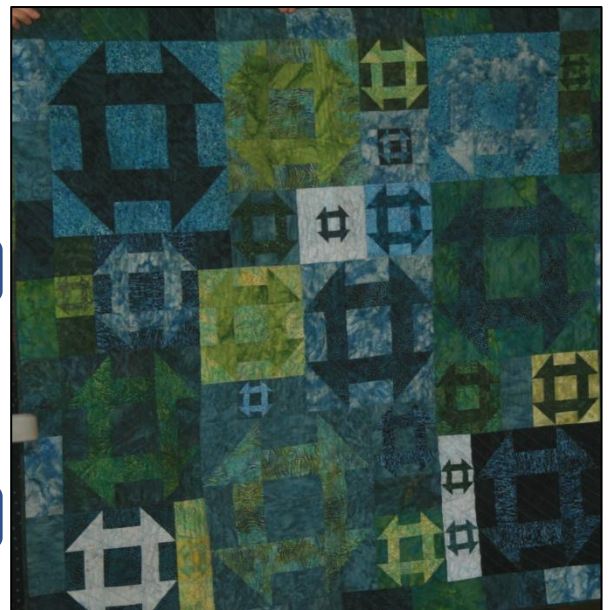
Show and Tell



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Above and Right: Prue's



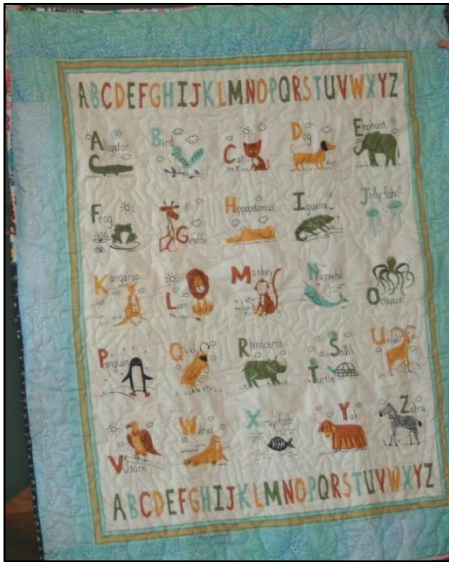
Left: Denise's



Right: Prue's



Above: Alison T's



Left, Right and Below:
Lisa's latest four
completed.



Below: Al's latest jacket. (Love the
pockets and the back Alz)



Above: Al's stitchery finished. (Sorry
if it's a bit hard to see the stitches.)



Coastal Quilters Events Calendar 2025		
June	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
	4-5	Auckland Quiltmakers Show and Market, Mt Albert War Memorial Hall, 773 New North Rd, Auckland 10.00am – 4.00pm
	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	2	Club Shop Hop Bus Trip (details in newsletter)
	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
	13	Quilt Fiesta – Capital Quilters 40th Anniversary Event, Sacred Heart College, Lower Hutt
	13-14	Kapiti Coast Quilt Exhibition, Southward Car Museum, Otaihangā - 9.00 -4.00 pm
	20	Class – Quilt as you Go – Diana Carroll
	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