



October 2025 Newsletter

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hi all

A small group of ladies attended workday on Saturday October 11th, the weather was pretty miserable that day which would have been the reason that not many wanted to venture out. Those who did attend got quite a bit of work done and enjoyed the day, there was definitely a lot of laughter going on.

Workday is always a good day to sort out bits and pieces it was a good time for Maree and helpers to tidy up the library books.

I would just like to mention that at our last Committee meeting we agreed on making Christmas stockings again to be presented at our Christmas meeting in December the same as last year, which was a great success, Nicola has forwarded the pattern to Judith which will go into the newsletter. Please go to 'Coastal Quilters' online, click on Newsletters and you will be able to download the pattern.

Please take care, till next time.

Hannie



Club Day

Saturday, 8 November 2025

SGM to approve finances

2024/2025 year

Plimmerton Hall, Sunset Parade, Plimmerton

Doors open: 12.45 pm

Meeting starts: 1.30 pm

Guest Speaker: Lorraine Jones
Bali & Fabrics

Next Sit and Stitch

Saturday, 25 October 2025

St Andrews Church Hall

Doors Open: 10.00am

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Symposium 2026

The next Symposium will be held in Christchurch 1-6 October 2026.



2025 Speakers

SGM

Please note the November Meeting is also the SGM to approve the finances and accept the Treasurer's report

November: Lorraine Jones.

Lorraine has visited Bali for many years and recently lead two tours to this delightful country that included some club members. She will have a slide show with the classes the tour group participated in as well as a show and tell of the results of these classes.



Christmas Meeting 13 December

Mini Christmas Market.

Do you have any surplus fabric, wool or notions you would like to pass on to a good home?? At our Christmas meeting we are inviting Club members who may just have a little bit of fabric (or wool or notions) that they no longer need, (or a lot!) to have a small stall to enable them to pass it along.

This would be strictly cash only, and each seller would be responsible for their own float, cash and pricing. There will be no charge for members who wish to have a stall. Stalls can be shared as space may be a bit limited.

If interested, please email coastal.quilters@gmail.com and advise if you would like a half table or a full table.

Raising money for guide dogs

Jan is a Coastal Quilter's member who lives in the Wairarapa but faithfully comes to the Silverstream retreats. She also does 'puppy raising' for guide dogs and we have had the privilege of meeting several generations of puppies at retreat.

At our December meeting we will have a table to sell items to raise money for guide dogs as we would like to support this charity. We will be bringing some items but if you have other things you would like to bring then please do so. It would be helpful if you could price items before you bring them and appreciated if you take away anything that doesn't sell

Hannie and Nicky



Christmas Stockings

We intend again this year donating little Christmas Stockings. A copy of the pattern is attached, if you haven't got one already. We will gather these all in at our November meeting. They were greatly appreciated last year and members had a lot of fun making them.

Mini Retreat

Just a reminder that Mini retreat is coming up at the end of November Friday 28 - Saturday 29, you can book online, go to 'Coastal Quilters' click on Retreats, you will see November Mini Retreat and click on register.

Sit & Stitch

The club pays \$150 for the cost of the hall hire for each Sit & Stitch. There has been no attendance fee ever requested so it has been suggested that maybe a Koha be given from attendees to cover this cost to the club. The committee would welcome feedback on this suggestion.

Block of Month

As it was work day last month there was no new BOM. There will be a new Butterfly block at the November meeting and then over the Summer period we would welcome members making any of the previous blocks given during the year so that quilts can be finished for the Gift Quilts.

Gift Quilts

Thank you to those contributing recently by way of piecing, quilting and binding. There has been a steady flow of quilt projects coming through. We are well on track for our annual gifting to Women's Refuge, plus we are exploring other charity areas. Alison won't be at the November meeting, so if you have items to return, please contact her via phone or text, or see Prue or Judith at the meeting.



From Lindy's Travels



Amazing how you come across crafters everywhere! At present I'm on the Queen Elizabeth sailing down the coast of the United States, after having visited Alaska, and now making our way into Mexico, Costa Rica and eventually through the Panama Canal and some Caribbean islands. Each sea day I meet up with a group of crafters for an hour or so, some quilters involved, and we work on our varied projects. There is always plenty of chat and laughter, just like our Sit and Stitch.

Although I thought I had plenty of fabric cut ready to make hexies, I find I'm going to run out. I had found a fabric shop in Alaska and of course had to buy a couple of pieces to bring home. A quick visit to the Pursers office today has solved the problem of being able to carry on with my project while we're

away. So long as I don't take their scissors away from the Pursers Office I will be sitting outside their office tomorrow cutting away into my new fabric so I can happily keep working on my hexies project. Problem solved! Happy quilting everyone.

PS. We've now finished our month's cruise and after a couple of days rest in Miami will be starting the next part of our trip. Highlights, apart from life aboard the Queen Elizabeth, have been sailing through the Panama Canal, visiting a few Caribbean islands and meeting so many people from all over the world.



Library

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

Classes

Quilted Bag class with Clare Smith - 15 November 2025

WE ARE FULL - no more registrations available - waiting list available - but we don't want to disappoint anyone.

We have 12 participants - can you all please make payment for the class by 1 November - as that is two weeks out before the class.

If for some reason you have to pull out of the class - the Coastal Quilters rules for refunds will be upheld.

Looking forward to this class and remember if you have scraps at home - bring them along. We hope to bring the bucket of scraps that sits in the supper room on meeting days will come along for the day as well.

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.

The Quilted Bag class is the last one 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
15 Nov	Quilted Bags - Clare Smith	Quilted Bags	QBags
21 March 26	Foundation Piecing – Diana Carroll	Foundation Piecing	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.

A Request from the Sales Table

Over the past year we have worked very hard to sort out items that go on the sales table so we can offer good quality bargains.

A reminder when you are donating anything: Please think about whether someone else would really want this or is it junk?? The ladies over the last few months have had to take home bags of rubbish that are simply not fit for putting on the table.

They would like to say a big thank you though to everyone for the good stuff that is constantly being donated.

Happy shopping!

Helper Duties

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.

November 2025	
Hall:	Merilyn Maclachlan
Kitchen:	Diane Traveller Lynne Kennedy
Sales:	Jean Corin Verena Coleman Denise Field Nicky Gardner
Raffles	Sue Haynes
Quilt Holders:	Lisa Avery Nicola Drake
Frames	Alz and Janine Armstrong
Library:	Diana Lacey

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.

Other 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 rmpperry1943@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.

Club Day Raffles

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

Committee 2025/26

Nicky Gardner	Sales Table	021 0711 571
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Moirra Butterfield	Secretary	021 0345 580
Lindy McKeown	Newsletter/WebSite	021 2800 315
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Angela Ambler	Classes	027 2802 391
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Off Committee Roles		
Maree Le Comte	Librarian	04 232 4425
Prue Cooke-Willis	Membership and Gift Quilts	027 337 3493
Alison Spurdle	Gift Quilts	027 306 2822

Mark these following retreats in your diary

Mini Retreats – St Andrews Church Hall

- 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

- 1-3 May 2026 and 28-30 Aug 2026



Coastal Quilters Events Calendar 2025		
October	25-26	Sit and Stitch , St Andrews Church Hall, Plimmerton
	25-26	Rose City Quilters Present: Celebration of Quilts , Community Leisure Centre, 549 Ferguson St, Palmerston North, 9.00 – 4.00pm
	25-26-27	Golden Bay Stitch and Quilt Group 10.00-4.00pm, Monday, 10.00-2.00pm, Collingwood Memorial Hall \$3 entry
	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 , Plimmerton Hall
2026		
February		Club Meeting , Plimmerton Hall Speaker Lindy from Stitchbird
March	21	Class: Foundation Piecing – Diana Carroll
May	1-3	Retreat Silverstream
August	28-30	Retreat Silverstream
October	1-6	Quilting Symposium 2026 – Threads of our Time , Christchurch