



December 2025 Newsletter

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Thank you everyone for making Coastal Quilters last meeting of the year a special one, presenting the Life Membership certificates was truly special.

The Christmas Market was such a buzz, it gave everyone a chance to see some great work on display. Thank you to everyone for providing the delicious afternoon tea and also for the food items and gold coin donations.

Louise took 4 big cartons of food and Christmas goodies to St. Vincent de Paul foodbank and \$40.00 cash.

- The Guide dog's table raised \$123.50
- CQ book/ magazine sale \$39.10
- CQ raffle \$62,90

I wish you all Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, make sure you all look after yourself, looking forward to next year.

Hannie

Life Membership

The Committee had recently agreed that Life Membership would be awarded to anyone who has been a member of Coastal Quilters for 35 years and has served on the Committee during that time.

At our recent December meeting we were very happy to award life membership to the following members:

- Marge Hurst
- Sue Bracken
- Florence Hodder
- Janice Emeny
- Lesley Hall
- Sheila Hardwick

Congratulations and thank you for all your hard work, dedication and contribution to Coastal Quilters over many many years.

Next Sit and Stitch

Saturday, 24 January 2026

St Andrews Church Hall

Doors Open: 10.00am

Next Club Meeting

Saturday, 14 February

Plimmerton Hall, Sunset Parade,
Plimmerton

Doors open: 12.45 pm

Meeting starts: 1.30 pm

Next Mini Retreat

Friday/Sat, 27-28 February 2026

St Andrews Church Hall

Doors Open: 10.00am

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Photos follow of the recipients being presented with their Life Membership Certificate by President, Hannie. Unfortunately Sheila, Lesley and Florence were unable to attend the meeting.



Marge Hurst



Sue Bracken



Janice Emeny



On behalf of Florence Hodder

Gift Quilt Gifting 2025

This year's Gift Quilts were donated to He Huarahi Tamariki (A school for teenage parents), Porirua Women's Refuge, and Foster Hope. Judith Havill and I felt a little bit like Santa Claus as we came with our bundles of warmth made by Coastal Quilters to the three organisations.

He Huarahi Tamariki (HHT), established in 1994, is a school for teenage parents based in Linden. It provides a second chance education for students unable to complete their formal secondary education due to pregnancy or the birth of a child. There are around 30 students at the school, and when canvassed, ten students expressed an interest in receiving a quilt. We were able to deliver ten bigger sized quilts to the school the morning of Fri 28 Nov. They had held their prizegiving the day before, and due to that and our early arrival we weren't able to meet any of the recipients. Our contact at the school, and some of the staff who were present, were very grateful for the quilts, knowing that they would be very welcome in those student's homes.

Te Whare Tiaki Wahine Refuge is now the only Refuge based in Porirua. We have been gifting to them for a few years now and once again they were very grateful for the donation of 22 quilts we delivered on 3 Dec. Some of the quilts will be gifted to children of families that come through their system, and some will be put in the safe house they run to go on the beds and for gifting as required. This year the refuge has been able to finish the refurbishment of a safe house. The refurbishments have included disability access and new bathrooms. The house has a communal kitchen and living area, with one wing set up more for a family (wahine and children) to be together, and the other wing having several rooms and bathroom for wahine on their own.

Foster Hope helps foster caregivers and children arriving into temporary care with practical support in the form of a backpack of essential items. Many of these children arrive at their new placements with little more than the clothes on their backs. The backpacks bring a little hope into what is a very stressful time in their life. When there is sufficient supply, a quilt (or blanket) is included in the backpack. Foster Hope Wellington covers the lower North Island and are recipients of other quilt group's efforts. However, when we reached out to them, they expressed a need for a few quilts suitable for boys. We were able to deliver five appropriate quilts to their drop off point on 10 Dec. They were very gratefully received, and we would be keen to continue supporting them in the future.

Most of us know how comforting a quilt can be, not just on our beds, but when wrapped around us. Quilts provide a sensory oasis, warmth and memories. The 37 quilts we as Coastal Quilters have made and gifted this year will be providing comfort and making a difference in the lives of some precious young people in our region.



Judith and Alison with Foster Hope representative, June.



With Fiona from Te Whare Tiaki Wahine Refuge and a sample of the 22 quilts donated.

As Gift Quilt co-ordinator, I want to express my thanks to you all for your participation, in whatever form, and your generosity in making these quilts. We look forward to continuing this tradition of giving and supporting these wonderful organisations with more quilts in the coming year.

Alison, Prue and Judith

At He Huarahi Tamariki with a couple of staff and students (one hiding while holding the quilt!).



Mini Retreat 28/29 November

As always Mini retreat was a great couple of days. After being a bit worried about low attendance, in the end 20 people attended over the two days. This time there were more people doing their hand stitching rather than machine sewing. It goes without saying there was lots of chatting and laughter, at the same time everyone still kept sewing, we all know quilters are multi taskers.

Food, glorious food, thank you to everyone for contributing, not only for morning and afternoon tea but also for Friday evening's dinner and Saturday's lunch - simply yummy.

Thank you Lesley for making sure the necessary cups of tea, coffee, morning and afternoon tea kept everyone going during the day as well as the setting up for dinner on Friday evening and Saturday lunch.

If you feel you have missed out on our November retreat don't despair our next Mini retreat will be happening in February 27/28, make a note in your calendar love to see you there.



Block of Month

There was a new Butterfly block introduced at our November club meeting and we hope everyone was able to pick up a packet. 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. Thank you again.



Classes

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



Foundation Piecing Class by Diana Carroll

2026 Dates	Class Name	Description	Payment Code
21 February	UFO – Di Barnden	UFO or Finish It (tbc)	UFO
21 March	Foundation Piecing – Diana Carroll	Foundation Piecing (see photo previous page)	Foundation
18 April	Scrappy Quilts - Marg Davidson		Scrappy
20 June	Birds Quilt – Marg Rogerson		Birds



Scrappy Quilts Class with Marg Davidson



Birds Class with Marg Rogerson

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.

February 2026		March 2026
Hall:	Lindy Mckeown	Lindy Mckeown
Kitchen:	Annette Veitch Rhonda Walmsley	Leonie Bond Trish Carpenter
Sales:	Jean Corin Verena Coleman Denise Field Nicky Gardner	Jean Corin Verena Coleman Denise Field Nicky Gardner
Raffles	Marg Jorgensen	Ruth Cameron
Quilt Holders:	Isobel Whooley Emma Addington	Lisa Avery Sandra Baird
Frames	Alz and Janine Armstrong	Alz and Janine Armstrong
Library:	Helen Vesterbeke	Jeanette Zimmerman

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.

Have a read next page about Quilt Symposium and why you should register

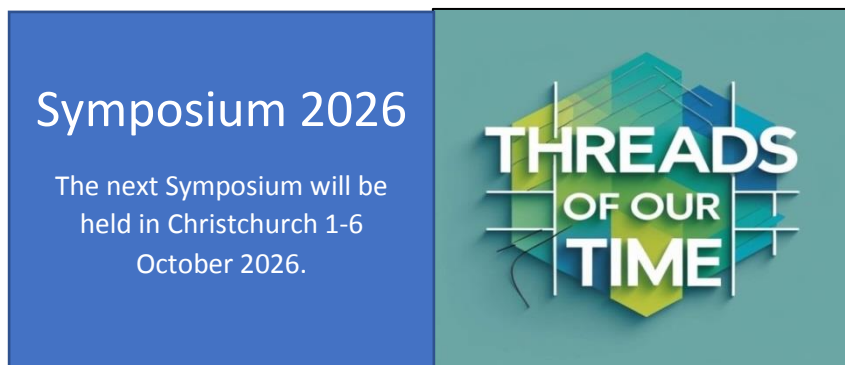
Enrol online now for the following retreats

Mini Retreats – St Andrews Church Hall

- Friday 27 and Saturday 28 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



The 2026 Quilt Symposium will be held at Burnside High School in Christchurch from Thursday 1 October through Tuesday 6 October 2026.

Symposiums are a unique experience that are run for quilters by quilters. We will be hosting 9 international tutors from the USA, UK, France and the Netherlands as well as several Australian and New Zealand tutors. There will be the main Symposium exhibition plus the Tutors exhibition and a selection of visiting exhibitions. Alongside these will be a large Merchants Mall to tempt us all.

Why register for symposium?

- To get direct email newsletters keeping you up to date with everything happening at the Symposium
- To be able to register for classes at symposium
- To be able to register for lectures, awards ceremony, special function and closing ceremony at Symposium
- To be able to enter your quilts in the exhibitions
- Cost is \$35 per person, and you can do this online at www.quiltsymposium.com.

Classes will be live on our website from February 7th , 2026.

Exhibition categories are on our website now and the “Threads of our Time” challenge is 30cm x 30cm and every quilt entered will be shown. This is a chance for everyone to make a little quilt and have a quilt on show at the Symposium.

Coastal Quilters Events Calendar 2026		
2026		
January	24	Sit and Stitch , St Andrews Church Hall, Plimmerton
February	14	Club Meeting , Plimmerton Hall Speaker Lindy from Stitchbird
	27/28	Mini Retreat , St Andrews Church Hall, Plimmerton
March	14	Club Meeting , Plimmerton Hall
	21	Class: Foundation Piecing – Diana Carroll
	28	Sit and Stitch , St Andrews Church Hall, Plimmerton
April	11	Club Meeting , Plimmerton Hall
	18	Class: Scrappy Quilts , Marg Davidson
	25	Sit and Stitch , St Andrews Church Hall, Plimmerton
May	1-3	Full Retreat Silverstream
	9	Club Work Day , Plimmerton Hall
	23	Sit and Stitch , St Andrews Church Hall, Plimmerton
June	13	Club Meeting , Plimmerton Hall
	20	Class: Birds Quilt , Marg Rogerson
	26/27	Mini Retreat , St Andrews Church Hall, Plimmerton
July	11	AGM and Club Meeting , Plimmerton Hall
	25	Sit and Stitch , St Andrews Church Hall, Plimmerton
August	8	Club Meeting , Plimmerton Hall
	22	Sit and Stitch , St Andrews Church Hall, Plimmerton
	28-30	Full Retreat Silverstream
September	12	Club Meeting , Plimmerton Hall
	26	Sit and Stitch , St Andrews Church Hall, Plimmerton
October	1-6	Quilting Symposium 2026 – Threads of our Time, Christchurch
	10	Club Work Day , Plimmerton Hall
November	27/28	Mini Retreat , St Andrews Church Hall, Plimmerton