



# January 2026 Newsletter

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Wishing you all a wonderful, healthy and happy New Year, hopefully you all had a good break these holidays and you are all looking forward to an exciting new year at Coastal Quilters. We ended on a high note last year with the excitement of having our own market day as well as the presenting of the Life Memberships.

We will be having plenty of activities this year. There will be our monthly meetings every second Saturday of the month and as always there will be very interesting guest speakers. Our monthly sit and stitch startis on this Saturday, January 24th, monthly classes first one is in February and not to forget three Mini Retreats with the first one at the end of February and then two full Silverstream Retreats. I am sure there will be plenty of new project started, as well as finishing those that have been sitting around for some time.

Just a reminder, if you haven't started your block of the month butterfly yet there is still time before our next meeting, looking forward to seeing you all on the 8th of February.

Hannie

## Mark these following retreats in your diary

### Mini Retreats – St Andrews Church Hall 2026

- 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 2026

- Friday 1 to Sunday 3 May 2026
- Friday 28 to Sunday 30 Aug 2026

### Full Retreats – Silverstream Retreat 2027

Friday 30 April to Sunday 2 May 2027  
Friday 3 to Sunday 5 September 2027

### Next Sit and Stitch

**Saturday, 24 January 2026**

St Andrews Church Hall

Doors Open: 10.00am

### Next Club Day

**Saturday, 14 February 2026**

Plimmerton Hall, Sunset Parade,  
Plimmerton

Doors open: 12.45 pm

Meeting starts: 1.30 pm

Speaker: Lyndy from Stitchbird

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## Next Speakers:

**February:** Lyndy from Stitchbird

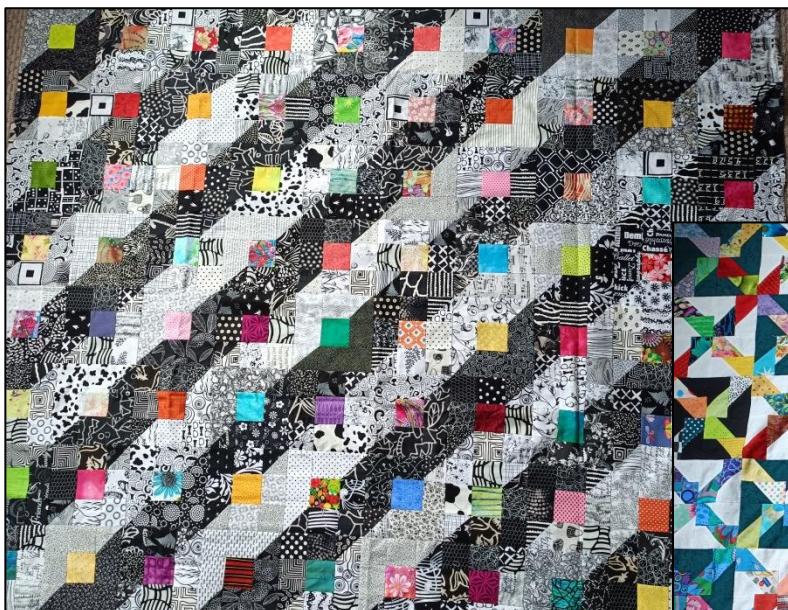
*Kia ora, my name is Lyndy and I am a fabric addict! I have always loved sewing and made things for both myself and to sell. It was my fabric addiction that led me to start Stitchbird in 2009.*

*Stitchbird is my happy place. It is filled with colour, warmth, personality and a touch of whimsy designed to inspire your creativity and flair! I love both vintage looks and modern vibes and you'll find a mix in store with our vintage sheet fabric packs and vintage slow stitching kits alongside fabrics from contemporary designers like Ruby Star Society and Heather Ross. We're passionate about design and making and we love sharing this. We love helping our customers and offering our opinions and guidance and being part of the creative design process. While most of this happens in store, we're also happy to talk on video calls and emails. I still love to sew when I get time and my fabric habit is a lifelong addiction.*

**Lyndy will be talking about her quilting journey and how she chooses what to buy for her shop. She will also be bringing along some things to sell and we'll have a table set up front for this.**

## Block of Month

Judith has put together over the last couple of weeks two BOM quilt tops - see photos below. Don't they look great. Thank you to everyone who contributed in making these blocks.



Left: Sunshine and Shadows

Below: Jagged X



**A reminder to please remember to bring along any butterfly blocks you may have made over the holidays. Judith will have another block sorted for members to pick up at our February meeting.**

# Library

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



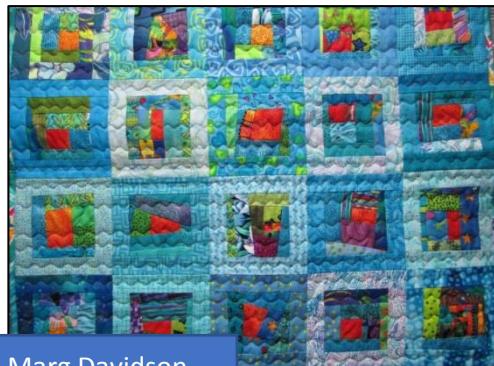
## Classes

**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.

Please note that at time of writing this newsletter we don't have many enrolled in our March class with Diana Carroll and Foundation Piecing. Diana is always a great tutor and this class has been organised by popular request. According to the Club's Class Policy, if we don't get sufficient numbers before 4 weeks of start of a class, it will be cancelled. We would hate to do this, but unless we receive a good number of enrolments over the next couple of weeks, we will have to consider cancelling the class. If you want to do this class, please enrol online asap. Thank you.

2026 Dates	Class Name	Description	Payment Code
21 February	<b>UFO – Di Barnden</b>	UFO or Finish It (tbc)	UFO
21 March	<b>Foundation Piecing – Diana Carroll</b>	Foundation Piecing (see photo above)	Foundation
18 April	<b>Scrappy Quilts - Marg Davidson</b>	See photos below	Scrappy
20 June	<b>Birds Quilt – Marg Rogerson</b>	See photos below	Birds



Scrappy Quilts Class with Marg Davidson



Birds Class with Marg Rogerson

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.**

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

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 (Nicky) 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](mailto:prudencecw@gmail.com)

Rachel-Mary Perry is our Club Almoner. Please contact Rachel-Mary on 021 1705 151 or email [rmperry1943@gmail.com](mailto: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.



**Club Day Raffles**

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

Just in case you don't know!

The eye of a hand sewing needle is larger on one side than the other. If you have trouble threading your needle, try turning the needle around.



## Committee 2025/26

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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
Alison Spurdle	Gift Quilts	027 306 2822



### It's never the colour you think it should be!

Choosing thread colours for multi-coloured quilts can be surprising. Neither of these colours of thread is a colour you see in any of the fabrics but they are both great options for quilting the quilt. Neutral threads in medium values are often the best option if you're looking for a thread that blends with a variety of colours and values. Placing a single strand of thread on the lightest and darkest fabrics in the quilt will tell you if you've got a winning thread colour.

## Symposium

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



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