



February 2026 Newsletter

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

And just like that March is around the corner, how quickly the days pass. Looking on the positive side, we did have some nice warm summer days and survived the stormy days.

What a disappointment that our February club day had to be cancelled. This was due to Porirua City Council confusion over our reserved club days, the rest of the years club days are all firmly booked in. I am sure we were all looking forward to Lyndy from Stitchbird being our guest speaker. This will have to be put on hold as Lyndy is going overseas in April.

Denise, our treasurer, following the recommendation from our auditor, has been working very hard to get Xero accounting software up and running for our club finances. Thank you Denise, this will be a lot easier than our current system where we just use an Excel spreadsheet.

You should well and truly have finished your butterfly block of the month by now, seeing we all had an extra month to finish it. The reason why the monthly blocks are important is quite simple, not only will you learn a new technique but also the finished quilts from the blocks of the month are gift quilts to be distributed to different community groups.

Looking forward to seeing you all at our March club day till then, take care.

Hannie

Mini Retreat

Saturday, 27-28 February 2026

St Andrews Church Hall

Doors Open: 1.00 pm

Next Club Day

Saturday, 14 March 2026

Plimmerton Hall, Sunset Parade, Plimmerton

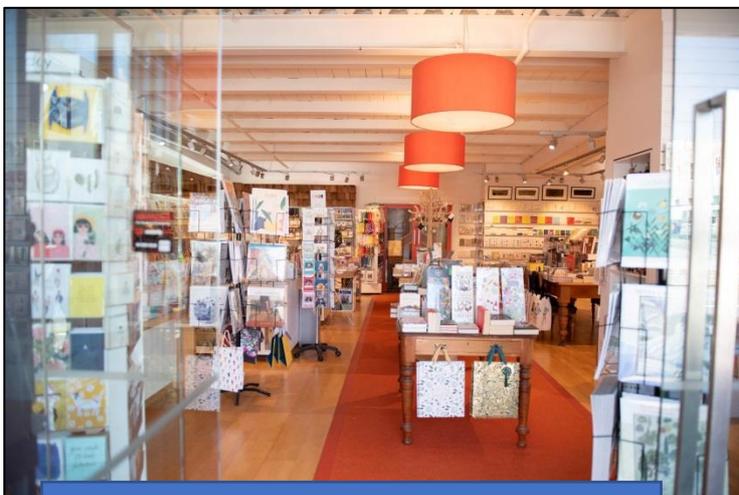
Doors open: 12.45 pm

Meeting starts: 1.30 pm

Speaker: Marcelle Pilkinton

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Minerva's closing sale continues with 30% off storewide. Sale ends 28 February.

Shop ONLINE and enter code GOODBYE30 at checkout for 30% off.

Celebrating 40 Years

In 2028 Coastal Quilters will be 40 years!!!

It's time to start thinking/ planning on how we celebrate Coastal Quilters 40 years in 2028.

If you're keen to join a sub-committee/group or have ideas on what we should do, please talk with one of our committee members. We'd love to hear your ideas.

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 start of the class.

If you want to give this Foundation Piecing Class with Diana Carroll, please enrol online asap.

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.



2026 Dates	Class Name	Description	Payment Code
21 March	Foundation Piecing – Diana Carroll	Foundation Piecing (see photo above)	Foundation
18 April	Scrappy Quilts - Marg Davidson	See photos below	Scrappy
20 June	Birds Quilt – Marg Rogerson	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) 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

Please note that as we didn't have our February meeting, I have transferred those lucky members who were down for duty in February over for duties in April.

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.

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

If you're into scrappy quilts here is another good YouTube video "Rainbow String Pieced Quilt" by the Last Homely House <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hYxxoac001E&authuser=1>



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

Rachel-Mary Perry is our Club Almoner. Please contact Rachel-Mary on 021 1705 151 or email mperry1943@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 March club day raffles, from Thimbles and Threads.

Committee 2025/26

Hannie Van Cruchten	President /Retreats	021 0338 070
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Denise Daniel	Treasurer	021 433 647
Moira Butterfield	Secretary	021 0345 580
Lindy McKeown	Newsletter/Website	021 2800 315
Angela Ambler	Classes	027 2802 391
Judith Havill	BOM/Gift Quilts	027 3198 235
Merilyn Maclachlan	Speakers	021 0222 1214
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



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TARANAKI PATCHWORKERS & QUILTERS
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Quilt Festival 2026
Stratford War Memorial Centre
61 - 63 Miranda Street
Whakaahurangi, Stratford
15th & 16th May
10am - 4pm
17th May 10am - 3pm
Theme: Friendship
Cost: General \$10... Under 15 years: Free entry



Quilt Exhibition - Raffles - Guest Exhibitor - Jennifer Patterson
Merchant Mall - Quilter's Shop



THANK YOU TO THE STRATFORD DISTRICT CREATIVE COMMUNITIES
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Quilts, Quilts, Quilts

Hawke's Bay Patchworkers and
Quilters
Biennial Exhibition

Taradale Town Hall
26th - 28th March 2026
Thursday to Saturday
9 am - 4.00 pm
\$5.00 Entry





ROSE CITY QUILTERS PRESENTS

TOTE & GLOAT 2026

SATURDAY 2 MAY
8.30am-5pm

FLY PALMY Arena 2
61 Pascal Street
Palmerston North

GUEST SPEAKER: ANNA PRUSSING

QUILT CHALLENGES
QUILT EXHIBITIONS
SHOW AND TELL
DOOR PRIZES AND RAFFLES
MERCHANT MALL
LIMITED DOOR TICKET SALES

ENTRY FEE: \$25

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ROSE CITY QUILTERS
Tote and Gloat
Saturday 2 May 2026

WHANGAMATA PATCH & QUILT

QUILT & TEXTILE ART SHOW

King's Birthday Weekend: **9am-4pm, 30-31 May**
Whangamatā Memorial Hall: **328 Port Road**

Featuring Guest Exhibitor: **Cherie Gurney**

Come visit many of your favourite merchants, including Pfaff and Bernina

Aotearoa Quilters Challenges

Raffles
Café on site
Quilts for sale

EFTPOS available
\$5 entry (kids free)



Symposium

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



Coastal Quilters Events Calendar 2026

February	27/28	Mini Retreat , St Andrews Church Hall, Plimmerton
March	14	Club Meeting , Plimmerton Hall – Speaker Marcelle Pilkinton
	21	Class: Foundation Piecing – Diana Carroll
	26-28	Hawke's Bay Patchworkers and Quilters Biennial Exhibition , Taradale Town Hall
	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
	2	Tote and Gloat 2026 , Fly Palmy Arena 2, Palmerston North 8.30 – 5.00 pm
	9	Club Work Day , Plimmerton Hall
	15-17	Quilt Festival 2026, Taranaki Patchworkers Exhibition
	23	Sit and Stitch , St Andrews Church Hall, Plimmerton
	30	Gift Quilts Workday , St Andrews Church Hall, Plimmerton
	30-31	Whangamata Patch and Textile Art Show , Whangamata Memorial Hall, 328 Port Road
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
December	12	Club Meeting , Plimmerton Hall
2027		
May	14-16	Great NZ Quilt Show , Hamilton