



# March 2026 Newsletter

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

First of all, I would like to thank Marcelle Pilkington again for her talk and explanation about her family's 'Historical Family Sampler' - it was truly fascinating.

What a great display of quilts our members showed. This takes me to Coastal Quilters' 40th Anniversary coming up. There will be no shortage of beautiful quilts from all our members on display, suggestions and ideas are welcome.

Raewyn Hill received a thank you letter from Neo-Natal – Wellington. It is always good to know that the donation of quilts and beanies from our Coastal Quilters members are greatly appreciated, the thank you letter is included in the newsletter.

Margaret Wright and Lisa Avery have joined Coastal Quilters Committee; I am sure their input will be appreciated. However quite a few Committee members will be leaving at the next AGM. Please, please more members are needed. Being a member gives you a greater understanding of how Coastal Quilters works and what goes on behind the scenes.

Have a wonderful Easter and please not too much indulging eating chocolate eggs!!!

See you again Saturday April 11th at 1pm.  
Hannie



Lovely to see Anne-Marie at our recent meeting. Here is Anne-Marie's masterpiece – one block itself contains 173 pieces.

### Next Sit and Stitch

**Saturday, 28 March 2026**

St Andrews Church Hall

Doors Open: 1.00 pm

### Next Club Day

**Saturday, 11 April 2026**

Plimmerton Hall, Sunset Parade, Plimmerton

Doors open: 12.45 pm

Meeting starts: 1.30 pm

Speaker: Robin Klitscher

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# 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.

## March Club Day

Marcelle Pilkinton talked about her Historical Family Sampler handed down through the family from her Great Great Grandmother and the clues she found in searching her Scottish origins, her family having come from an island in the Outer Hebrides off the West Coast of Scotland. Marcelle had created a copy of the original sampler made by her GGG Grandmother prior to 1800, at aged about 10 years old, and which is typical of old English samplers in pinks and greens.

## Next Speakers:

**April:** Robin Klitscher

"I have had a 75 year love affair with the House of Liberty since my grandmother brought me back enough Tana Lawn for a dress in 1951. Since then I have shopped and collected, clocks, vases, boxes, candlesticks, and jewellery, but mainly fabric, scarves, shirts, hankies, sewing kits and dresses.

This is a once over lightly history of the iconic store in London."



**June:** Fifi Coulson

**July:** tbc

**August:** Lyndy from Stitchbird

## Mini Retreat

February Mini Retreat was attended by 22 members, a great turnout. As always there was plenty of food to keep us going - this is very important as quilting builds up an appetite! Some of the quilts finished at Mini Retreat were also shown at our March club day.

I also have to say thank you to Lesley. Without Lesley, many quilters would be dehydrated at the end of the day. Lesley makes sure morning and afternoon tea is provided without fail, as well as dinner on the Friday evening and lunch on Saturday. The atmosphere is always a happy one, especially because everyone is doing what they love. Try coming to our next Mini Retreat in June Fri.26/Sat.27 this give you a taste of what retreats are about. Our next mini retreats this year will be 26/27 June and 27/28 November.



Nicola's work nearing completion at our February Mini Retreat

## Silverstream Retreat

Silverstream Retreat, coming up Friday May 1st to Sunday May 3<sup>rd</sup>, is not that far away. So far 11 people have booked for the whole weekend and 2 people for Saturday only. You can register online go to Coastal Quilters Retreats. <https://coastalquilters.org.nz/full-retreat-registration-form/>

If you have not been to a full weekend retreat, come and join us you will not be disappointed. Just sit back close your eyes and think of a weekend without having to cook, clean, do the laundry or anything else going on in your household - isn't that just bliss, just sewing and being around like-minded people who are willing to help you with anything quilting you ask. A week before Silverstream Retreat a letter will be send out so you know what to bring. Looking forward to seeing you there.

## Gift Quilts

Thank you to Judith and Prue for looking after the Gift Quilts while I've been away. Some lovely quilt tops have been donated and added to the many tops we already have that need quilting. Thank you to the makers!

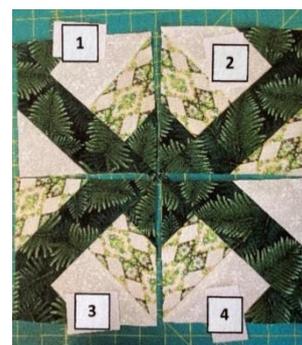
Our workday in May will focus on pinning quilt tops. However, I will do my best for the April meeting to have a couple of quilts ready for simple quilting. Thank you for every bit you do towards providing special quilts for the kids in our community.

Alison, Prue and Judith

## Block of Month

Judith showed us her latest BOM at our March meeting and explained her philosophy when creating each BOM in trying to get everyone, no matter their ability, involved in having a go at doing something a little different and learning something, or maybe this could lead to a new idea for your next project. If you didn't get a pack on Saturday, instructions have been emailed out earlier and are also available on our website.

<https://coastalquilters.org.nz/block-of-the-month/> Give it a go.



## 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.



Blocks from a recent Saturday's Foundation Piecing class .

2026 Dates	Class Name	Description	Payment Code
18 April	Scrappy Quilts - Marg Davidson	See photos below	Scrappy
20 June	Birds Quilt – Marg Rogerson	See photos below	Birds
July/Aug	Churn Dash – Di Barnden	Dates will be confirmed soon	Churn
19 Sept	Caddy Bag – Rosemary Ward	“Like a workman’s tool caddy!”	



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

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.

	April 2026	June 2026
<b>Hall:</b>	Lindy Mckeown	Lindy Mckeown
<b>Kitchen:</b>	Annette Veitch Rhonda Walmsley	Jan Lucas Joy McDonald
<b>Sales:</b>	Jean Corin Verena Coleman Denise Field Nicky Gardner	Jean Corin Verena Coleman Denise Field Nicky Gardner
<b>Raffles</b>	Marg Jorgensen	Shelley Knox
<b>Quilt Holders:</b>	Isobel Whooley Emma Addington	Bridget Quigan Sally Ross
<b>Frames</b>	Alz and Janine Armstrong	Alz and Janine Armstrong
<b>Library:</b>	Helen Westerbeke	Margaret McLeod

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 [mperry1943@gmail.com](mailto: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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<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

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**Quilt Festival 2026**  
 Stratford War Memorial Centre  
 61 - 63 Miranda Street  
 Whakaohurangi, 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

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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

ROSE CITY QUILTERS  
 Tote and Gloat  
 Saturday 2 May 2026

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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  
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 including Pfaff  
 and Bernina

Aotearoa Quilters  
 Challenges

Raffles  
 Café on site  
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EFTPOS available  
 \$5 entry (kids free)



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 St Anne's Church Hall, Newtown

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 where you can shop for vintage and modern sewing and  
 upholstery fabric, patterns, haberdashery and more.

**Symposium**

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

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 OF OUR  
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To find out more information:  
<https://quiltsymposium.com>

# Show and Tell



Above: A collection of 7 of Alison T's latest quilts.

Below: Louise and Rachel – Mary worked these two beautiful Jen Kingwell designs.





Two by Angela



Bags made in Clare's class by Nicola and Nicky



Quilt and skirt by Georgina



Birds by Mary Goldsbury



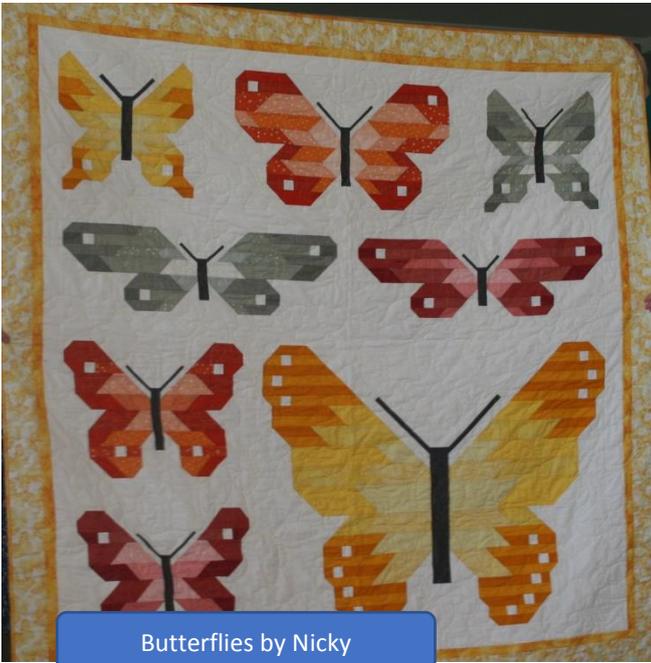
Back of Prue's temperature quilt



Quilts by Prue



By Heather



Butterflies by Nicky



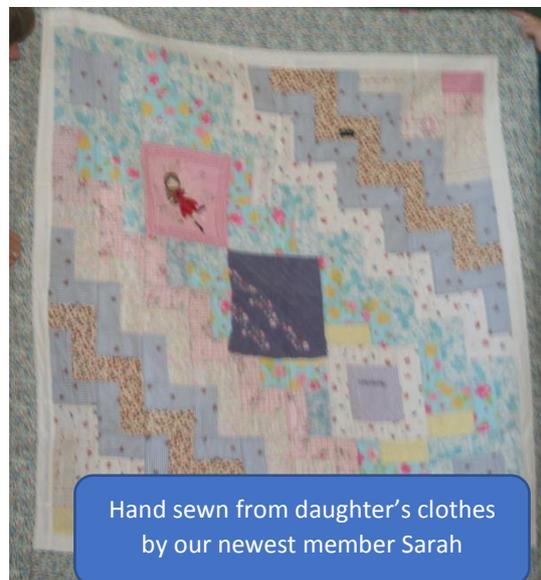
Three by Mary Hutchinson



Three by Raewyn French



After 10 years finally finished by Nicola



Hand sewn from daughter's clothes by our newest member Sarah

## Coastal Quilters Events Calendar 2026

March	26-28	<b>Hawke's Bay Patchworkers and Quilters Biennial Exhibition</b> , Taradale Town Hall
	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
	18	<b>Fabric-a-Brac</b> , St Anne's Hall, Newtown Wellington 10-00 – 1.00pm
	25	<b>Sit and Stitch</b> , St Andrews Church Hall, Plimmerton
May	1-3	<b>Full Retreat Silverstream</b>
	2	<b>Tote and Gloat 2026</b> , Fly Palmy Arena 2, Palmerston North 8.30 – 5.00 pm
	9	<b>Club Work Day</b> , Plimmerton Hall
	15-17	<b>Quilt Festival 2026, Taranaki Patchworkers Exhibition</b>
	23	<b>Sit and Stitch</b> , St Andrews Church Hall, Plimmerton
	30	<b>Gift Quilts Workday</b> , St Andrews Church Hall, Plimmerton
	30-31	<b>Whangamata Patch and Textile Art Show</b> , Whangamata Memorial Hall, 328 Port Road
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, Christchurch</b>
	10	<b>Club Work Day</b> , Plimmerton Hall
November	27/28	<b>Mini Retreat</b> , St Andrews Church Hall, Plimmerton
December	12	<b>Club Meeting</b> , Plimmerton Hall
<b>2027</b>		
May	14-16	<b>Great NZ Quilt Show</b> , Hamilton