



Jacqui Thomson has been involved with rughooking since 1994 as a co-founder and member of the Narrwilliy Progers in NSW.

Also a member of the Australian Rugmakers Guild and The International Guild of Handhooking Rugmakers (TIGHR), Jacqui has travelled and met with rughookers in Australia and overseas. Recently in New Zealand Jacqui met up with Canadian Sybil Mercer, an accomplished punchneedle rug hooker. During that visit Sybil gave Jacqui lessons in punchneedle rughooking and says Jacqui was quick to learn and become proficient in this technique.



Jacqui will share what she learned from Sybil in workshops at the Strathalbyn Rugmaking Expo.

For these sessions Jacqui will provide a design already drawn on backing fabric or help you transfer a design of your own to backing fabric, and show participants how to use the punchneedle. Frames, punchneedles and yarn will be provided for use in the workshop.

Sybil, founder of the **Chantry School of Rughooking**, now planning for its 25th year in 2015 says
*I discovered Russian Punch Needle about 10 years ago and became immersed in this new technique and use it to record scenes of our many travels - this way I can pack what I need.
 It is my hope that more people will learn to love this technique as much as I do. There are endless possibilities i.e. bags, pictures, belts, pillows, upholstery, dollhouse mats ,brooches, gift cards, 3 D work.*

A recent work by Sybil is - By The Shore - 30" x15" worked on cotton, stretched and professionally framed. Fine merino yarn hand dyed, metallic thread for hair, stone for faces, cotton for mermaid face. Angelica plant in French knots, Snoopy, my little dog is a button, driftwood torso, ribbon shawl.



"Surfin' Santa" This Christmas Card with an insert, punch hooked with fine yarn by Sybil, was sent to the Editor of the Australian Rugmakers Guild 2010