

# CONNECTING US

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Australian Rugmakers Guild

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Hello Australian Rugmakers,

We are calling this newsletter 'Connecting Us' because that is what we hope to do, connect Rugmakers all over Australia. We all seem to travel, and it is interesting and happy to call and see another group, or individual rugmaker. There is a list of groups and contact people at the end of this newsletter.

## IMPORTANT

If you change your email or postal address, or if you prefer not to receive this newsletter, please would you advise me, Miriam Miller at email [narrawillyfarm@shoal.net.au](mailto:narrawillyfarm@shoal.net.au) or 35 Stony Hill Lane Milton NSW 2538.

Copies of the revised edition of the book 'Proggy and Hooky Rugs' are available from Miriam Miller. Cost \$20 plus \$8.25 postage. Multiple copies at a cheaper rate.

## RUG HOOKING ADVENTURE

Royal Caribbean Cruise Line's 'Explorer of the Seas' March 30<sup>th</sup> to April 12 2016. Departs Sydney and returns Sydney.

Cruising New Zealand and the South Pacific.

Rug Hooking and Art workshops for 6 days of the 12 days at sea with Heather Horsfall and Susie Stephenson

For more information go to [melanie@cruiseholidays.com](mailto:melanie@cruiseholidays.com)

Pre cruise package from 24<sup>th</sup> March 2016 includes 4 nights accommodation in Sydney and two nights accommodation in Mollymook with a visit to Narrawilly Proggy Ruggers

## JUDITH BROOK—KINGAROY QUEENSLAND



Brooches made by Judith.

## From THARA PECK - WAGGA WAGGA N.S.W

Several years ago, I heard someone on the radio talking about a rag rugging book which had been written by Miriam Miller. Curious about the craft, I googled Miriam Miller and gathered from information available on the internet that Miriam had experience with teaching vision impaired persons to rag rug.

In July 2014, my husband and I travelled from Wagga Wagga to Milton so that I could learn the art of rag rugging from Miriam. Miriam has such a wealth of knowledge and is generous with sharing all the information and experience. After 2 days of fun, laughter and rag rugging I left Milton with a lot more things than when I had arrived!

It has been an empowering experience. I find proddy rugging therapeutic as I enjoy some quiet time with just the rug and me. As a trainee pastor, I spend a lot of time with people. Sometimes, it is just relaxing to sit with a rug and create a new design in my mind and then transfer it to the rug. As I am adult blind, I can still see colours in my mind and love working with them.

To date, I have completed 2 cushion cover size prodded rugs. I also had the opportunity to teach other persons with a disability to proggy rug and knit a rug.

I am currently experimenting working with a variety of backings and find that some are more tactile than others.



I hope to be able to continue sharing this skill with others as I have found it to be wonderful to recycle preloved clothing and make something new with them!

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## DONNYBROOK W.A. FROM ROBIN INKPEN

Robin ran two workshops during March. The 22nd Rag Rug Locker Hooking and on the 30<sup>th</sup> Rug Hooking. Also to come, a display and demonstration of Rugmaking at the Apple festival on Easter Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April<sup>h</sup> by the Donnybrook Hookers. Please go along if you are in the area. During Balingup Open Day 6<sup>th</sup> May, Robin will be demonstrating rug making. A very busy time in Donnybrook. Pictured on the right, one of Robin's rugs entitled 'The Hills R alive with colour.'



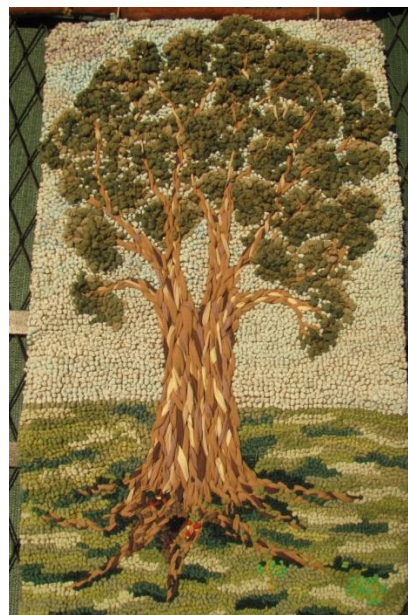


# DIFFERENT IDEAS



Ruth Hassall..... Chook rug painted on canvas

Rug made by Rachel Colombo of the Bermagui Group. Notice the way Rachel has created the trunk of the tree and foliage.



## NEWS FROM STRATH MATTERS. S.A.

Our group has grown, so now Strath Matters are meeting in the Strathalbyn Town hall Supper room, still on the first and third Fridays, each month. Lately we seem to have cornered the market on doona covers and sheet sets as we make floor mats and bags using the naal binding(toothbrush) method. Bags are quick and easy to make, look attractive and are hard wearing.

We have a blog

[Strathmattersrughookinggroup.wordpress](http://Strathmattersrughookinggroup.wordpress)

Marion N has finished the portrait of her husband George. (Thank you Chris Noorbergen for the fabulous workshop.



# JUDITH BROOK'S WORKSHOPS AT CROMWELL NEW ZEALAND

## HELPING HANDICAPPED PEOPLE



A rug finished by the lady on the left who made it for her son's dog. She did a great job, even getting the lettering right. Notice men enjoying the workshop too.



## SUNSHINE COAST RUG CRAFTERS

Nearly half the members of the Sunshine Coast Rug Crafters have had a chance to use the new Fraiser cutter that was generously donated to the group by the NSW group, Narrawilly Proggly Ruggers. The new cutting machine was greatly appreciated and has already seen some heavy use! Many thanks to Miriam Miller and the NPR group. It is opening up some new ideas for the group.

Photo of Pat, Diana and Bea.



**LOST PROPERTY.** I have found a pair of amethyst and silver drop earrings. Left after a function last year. Please let me know if you are missing them. Miriam.



## PHOTOS FROM CORNWALL ENGLAND



Photos of the work of the 'Happy Hookers group in Cornwall at their annual exhibition called 'We are not just doormats'





## PHOTOS FROM BELLINGEN GROUP



Anne is making a rug from grey blankets and the finished rug will be 8 feet (2.4 metres) by 12 feet (3.45 metres).



## VISIT to TUMBARUMBA AND HOLBROOK



### TUMBARUMBA WORKSHOP PARTICIPANTS 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2015

Miriam Miller with Jacqui Thomson and Maggie Whyte had four exciting days visiting Tumbarumba and Holbrook to hold rugmaking workshops.

The first was held in the Pioneer's Hut in the grounds of the Glenyon Heritage Museum about 7km out of Tumbarumba. Anne Christie, a volunteer here, joined us to learn with 12 other local women the techniques of rug making. Everyone was enthusiastic and by the end of the day had covered all aspects and tried their hand at flower making, which seemed to be the high point of the day.

After the workshop ended we headed for Holbrook. Another drive through scenic country, until we reached Kerrie and Greg Cowie's property at Lankeys Creek, about 50 km out of Holbrook. Two of us stayed the night with Kerrie and Greg Cowie and Maggie stayed with Alison and Steve Cowie.

We left our hosts early for the drive to Holbrook on Monday morning to be ready for our 10 students, who arrived at 9.30. Another full day as there is always a lot to learn. Again a great deal was achieved and all had learnt the techniques of proggy and hooky methods.

Our thanks to Alison Cowie who works at Holbrook Library and who made this workshop possible, as well as providing tea/coffee and some homemade slice and biscuits. It is amazing where rugmaking takes one and the wonderful people we meet.







HOLBROOK PARTICIPANTS 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2015

## CONTACTS

If you would like to be added to this list please advise Miriam Miller.

### New South Wales.

MILTON, South Coast (3 hours south of Sydney)

Narrawilly Proggy Ruggers. Meet 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Fridays every month.

Contact Miriam Miller at email [narrawillyfarm@shoal.net.au](mailto:narrawillyfarm@shoal.net.au). Phone 02 4455 6870

BELLINGEN, North Coast

Contact Maxine Keys at email [baznmax@bigpond.com](mailto:baznmax@bigpond.com) Phone 02 6655 0591

Group meets 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the month from 10am until no set time.

BERMAGUI

Bermagui Rug Hookers. Contact Dawn Hollins at email [pigeontree@live.com](mailto:pigeontree@live.com)

### Australian Capital Territory

CANBERRA

Contact Maggie Whyte at email [maggieandfish@hotmail.com](mailto:maggieandfish@hotmail.com) Phone 02 6281 0988

Mobile [0488747953](tel:0488747953)



AINSLE- Spinners and Weavers Rooms- ‘Kurrajong’ Cnr Angas and Shebrooke Streets, Ansle  
contact jenny Harber phone 02 6230 2429

## South Australia

### STRATHALBYN

Strath Matters. Meet 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Fridays

Supper room of the Strathalbyn Town Hall

Contact Judy Stephens at email [studioblue20@gmail.com](mailto:studioblue20@gmail.com) Phone 08 85363451

## Western Australia

### DONNYBROOK

Donnybrook Hookers – meet every Wednesday 10am to 2pm

Old Blue Guide Hall, Cnr Ramsay Terrace & Marmion St, Donnybrook-

Contact Robin at email [robin.inkpen22@gmail.com](mailto:robin.inkpen22@gmail.com) Phone 08 9731 2874

### WANNAROO

The Wannaroo Rugmakers. Meet every Saturday morning 10am to 1pm at the Library and Cultural Centre in Northern Suburb of Wannaroo.

Contact Jo Franco at [raggedyjaydesigns@yahoo.com.au](mailto:raggedyjaydesigns@yahoo.com.au)

## Queensland

### KINGAROY

Contact Judith Brook at email [judybrook@gmail.com](mailto:judybrook@gmail.com)

### SUNSHINE COAST

The Sunshine Coast Rug Crafters meet twice each month at the Beerwah Library, 25 Peachester Road Beerwah. Map info about the library location at

<http://library.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au/sitePage.cfm?code=libraries-map>

The group meets the **Second Monday** and the **third Tuesday** of each month from 2.30 – 5.30p.m.

New members are always welcome

Contact Judi Tompkins -- email [judi.tompkins@bigpond.com](mailto:judi.tompkins@bigpond.com) or skype juditompkins

### Meeting dates for 2015

2nd Monday	3rd Tuesday
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13 April	21 April
11 May	19 May
8 June *	16 Jun
13 Jul	21 Jul
10 Aug	18 Aug
14 Sept	15 Sept
12 Oct	12 Oct
9 Nov	17 Nov
14 Dec	15 Dec

- Queen's birthday – date will be confirmed

#### NORTH TAMBORINE

The Happy Hookers North Tambourine contact Bec Anderson email [info@becanderson.com](mailto:info@becanderson.com)

#### Tasmania

##### DELORAINE

The happy Hookers, Deloraine contact Joanne Wild email [wildjoanne@gmail.com](mailto:wildjoanne@gmail.com)

#### Victoria

Yarra Valley Rugmakers. Meeting days vary, so please check on blog.

Look on blog for more information <http://victorianrugmakers.blogspot.com.au>

contact Christina Noorbergen email [jerryandchrist@hotmail.com](mailto:jerryandchrist@hotmail.com) Phone 03 56596127

Joy Marshall email [themarshalls@optusnet.com.au](mailto:themarshalls@optusnet.com.au)

Anne Schafer email [a.schafer@bigpond.com](mailto:a.schafer@bigpond.com)



RUG DESIGNED AND MADE BY KAREN KAISER IN ONTARIO CANADA.



## *Australian Rugmakers Guild Membership/Renewal\* Application*

[www.rughookingaustralia.com.au](http://www.rughookingaustralia.com.au)

<https://www.facebook.com/australianrugmakersguild>

NAME ..... PHONE (.....).....

ADDRESS.....

CITY.....STATE.....

POST CODE ..... EMAIL ADDRESS .....

SKYPE NAME .....

Membership fees: \$20 per year due 1<sup>st</sup> January each year.  
(If you require receipt, please include a stamped addressed envelope)

Cash: \$ ..... Cheque: \$ ..... Money Order \$ ..... \*Direct Deposit \$ .....

\*Online direct deposit payment can be made contact Jo @ [rugcraftersaustralia@yahoo.com.au](mailto:rugcraftersaustralia@yahoo.com.au) for details.

★ **Renewal Applications** please complete all details

**Privacy Notice:** Please note your email address, street address and phone number is listed in the Membership Directory. Information from the Directory is available, upon request, to Australian Rugmakers Guild members. Please mark with an (\*) any of your information you do not wish to have provided to **other members**.

**Mail application to – Jo Franco, Membership Chair, Australian Rugmakers Guild  
PO Box 2212, Clarkson, WA 6030**

Are you interested in forming, or being part of a rug hooking group in your local area? Yes [ ]

Please indicate your suburb or the distance you're willing to travel to join a group .....

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