



This is not the official newsletter of the Australian Guild of Rugmakers

This is a newsletter compiled by Miriam Miller, President Emeritus to help keep
Australian Rugmakers connected.

1st September 2015

KIRA MEAD

Western Australia

Kira has collected blankets for years, without knowing what she would do with them.

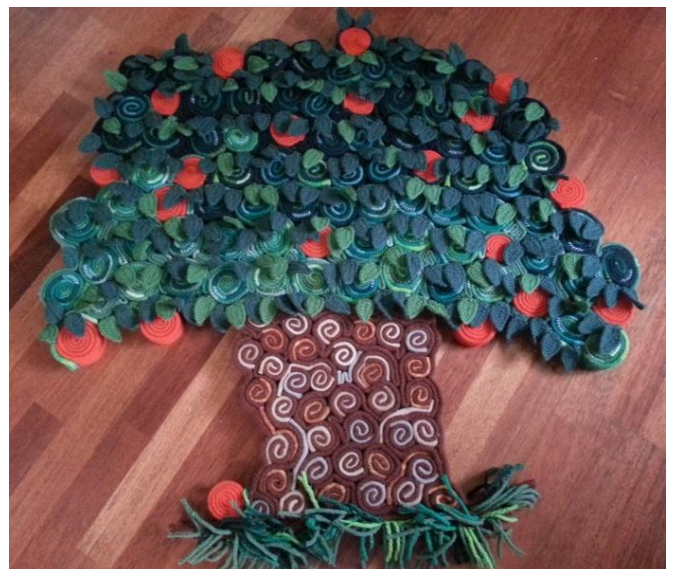
Quite by accident Kira found out about Quillies, Standing rugs and Accidental carpets while looking on the internet. Making her first Standing rug, Ideas just flooded to Kira, she finds her work is evolving. She washes and cuts the blankets into strips, then dyes, using food colouring.

The strips are folded over and hot glued then rolled together, in amazing colour combinations. You can feel Kira's excitement just by looking at her creations.



Kira had an article in the last issue of the American Rughooking Magazine. She will be exhibiting at the Great Southern Art Trail in late September

For her latest piece Kira has made an orange tree with crochet leaves incorporated.



She has just completed this Chain Stitch Rug.



Chair cover



Blanket dyed ready for use.

Kira said 'I only started making rugs last October. To say its been a bit of a whirlwind ever since is an understatement.'

NARRAWILLY
PROGGY
RUGGERS
MILTON

Rug at right by
Margaret Ryan

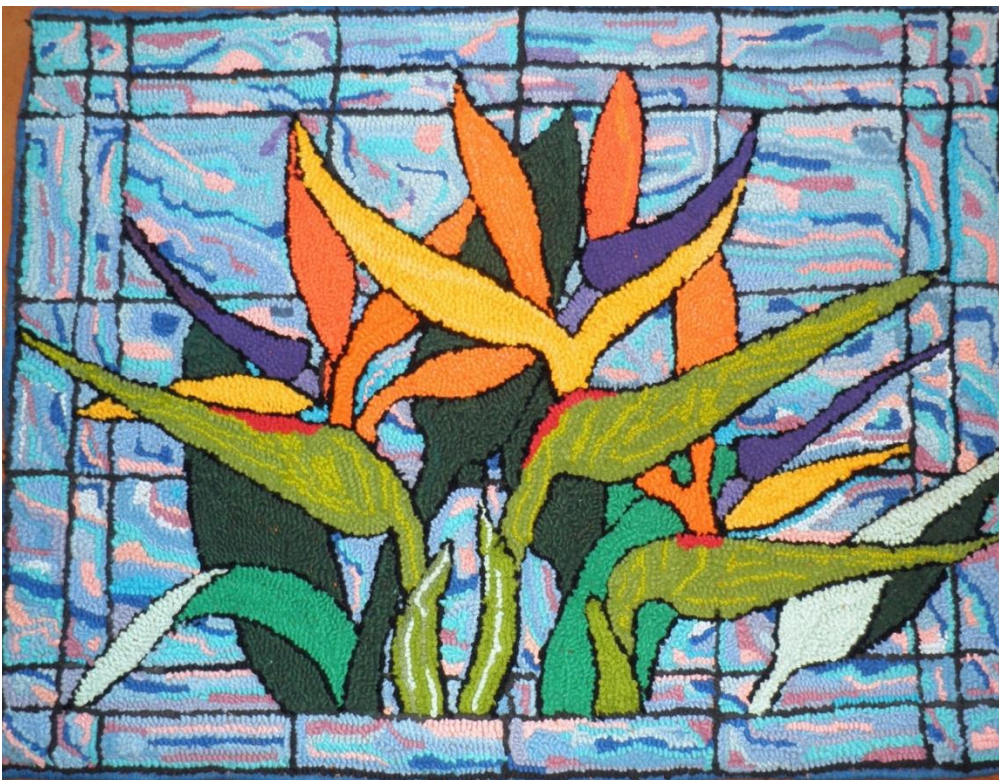


The group of
Rugmakers, who

meet regularly in Milton, are so innovative and imaginative that it constantly amazes me. I am including some photos of their work. There are no rules, so nothing is wrong or a mistake, and people feel free to be creative. Anything can be hooked or progged, on many different backings: plastics, silk, wool, wool yarn and synthetics.

The group enjoys visitors, and we have entertained many overseas Rugmakers, who find us via our web page. And occasionally we host a bus tour. They give us a donation which helps towards our public liability insurance.

Strilitzia Rug by Elaine Kitchner





Above

The farm scene made by
Helen Mennie,



Left

The hooked owl with proggy
border by Carol Flynn

BEC ANDERSON - QUEENSLAND



Tambourine
Mountain State School
Queensland., recently hosted
local Textile Artist Bec
Anderson as an Artist in

residence.

Many members of the community supported the children including the local Men's Shed and the Happy Hookers'.. The Year 6 children designed and produced woollen chair pads, using the Punch needle rug making technique. Teacher Brooke Fuzzard helped the children delve into their past to create line work

that reflected the
story of their lives
and also to draw the
shape of their future.
Artist Bec Anderson
then worked with the
children each week
to turn these ideas
into works of Art





The finished pieces.

JAPAN - TOKYO

The Rug Hooking Association

The world of Rugmaking gives us contacts in many countries. I thought you may like to see this group of Rugmakers from Japan. Six are attending the Rugmakers International Conference in Canada in October. Fumiyo Hachisuka centre front, visited the Narrawilly Proggy Ruggers in Milton last year with three others from Japan. And Jacqui showed her how to spin. Fumiyo made a drawing of this and intends to make a rug. I include the photo of the drawing, and hopefully in time I will have a photo of the finished rug.





Fumio's drawing.

THE INTERNATIONAL GUILD OF HANDHOOKING RUGMAKERS

October 4th to 8th are the dates of the TIGHR Conference in Canada, if you are not going to this one, I would urge everyone to start saving. The next conference will be held in Reeth, Yorkshire, England in October 2018, and it is a marvellous opportunity to meet with other like minded people from around the world . I will try and include the membership application in my next newsletter.

CONTACTS

Narrawilly Proggy Ruggers. Meet 1st and 3rd Fridays every month.

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

BERMAGUI

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AINSLE- Spinners and Weavers Rooms- 'Kurrajong' Cnr Angas and Shebrooke Streets, Anslle
contact Jenny Harber phone 02 6230 2429

South Australia

STRATHALBYN

Strath Matters. Meet 1st and 3rd Fridays

Supper room of the Strathalbyn Town Hall

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Western Australia

DONNYBROOK

Donnybrook Hookers – meet every Wednesday 10am to 2pm

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

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WANNAROO

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

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Queensland

KINGAROY

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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 or skype juditompkins

Meeting dates for 2015

2nd Monday

3rd Tuesday

10 Aug

18 Aug

14 Sept

15 Sept

12 Oct

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9 Nov

17 Nov

14 Dec

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VICTORIA

YARRA VALLEY RUGMAKERS

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