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

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## RECIPE

I often make this for morning tea on Rug days, and use mulberries, as I have a large tree. I use them fresh or frozen. (thawed)

### Danish Applecake.

#### Ingredients

30 grams (3oz) butter

30 grams (3oz) Sugar

30grams (3oz) Self raising flour

1 egg

Cream butter and sugar, add egg and flour  
press 2/3<sup>rd</sup> of the mixture on a flattish dinner  
plate size cooking dish . Add lots of fruit,.  
say 3 granny smith apples sliced, or 2 large  
cups chopped rhubarb, or plums, peaches, berries

whatever you have. Place the rest of the mixture in dobs on the top. Cook at 170C for 25  
minutes, Sprinkle to with sugar, cook further 15 minutes. If the fruit is very juicy, maybe a  
few minutes more, serve warm, with whipped cream.

## ENGLAND

Priscilla Cameron



The Big Red Rug approx. 5ft x6ft

I started this rug in January 2015 and finished it in November with a few breaks in-between. I drew out the design based on my Doodle Rug pattern on linen. This design has big swirls, circles and a few hidden hearts.

Before the rug was started I chose my background colour red as I had a lot of red material then decided to hook bright colours on the accents and shapes. I used new and recycled hand dyed and 'as is' wool. The recycled wool is sweaters, blankets and skirts.

Heather Ritchie, Reeth Yorkshire

sent these two photos of rugs she made recently.

The Reeth village scene has little scraps of fabric sewn onto the background then hooked around



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Heather said

“Let me introduce you to my Nana Milburn, isn't she lovely? She is the same size as me and frightens everyone . I have used her embroidered table linen for the pinny , cut it up patched it and quilted it , then hooked around it for the head ,body, legs. Love Heather

A joke from my Christmas Cracker—What do you call a boomerang that won't come back?

A stick.

## A.C.T CANBERRA.

### IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM Maggie Whyte re Australia Rugmakers Guild.

(Please put it in your diary and go and meet other rug makers.)

**This** September the Australian Rugmakers Guild will be holding the Bi-annual Retreat, Meeting and Exhibition at the Strathnairn Arts Centre in Canberra, ACT.

The dates for the Retreat are September 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> but the Exhibition will run from September 3<sup>rd</sup> till September 25<sup>th</sup> 2016.

We are planning that during the retreat we will have talks given by textile artists from the local area and some workshops, but most importantly this is a get together for rugmakers to meet up with other rugmakers share ideas and enjoy being in the company of friends old and new.

For the Exhibition we welcome everyone to enter a rug or two or three! We are looking for Beginner rugmakers to enter as well as the more experienced. It is an open Exhibition so all will be welcome from rugs, bags, cushions, vessels and much more. Rugs can be for sale.

We do have a challenge at each Retreat and this year it will be Coast to Coast. The size does not need to be larger than 15in by 12in (38cm by 30cm).

There are many hotels, motels and 2 caravan parks in Canberra. The local members will help with billeting if possible. There are many important attractions in Canberra to visit so why not stay a few days longer and take in the sights. If you need more information, please contact Maggie Whyte on [maggieandfish@hotmail.com](mailto:maggieandfish@hotmail.com).

Strathnairn Arts is located North West on the outskirts of the city. It has a homestead that has 2 exhibition galleries, cafe and shop. In the grounds of Strathnairn there are approximately 30 studios and a foundry so it is a working art centre. The Wool shed on the property has been made in Gallery and workshop space. This is where our Exhibition will be held. Check out Strathnairn on [www.strathnairn.com.au](http://www.strathnairn.com.au).

We will keep you updated and looking forward to meeting you all in September.  
Maggie Whyte

## CANADA

Hint from Mary Alexander in Sussex NB Canada.

Now that I am in my 70's I want my rugs to tell something about my past, so I write a brief history on printable fabric and attach it to the back of each rug.

A thought for all of us to do.



## QUEENSLAND

Annette White



. Someone who came once to The Sunshine Coast Rug Crafters group does a lot of embroidery/tapestry and uses these to make a lap frame. Website [www.sewitall.com.au](http://www.sewitall.com.au)

They're called "Grip'n frame", and can be bought online from [www.sewitall.com.au](http://www.sewitall.com.au) for about \$30 for one pack of 10x50cm (= 5 meters), or two packs for \$54. The angle strip I bought in the hardware store. I cut all to size and screwed it onto the frame. The grippers just slide onto the angle strip and can be removed easily. It works a treat stretching the rug in process and doesn't pull any strips out. Several people can share a pack, so it is quite economical



**WARNING.** Be wary of opening emails from friends if you think they look a little different. Delete and then email the person and ask if they sent it. I have been receiving several from friends with just a website to click on. No message. They contain a virus. Once opened they get into your address book and send emails to all your contacts. So spread rapidly. Remember never open an email with just a link, even though it looks from a friend.

## NEW SOUTH WALES - BRAIDWOOD.



Dress made from cans by Maggie Hickey. For an Exhibition of Women's Work.

### FOLLOWING UP ON LABELLING YOUR WORK

I was told of a fusible webbing, one brand called 'Vliesofix' from Craft stores. This can be ironed onto the back of a piece of fabric on which you have written your story, then remove paper backing and iron on to the back of the rug.

Membership Australian Rugmakers Guild

Please contact Jo Franco

Email [rughookingaustralia@gmail.com](mailto:rughookingaustralia@gmail.com)

Cost \$20 per year, and it is well worth it, to keep in touch with what is happening in Rugmaking in Australia





These photos are of quilts made by Jocelyn Brett of Farrer A.C.T. I thought I would share them with you.





## VICTORIA

Greetings from the Yarra Valley Rug Makers.

We are a small group of hookers who love to get together on a monthly basis and share our love of hooking and all things craft.

However when you are a hooker you also tend to be involved in other arts and crafts as some of us are also spinners, artists, doll makers, knitters amongst other things.



Anne for instance is a doll maker as well as an accomplished rug maker- both hooky and proggy, spinner, knitter, folk artist, wood worker and more.

Joy is also an artist who paints the most beautiful water colours, as well as making beautiful rugs; designing and dyeing all her own wool for

every project and working with wool felt. At the moment Joy is working on a set of staircase tread rugs based on Psalm 23; 'The Lord is my Shepherd'.



Robyne is a fibre artist, and taught needlework for eighteen years around Melbourne. Robyne has an Etsy shop online, as well as several blogs. She likes to be known as a 'fancy worker', a nice old fashioned term for a needle worker. She also knits, paints and designs her own rugs to hook and prod.



Here she shows an old favourite, the

bluebird. surrounded by an embroidered version of one of her colouring book borders on a scrap of silk. Grandma's old fringing was used and the old blue velvet, which was Op-Shop material, lifted the whole lot together.

As well as a Rug hooker, Chris is also soap maker, a folk artist and would-be spinner, as well as dabbling in lots of other crafts.

Chris is also still working on her Rittermere Oriental Rug, called Tehran. This is a long term project and certainly not portable.

Coming April, we will be demonstrating the art of Rug Hooking at the Westernport Craft Fair and in October we hope to attend the Stitches and Craft Show at the Caulfield Race course, representing the Australian Rugmakers Guild.



These are only a few of our talented ladies. There are more, but due to time restraints and busy work schedules have not been included in this news update from the Yarra Valley Rug Makers.

We have proved however in our group that Craftists are also Artists in many ways and I am sure this goes for many Rug makers all over Australia.

## CONTACTS

### NEW SOUTH WALES

#### MILTON

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

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

Websitewww.shoal.net.au/~narrawilly/index.html

#### BRAIDWOOD

CONTACT Maggie Hickey. Email [maggie.hickey@bigpond.com](mailto:maggie.hickey@bigpond.com) phone 0419 841 819

#### BELLINGEN, North Coast

Bellingen Rag Rug Group

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 Name of group not decided yet, but they are to meet every fourth Sunday afternoon of the month at The Village hall, Straithnairn.

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 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. <http://wanneroorugmakers.com>

Contact Jo Franco at [josephinefranco1@gmail.com](mailto:josephinefranco1@gmail.com)

## 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](https://www.skype.com/people/juditompkins)

### Meetings

2nd Monday                      3rd Tuesday

NORTH TAMBORINE The Happy Hookers North Tambourine contact Bec Andersen email [info@becandersen.com](mailto:info@becandersen.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>

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