



# CONNECTING US

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This is a newsletter compiled by Miriam Miller, President Emeritus

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**MILTON. NSW**     Narrawilly Proggy Ruggers.

In the last few months, Jacqui Thomson, one of our founding members, thought to hang one of our rugs in a local doctor's waiting room. It has created much comment, and interest. Now after six months, Jacqui has taken that one out and put in another. An idea others may like to follow in their own area.

## IMPORTANT.

Anyone who receives a printed copy of this newsletter and has now connected to the internet, with an email address, please let me know, because it saves me postage and the ink for printing if I can email the newsletter to you... Miriam.

## RECIPE

**ICECREAM** (a recipe given to me by Diane Drew of Tamworth)

A very simple and delicious icecream

Beat 300 ml of cream until thickened, gently stir in a 395gm tin of Sweetened Condensed Milk Freeze. And that is it.

## JOKE

A store owner overheard an assistant telling a customer 'We haven't had any for a while and doubt we will get any soon' the store owner quickly answered the customer, we would have whatever she wanted by next week. After she left he told the assistant we never tell a customer we are out of anything, tell them we will get it for them and then asked. 'What did she want?'

The assistant answered 'Rain'

**NOTE** Whenever you have time please look at the Australian Guild Website. Jo Franco and Judi Tompkins put a great deal of time in organizing this .When you are on the website, on the left hand side is a list of all the areas you can go to. The Blog, (which contains so much) Gallery, Rugs, Current Events and more. Just click on whatever interests you. Also please look at Facebook. There is so much to see on these sites and it gives you contact with rug makers all over Australia. I know there must be an afternoon or evening when you can spare some time. Go to [www.rughookingaustralia.com.au](http://www.rughookingaustralia.com.au) and [www.facebook.com/australianrugmakersguild](http://www.facebook.com/australianrugmakersguild). Also if you type in your email address where asked, you will be advised of updates.

## THE GAMBIA

- **RUG-AID** Photos sent by Heather Ritchie

workshop finished and you know some of the visually impaired can see it now . it is fab



Rug-Aid helps blind and partially sighted people in The Gambia to make rugs to earn an income. It is a charity started by Heather Ritchie. For more details go to their website [www.rug-aid.org](http://www.rug-aid.org)



Ernest



Photos show the recently painted workroom, bright colours to help make it visible to the visually impaired. Ernest proudly holding his finished rug, and Heather with a friend.



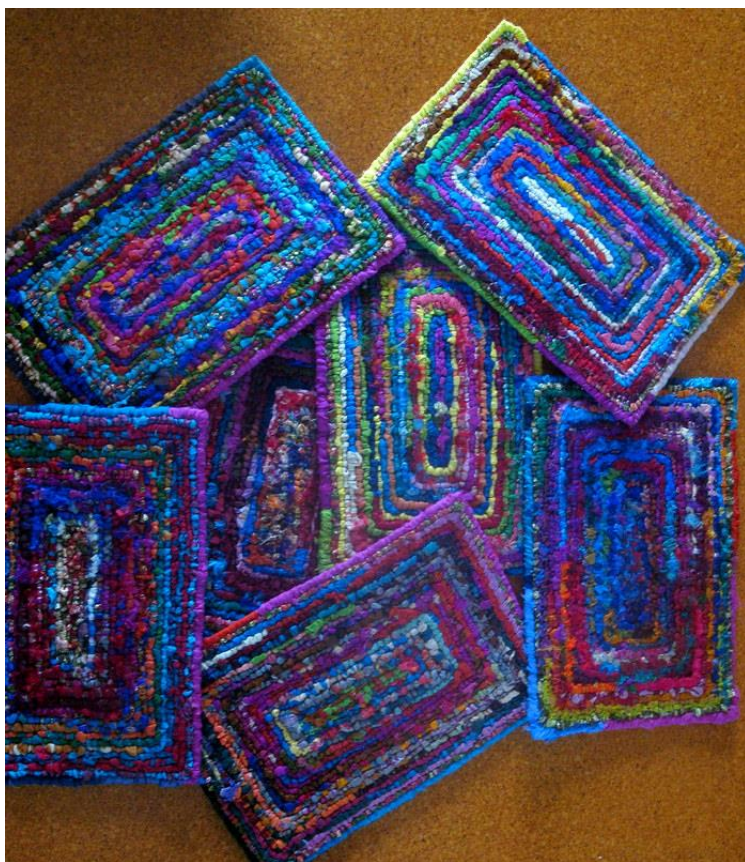
## QUEENSLAND.

### JUDI TOMPKINS

#### LOCKER HOOKING

When I was in Perth just before Christmas, Robin Inkpen showed me how to do the Locker Hooked placemats and I've made a number of them with Sari Silk which is great!

I used the offcuts from the backing to make random sized mug mats and they worked out just as well. I did decide to put a backing on - just to cover the "lumps" and some of the untidiness of the back (but you don't need to). I used a self-adhesive felt backing but I don't like it....I think I would do what Jo Franco suggested (too late for me to change however!) and use some of the flexible rubberized backing that is easy to tack onto the back and allows the piece to be washable. I also decided to Scotchguard my pieces "just in case". Here is a photo of the placemats



judi



Another of Judi's creations. A chook to sit on her ladder, hooked with eyelash yarn. Showing how diverse this craft can be.

## VICTORIA

### Yarra Valley Rugmakers

A bright beautiful Proggy rug made by

Anne Schafer



## NEW ZEALAND

This hooked wall rug designed and made by Aucklander Lucy May Dunbar (1908-1995) signed and dated 1950-1953. It now hangs in the Auckland War Memorial Museum.

Notice how cleverly the lace is created.

Sent to me by Judith Brook in Kingaroy Queensland

Size 190cm x 125cm

## MILTON N.S.W

### Narrawilly Proggy Ruggers

Maxine Keys from Bellingen visiting Milton, on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April. Shown here with Margaret Ryan. Maxine's rug was inspired by a Japanese vase







## NOVA SCOTIA VISTORS

Miriam Miller with Cindy Noble, Betty Tilsey, and Cathy Komourdjiar, from Nova Scotia who came to visit the Narrawilly Proggy Ruggers on 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> March 2016

A little write up will be in the next newsletter.



Cindy showing amazement at the size of an ant hill. We were on our way to Granite Falls and a short bush walk.

I have not yet discovered how to number my pages, perhaps by the next newsletter.

## JUST FOR FUN

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## N.S.W.

### MILTON TO BERMAGUI (written by Miriam)

On Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March, Jacqui Thomson and I travelled to Bermagui, about two and a half hours south of Milton to meet with the Bermagui U3A Rughooking Group. They meet each Friday afternoon and are working on a very large project, making seven wall panels to hang in the local Surf Club. Dawn Hollins wrote a report of their starting, and it is in the July 2015 newsletter.



Checking the progress of the seven panels laid out on the floor

Dawn Hollins is the organizer, Artist Rhona Walker made a drawing of the local area, then it was divided into seven and transferred to the seven pieces of backing. Only one person Lin Potter had hooked before, so their work is amazing. Several panels are completed



Panel 7 to the left is just started, and panel 5 to the right nearly finished





## CONTACTS

### NEW SOUTH WALES

#### MILTON

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

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#### 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 email [josephinefranco1@gmail.com](mailto:josephinefranco1@gmail.com)

### Queensland

#### KINGAROY

Red Earth Ruggers Meeting at 17 Fairview Drive, Kingaroy on 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday each month from 11<sup>th</sup> April Time 9-12

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

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## 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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