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 This is an additional newsletter compiled by Miriam Miller, President Emeritus  
 Sent to Australian Guild Members, Overseas Rug Makers, and Friends

## NEWSLETTER NO 19

### NEW SOUTH WALES

#### MILTON

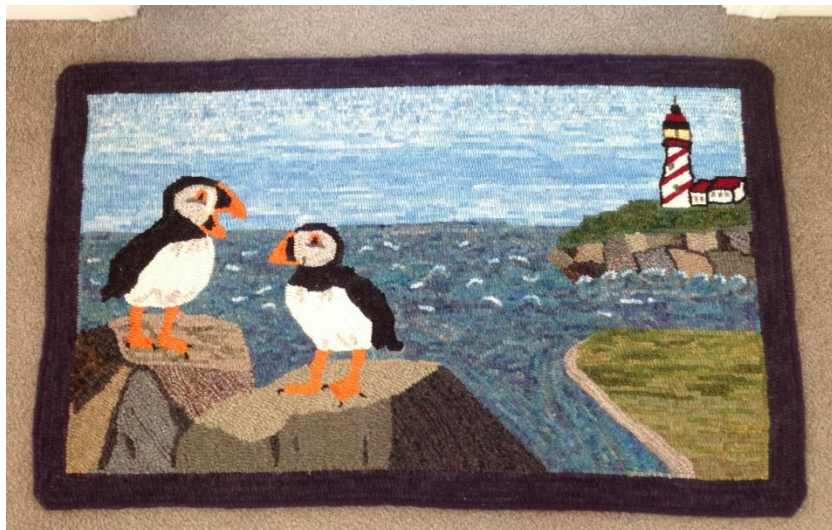
Narrawilly Proggy  
 Ruggers

Sally Gilbert visiting  
 from New Hampshire  
 USA. Meeting with  
 some of the Narrawilly  
 group on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup>  
 March.



Above from left,  
 Sue, Sally, Miriam, Margaret,  
 Christine, Judy and Janet.

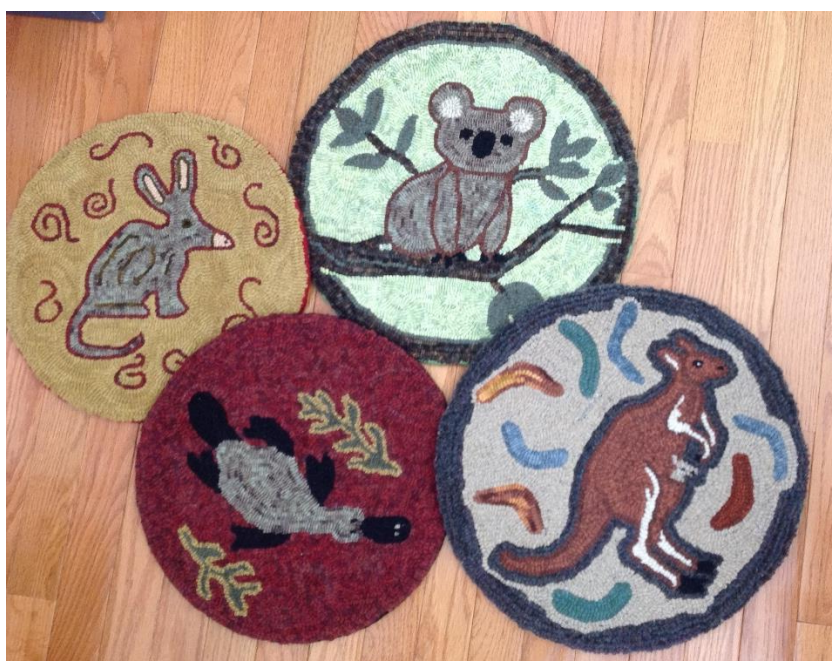
Left, Jacqui and Sally.



**Continued** Sally Gilbert  
New Hampshire U.S.A

Left-Designed and hooked by me after returning from a trip to see the puffins in Maine. I used a #4 and 6- new and repurposed 100% wool. A friend dyed the black and the blues, but otherwise I used repurposed wool. It measures 21x35

Below left -Chair pads designed and hooked by me- as you can see, The Australian influence is very strong in our house! I used a #6 and a combination of new and repurposed 100% wool.



The group I hook with are called Wolfeboro Rug Hookers and are a sub group of the Wolfeboro Newcomers Club. We meet once a week in a local church, and occasionally go on a trip to a rug hooking supply shop either in Maine (Camp Wool, Kennebunk, Maine or western NH to Dorr Woollen Mills.) There are usually 6-8 members who come regularly and several other "sometime hookers". We welcome all who are interested- some are brand new to the craft, others who have been hooking many years.

## JOKE

On his way to perform at a graveside funeral, the bagpiper gets lost and when he arrives, the minister and mourners have gone, only the grave diggers are left. Not knowing what else to do, he begins to play. The workers down tools and weep as he plays 'Amazing Grace' When he finishes, packs up and heads to his car, he hears one of the workers say "I've never see anything like that before and I've been putting in septic tanks for 20 years.



## SOUTH AUSTRALIA – Strathalbyn - Strathmatters.



Marlene's rustic bench cover.

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## CANADA – Nova Scotia - Cathy Komourdjian



This oriental is 14' x 18' finished product, whipped three times with increasing width of cord, 3 cut on burlap with 100 % new wool. The pattern is a Norma Silverstein design. I choose the colours from her supply, I wanted it to look like an antiquish. Her studio is Mira River Rug Hooking School.



This mat is 16" x 22 "and is my own design, 100% wool, 8 cut on linen and then finished with a braid. I called the mat "Hit and Miss Moose". I think that is what the "form- object" looks like to me, other rug hookers think they see fish -- I just loved to play with all the colours and to have fun with it. The wool is a combination of new and recycled-- the green background is a recycled coat. The braid is also wool -- the process of braiding I learnt at rug school in Newfoundland last summer--- I have been interested in learning how to do this -- so -- I can now sort of do braiding to edge a fibre art



## QUEENSLAND – Kingaroy –Red Earth Ruggers –Judith brook



We had our first Rug Day this month, it was just too hot before that. Dawn Coats came to show us how to do Double Braiding, a form of woven rug for which she uses old sheets ripped up and a homemade frame. She has a metal rod at each side to keep it straight and firm it makes very hard wearing double sided rugs., which she sells at the local markets. Jude.

## NEW SOUTH WALES – Milton – Helen Stinson,



Dear Miriam,

I used a rigid heddle loom with a "vari-dent" heddle. My yarn was handspun, 1 strand of alpaca and 1 strand of merino/silk threaded together through a section of the heddle at 7.5 dpi (dents per inch). The yarn you spun was in a section at 5 dpi. My plan was to make a cushion cover with it but I'm having second thoughts now as I like the look of it so much as it is, so I might just trim the fringe and enjoy it in its present form. The weft was narrow strips (1.5 - 2 cm wide) of silk from Jack Brilliant. Some of them were just as I'd got them from him when he sells bags of scraps but others had to be torn from wider strips. I then had to sew the strips together, some were only about 50 cm long while others were up to 3 or 4 metres long. Despite this it only took me a couple of days to set up and weave. Lots of fun!

Love, Helen



## NEW SOUTH WALES – Milton

Rug day 7<sup>th</sup> April.

We had an interesting day with several visitors. One most welcome visitor was Irene Bruninghausen, who lives half her time in Darwin and half in Sydney. Irene brought her nearly completed rug. (Pictured right) These are Irene's comments

"My Rug was conceived in Ormiston Gorge Central Australia, physically commenced under Miriam's tutelage at Milton N.S.W. Contributions were made at roadside stops in Queensland and it was almost completed in Darwin N.T. Now back at Milton trying to get a lesson in corner edging. It's been a scenic journey for us. One thing I have learned about rugging you have to be comfy. In hot sweaty Darwin, I stripped down to a cossie, and set the stretcher frame down on a day bed. Then set up an enormous pedestal fan behind me. Fantastic – it blew all the loose threads and scraps all over the house."



Above Irene with her first rug.

Left. - Bev and Irene



Our other visitors were Maggie, Sonja and Janet from Canberra. We are thrilled they make that 3 hour journey each way to join with us for the day. Sorry I have no photos.

**THE INTERNATIONAL GUILD OF HANDHOOKING RUGMAKERS. (TIGHR)** If anyone is interested in attending the conference in Yorkshire, England in October 2018, you need to be a member of TIGHR. Google 'TIGHR' then click on membership, and all the details are there.

## NEW SOUTH WALES – Milton

From Miriam

I am writing to tell you I have been diagnosed with a malignant rectal tumour. The last couple of weeks my life has been scans, appointments with my doctor, cancer surgeons, radiotherapy oncologist, Chemo specialists and a lovely cancer nurse. Also visits to the new cancer centre in Nowra. I have had tattoos on my body so the six weeks of radiotherapy can be in the exact same place each time. A whole new world of understanding is opening up for me. I am to have chemo at the same time and just been told all the possible side effects, and signing the form to say I understand, is a little daunting.

Interesting the cancer nurse in Nowra told me since the cancer centre opened about 3 years ago, the patients have increased 10 fold.

My treatment is to start on 1<sup>st</sup> May, and continue for 6 weeks, Then there is about 8 weeks or so recovery period, after which I am to have, an operation performed by a robot(controlled of course by a doctor) , Amazing isn't it?. Which will take me 6 -8 weeks to get over. I will also have a permanent colostomy bag.

One good thing is I will have well over a year to get really fit again so I am ready to travel to Yorkshire for the International Conference of Handhooking Rugmakers in October 2018, and enjoy with my friend and travelling companion Jacqui, our side excursions to Morocco, Guernsey, Wales, Iceland and Canada.

Life is good, and we are so lucky we live today when there is good medical help.

I hope everyone continues to send me articles for my newsletter, as I enjoy putting it together, and it will give me something on which to concentrate

Miriam

## 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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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.

Chifley - The Chifley Hub, 70 MacLaurin Cres. Chifley – Spinners, Weavers and Feltmakers rooms

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

### WANNAROO

The Wannaroo Rugmakers. Meet every Saturday morning 10am to 1pm at the Library and Cultural Centre in Northern Suburb of Wannaroo. <https://wannaroorugmakers.com>

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

**ALBANY** - Anyone interested in Rug Making contact Kira Mead.

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## 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 Friday 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

### 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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