

Riviera Quilters Inc.

Quilters are a Generous bunch....

Well that is what I have always found. I love my catch ups with other Quilting Buddies whether it is at our Meetings here at the Hub or with my Friendship group. We chat about anything and everything, share beautiful friendships, help each other with Quilting queries, teach each other new skills and plenty of wisdom is shared. Over the years we have been through Batch, Match and Dispatch as the old saying goes and I wouldn't have it any other way. Have I mentioned Food, well that is a given when you get a group of talented, caring people together. I always feel regenerated and it is the cheapest form of therapy I know.

So tell me why do you push back your chair from your cosy sewing table at home and close down your computer with your online Quilting class and make the effort to meet up with other Quilting Buddies....

-Jen



Welcome to our New Look newsletter

A new committee and an exciting year ahead of us. Watch out for news about our biennial Exhibition to be held in May 2018 . Plans are well under way with Jan Preston booked as our Guest speaker and a Lucky Block Draw to include our Community.

I am hoping to include some new articles as well as continue to provide all the housekeeping information we need. I would love if members could contribute articles of interest.

Please forward to lawrence70@bigpond.com or pass ideas on when you see me at our gatherings.

Jen Lawrence.

**Please ensure all news and contributions are
received by 15th January, March, May, July,
September and November.**

WELCOME TO RIVIERA QUILTERS .

Riviera Quilters was formed by a group of patchworkers in East Gippsland in 1989. The initial membership was 30; today our membership is well over 100. Many members come from other parts of country Victoria as well as Melbourne and South East New South Wales. Members enjoy many happy hours together as we share or pass on our knowledge, not only at our meetings but also at our weekend retreats, on bus trips and at mini-workshops. Our Annual General Meeting, held as part of our August gathering, is always well supported and is a rewarding time for members as we hand over a donation to our approved charity. Our guest speaker for the day is always interesting and well informed. Our Christmas meeting is a special time for members and our Biennial Exhibition is a time to appreciate all the beautiful work done by our members.

Riviera Quilters meet twice a month at “ East Gippsland Community & Educational Hub”, Cnr Dalmahoy & Service Streets, Bairnsdale.

Meetings are held on the first and third Saturdays of the month, excluding January.

On the first Saturday of each month, Rooms 2&3 are open from 1am - 3pm. A short formal meeting is held at 1 pm and is generally followed by a Show and Tell of member's work.

Our library is open to members on these days from 11am-12noon and after Show & Tell.

On the third Saturday of the month, Rooms 2&3 are open 10am-3pm. There is no formal meeting on this Saturday, and members are free to bring their sewing machines. We often have workshops on this Saturday which will be advertised via our bi-monthly Newsletters and group emails.

Visitors are always welcome. .

Membership is open to all interested persons and fees are due on the **1st September each year.**

The annual fee is **\$30.00** plus \$10 joining fee for new members.

OFFICE BEARERS 2017/2018

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2017

October 7th

MONTHLY GATHERING

11am -3pm

Rooms 2&3 The Hub, 27 Dalmahoy
Street, Bairnsdale

October 21st &
22nd

UFO WEEKEND

Details and booking form in this newsletter

November 4th

MONTHLY GATHERING

11am -3pm

Rooms 2&3 The Hub, 27 Dalmahoy
Street, Bairnsdale

November
18th

SIT & SEW

10am -3pm

Rooms 2&3 The Hub, 27 Dalmahoy
Street, Bairnsdale.

December 2nd

CHRISTMAS PARTY

**** LUCKY DOOR PRIZES ****

Please consider joining us for our Monthly Gatherings held on the first Saturday of the month. Sign in at the reception desk to be eligible for our Lucky Door prize. Please remember to wear your Name Badge.

Thank you to Heather Caddy for her generosity in providing the prizes.

Presidents Report.

That's right, a Presidents Report. When I was Newsletter Editor it seemed a little pointless writing a Presidents report as well, however we now have a new committee and Jenny Lawrence has taken on the job of Newsletter Editor so it is time for me to put pen to paper. Thank you Jen, it sure is time to pass the baton.

Last year was an extremely busy year and I think we can all be very proud of what we achieved. I thank all of the previous committee for their efforts and welcome the change that comes with a new committee.

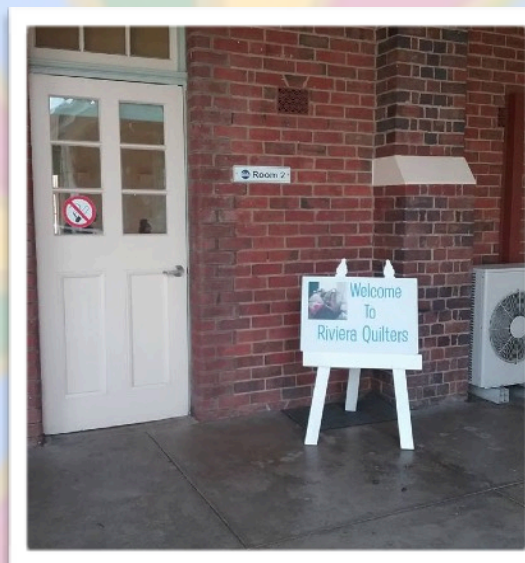
Looking forward, we have an exciting year ahead. Our next exhibition will be on 19th & 20th May 2018. There are details in this newsletter regarding the challenge and the lucky block draw. I've been 'googling' black & white quilts for ideas and I must say I am feeling very inspired.

We have 7 months to put all our efforts in to completing quilts for the exhibition. If you need help to finish that pesky UFO that has been lurking in the corners of your sewing room, we intend to have help on hand at Sit & Sew days (3rd Saturday each month) up until the exhibition. I hope you all consider showing one of your quilts.

On the subject of UFO's, why not consider coming to our UFO weekend in Lakes Entrance in October. It's a great chance to finish something old or even start something new. I'm certainly looking forward to getting some 'me' time. Don't forget, those of you who are on Facebook can now 'like' or 'follow' our Facebook page to keep up with what is happening.

Until next time, stay well & keep sewing,

Liz



FINISHING SCHOOL

As Liz mentioned in her report, RQ are planning on having some help at hand so members can bring along their UFO's and perhaps get some guidance on how to finish their quilt. We all have them, UFO's that is, and for some reason there is usually a mental blank going on as to how to

make the next move.....so why not bring your quilt along to the November Sit and Sew and Brainstorm with other Members.

Of course our UFO weekend in Lakes is where many of us will be doing just that! I meant Brainstorming not having heaps of fun and eating and drinking too muchoh we will be doing that too!!!!

It is not too late to join in the fun

Jen

The Lucky Draw Block Challenge

A NEW INNOVATION FOR THE 2018 EXHIBITION.

..... **from BLACK to WHITE with a dash of**

Create 12 1/2 inch square blocks using your favourite techniques.

Hand piecing, machine piecing, applique, EPP may all be used to create a block that once sewn into a quilt will measure 12" square.

Your blocks may be a traditional pattern or modern, the choice is yours.

The Lucky Draw Blocks will be grouped together and displayed in sets of 12 at our 2018 Exhibition and as the name suggests there will then be a Draw with a winner for each set. Participants may opt in or out of the lucky Draw. Participation is the aim.

At Gatherings there will be a table with samples of the Lucky Draw Blocks and fabric to share and we are happy to accept the blocks as they are made. Just make sure that you attach your name. The more Lucky Draw Blocks the merrier, and it would be wonderful if each member made one block.

Thank you to Tristesse De Visser and Marg Crocker
(Challenge Coordinators for the 2018 Exhibition)

Rumour has it that the Coordinators are setting their sights on 120 blocks!!

At the September Committee meeting it was agreed to support the hard work of Tristesse and Marg Crocker and have accepted the offer from committee member Margaret Fraser to contact the local schools with the aim of encouraging students to participate.

The following schools have already been contacted Nagle College, St Mary's, West Bairnsdale, 754, Lucknow, East Gippsland Grammar - Wy Yung, Bairnsdale Secondary College, Home School Association, Swift's Creek Secondary and Primary, Orbost Secondary and Primary, Lakes Entrance Secondary and Primary, St Brendan's, Christian, Glenvale and Steiner schools in Bairnsdale.

17 schools in total to date.

IT IS OUR PLAN TO INVITE LIKE MINDED COMMUNITY GROUPS AS WELL AS FRIENDSHIP GROUPS TO PARTICIPATE.

THERE WILL BE A SUBSECTION FOR LOCAL SCHOOL CHILDREN.

Dear Principal,

I am writing to you to ask if your students would like to participate in Riviera Quilters Quilt exhibition on May 19th and 20th 2018. One of the sections we are promoting is a Lucky Block Draw (See attached) and we would love to encourage your students to make and enter a block.

I will be happy to come to your school to show the students the type of blocks they could make if you would like.

Please contact me if there are any questions you have.

Yours Sincerely

Margaret Fraser

Library Report

Borrowing Rules

Members may borrow 3 books (only one can be a new book) plus 2 magazines per month. Books may be returned and borrowed between **11.00 am** and **1 pm**. If you are borrowing or returning books when the library table is unattended please place your name on them.

We have some new books and magazines which are ready to borrow.

- Quilt Lovely (K11) by Jen Kingwell- 15 projects using piecing and Applique
- Crossroads (C71) by Nancy Crow – an insight into construction, markings and structures of modern quilts.
- Quiltmania 119
- Australian Quilters Companion 85 – accompanying DVD is Free Motion Quilting in a grid with Debbie Louie
- Australian Quilters Companion 86 – accompanying DVD is Learning Hand Applique using Back Basting with Wendy Whellum

Merle McRae has kindly donated many of her books to the library. Thank you Merle.

The following is a list of the books Merle has donated.

- Creative Patchwork (W 35)
- Friendship Quilts (D19)
- Stained Glass Patchwork (L26)
- The Rose of Sharon Block Book (P50)
- Quick Quilting (R17)



Don't forget if you know of any suitable titles of books we should include in the library please let me know -

Judy White
judywhite985@gmail.com

Thank you to Librarian Judy White for the Library report

HOSTESS ROSTER - 2017

**PLEASE CONSIDER VOLUNTEERING FOR THE HOSTESS ROSTER FOR OUR
GATHERINGS ON THE FIRST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH.**

MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK.

| DATE | MORNING | AFTERNOON |
|----------------------|----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| February 4th | Sandra Abell Carol Bailey | Liz Trainor Judy White |
| March 4th | June Brennan | Marg Crocker Cheryl Thomas |
| April 1st | Maxine Semple Heather Caddy | Jenny Lawrence Maaike Van Donk |
| May 6th | Jean Bourne | Ula Sheather Jenny Latimer |
| June 3rd | Hilary Arnold Lois Davies | Josie Coulter Nancy Rogers |
| July 1st | Connie Van Donk | |
| August 5th | Cheryl Thomas Inge Dauncey | Heather Caddy Kath Grandy |
| September 2nd | Wendy Cottam Marlene Leonard | Maaike Van Donk |
| October 7th | Nola Matthews Mary Morris | Josie Coulter Jenny Lawrence |
| November 4th | Jean Bourne Veronica Wilkes | Volunteers please |
| December 2nd | Glenda Ingram Julie Neander | Committee |

Thank you to all Members who volunteer for Hostess Duty.

**Please be aware if your name appears on the Roster then it is your
responsibility to find a replacement if you are unable to attend.**

HOSTESS DUTIES

It is appreciated if each hostess rostered for duty brings a plate of food to share for morning tea.

(Milk will be provided by the committee)

Early Duty: 10.15am – 1.00pm

PLEASE ARRIVE BY 10.15am -The committee meeting will be in progress and doors will be open.

1. Find HOSTESS tub in the storeroom with all your requirements and set up hostess table with attendance book, news items, pamphlets etc. Set up tables with tablecloths, potted flowers and chairs.
2. Make sure that the hot water supply/urn above the kitchen sink is turned on. The coffee machine is kept in the store room. Set up the kitchen area with tea, coffee, sugar, spoons and paper napkins. Put out fresh tea towels.
3. Check that toilets are unlocked.

ONCE MEMBERS START TO ARRIVE -

4. Welcome members and visitors. Make sure everyone signs the attendance book and receives a lucky door ticket.
5. Make visitors feel welcome, talk to them about RQ and what they can expect on the day. Introduce them to a member who will make them feel at ease.
6. Direct members to return library book to the library table.

Late Duty: 1.00pm – 4.00pm

1. The main responsibility is to make sure everything is put away and that the kitchen and sewing rooms are left clean & tidy. Please check the floor for pins and vacuum.
2. Tea towels need to be taken home and laundered and returned by the next meeting. Please arrange for their return if you are unable to attend the next meeting.
3. Do not leave without checking that someone is there to lock up.

Thank you for your generous assistance .

Guest Speakers

Our October guest speaker will transport us back to the 1970s. Matilda Lappin, of Make My Day Macrame, creates and sells macramé goods at local markets. She is also now holding classes to teach the knotty art. Matilda has agreed to show us some of her creations and explain how she has revived this craft locally. I am sure she will bring back memories to many people, and maybe a bit of creative inspiration.

In November Wendy Batey will return with more stories and more embroidered goodies from South America.

Both speakers provide wonderful, no fuss opportunities for some early Christmas.

Thank you to Maxine Semple for arranging these informative and entertaining Guest speakers.

Did you know that the Minutes from all Riviera Quilters committee meetings are available for your review?

Just ask a Committee member.

I'm not self-medicating with fabric!
The lady at the store wrote me a prescription.....well she called it a receipt

Whatever!

Do you have quilt tops that you would like finished for the 2018 Exhibition?

Why not have them professionally quilted?

The following list of members offer a Machine Quilting service.

Hilary Arnold *Fairfields Creative Quilting*

is an award winning quilter.

Pickup and delivery arranged

Phone: 51555576 after 5pm

Hilary-0407634944 Barry-0427 634944

Email: fairfiel@bigpond.net.au

Glenda Ingram. *Forgetmenot quilting.*

7 Lindsay Court, Wy Yung.

Phone: 0409647291

Email: glenrae@bigpond.net.au

Jennifer McMillan - *Lily Lane Patchwork.*

26 Princes Highway, Rosedale.

Phone: 51992777

Open 9:30am - 4pm weekdays (closed Tuesday). Weekends: 10am-3pm.

Email: Jennifer@lilylane.com.au

Sonia Melville - *CRAFT BASKET*

110a Nicholson Street, Orbost. (behind Elders Real Estate)

Phone: 51541151

Open: 9:30am-3pm weekdays (closed Tuesday). 9.30am-12md Saturday(A/H by arrangement)

Liz Traynor www.quiltingandsewon.com.au

Pick up & delivery arranged

Phone: 0427769341

Email: liztraynor@bigpond.com

Diana Whitfield

Mobile: 0412 562 414

Email: diana.j.w@bigpond.com

In the Sewing Room

I caught up with Member Heather Caddy recently to find out what she has been working on .

Heather has been hand piecing a quilt designed by Sandra Boyle known as the Welsh Quilt released by Everyday Quilts. It is a reproduction of an old pattern.

Heather says she is using modern fabrics which she feels will retain the integrity of the design but bring it into the twenty first century environment.

When the hand piecing is completed Heather is planning to hand quilt in a grid pattern using a Pearl Cotton thread.

Thank you to Heather for this contribution. -Jen



The Love of Quilting.

Time spent sewing is time where my brain is dealing with fabric and thread. My hands are the moving part and everything seems clear.

I am creating something concrete that won't need to be redone. It won't disappear. It is just me and the machine or the needle.

Everything seems clear and purposeful. I don't feel self doubt or hear other critical voices. I see the needle go up and down and then an object appears.

I am fulfilled. I am at peace in my creation. It is happiness in its least complicated form.

Kathy Matthew

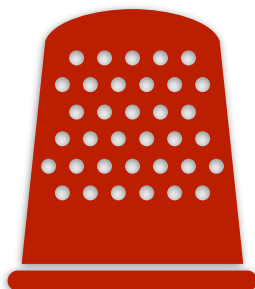
SUPPLY OF BATTING

Member Diana Whitfield has offered to supply batting to members. She has available Matilda's Own 60% wool / 40% polyester on a scrim. Prewashed, pre shrunk, fully machine washable 2.4M wide @ \$15 p/m

Members would need to pay at time of ordering.

Ph.0412 562 414

Email diana.j.w@bigpond.com



Riviera Quilters would like to thank
TIM BULL MP

and the helpful staff at his Bairnsdale office, for their continued generous support in the free printing of our newsletter.

Many thanks to all involved.

Annual subscriptions were due on September 1st 2017.

Have you paid yours?

UFO by the Lakes 21st & 22nd October 2017

Numbers for this weekend will be limited to 24

Your place is not secure until the form below has been returned to The Secretary and deposit paid.

Day visitors are welcome, but please don't just turn up without booking.

THE VENUE is the Glenara RSL Motel on the Esplanade at Lakes Entrance.



We have the use of the Recreation room by the pool for our sewing. The recreation room will be open from 4.00pm Friday

ACCOMMODATION - will be in the Motel rooms at the Glenara

MEALS

Breakfast - Several Options

Toasters are available at reception if you wish to bring your own breakfast supplies Room service or visit the dining room.

Morning tea & lunch

will be provided at \$15 per person per day payable when you make your booking

Dinner (suggestions)

There are lots of choices for dining in Lakes Entrance, however we will book a table at the RSL each evening

PLEASE NOTE - YOU WILL NEED TO BOOK YOUR OWN ROOM for Friday 20th October and Saturday 21st October.

To BOOK YOUR ROOM - please phone 51551555

It is not too late to join in!

UFO by the Lakes 21st & 22nd October 2017

After booking your room please forward the form below to -

The secretary, Riviera Quilters Inc., PO Box 276, Bairnsdale. 3875



BOOKING FORM

NAME:

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PC.

PHONE:

Email:

I enclose \$30 to secure my place at the UFO weekend in Lakes Entrance. (this charge is to cover the morning tea & lunch)

****Non members please add \$10.00**

Cash ☐

Cheque ☐

Eftpos. ☐

EFT PAYMENTS -

WESTPAC BAIRNSDALE - BSB: 033-203 A/C 367-444 (Retreat Account)

Please include your name and "UFO" as reference

Forward Application Form to ;The Secretary, Riviera Quilters, PO Box 276, Bairnsdale 3875

I have booked my accommodation. ☐

Accommodation not required. ☐

Signed :

MEMBERSHIP FORM

Annual subscriptions are due by September 1st

NAME

ADDRESS

TELEPHONE

MOBILE

EMAIL

Is this a change of address?

YES / NO

| | | |
|-----------------------------------------------------|-------|--|
| New Membership joining fee (includes cost of badge) | \$10 | |
| Expired Membership Renewal fee | \$10 | |
| Membership Annual Fee | \$30 | |
| | TOTAL | |

PAYMENT METHOD:I enclose ☐ cash ☐ cheque ☐ money order ORI am paying by ☐ Electronic Funds Transfer**EFT PAYMENTS - WESTPAC BAIRNSDALE****BSB - 033-203; ACC # -139-329**

Please include your name & indicate that the payment is for membership

If your bank does not allow a name as reference, please use the last 4 digits of your phone number and notify the Membership Secretary.

With all methods of payment you must still post this form to -

The Secretary, Riviera Quilters Inc., PO Box 276, Bairnsdale, 3875

I give permission for my personal details to be included in a membership directory. Please circle your response: Yes / No

I give permission for my photo and name to appear in the newsletter, newspaper articles, website & facebook. Please circle your response: Yes / No

SIGNED.....DATE.....

Introducing Riviera Quilters Exhibition 2018

QUILT CHALLENGE

Continuing on the theme of the Lucky Draw Block

.... from **BLACK** to **WHITE** with a dash of



The **design** of the quilt is to reflect and interpret the theme.

Use your favourite patchwork techniques
The **size / proportions** of the quilt be based on the Ratio of 1:3

(for example 3 inches wide and 9 inches long, to a maximum of 15 inches wide to 45 inches long) in **Portrait orientation**, with a rod pocket / sleeve along the narrow edge that is the top of the quilt.

By definition your Quilt will consist of three layers held together with stitching.

(The rod pocket / sleeve is completed in accordance with RQ guidelines.)

A **label** is sewn onto the back of the quilt, with your name, date and the word 'challenge'.

Prize money of \$100 will be awarded to the winning quilt based on your interpretation of the theme, excellence in design and craftsmanship.



Thank you to Heather Caddy for this Quilting Bee image

Fat Quarter Swap

Could all members participating in the

Fat Quarter Swap

finalise your 12 Fat Quarters and have them to *Judy White* by the November Gathering please.

Have you changed your Email address?

If you have changed your email address recently it is important that you pass on the details to

Liz Trainer at - liz.rivieraquilters@gmail.com

This will ensure you will always receive your newsletter and other communications.

Needing a little bit of
inspiration for the
Lucky Block Draw?



As you can see by the
blocks that have
already been
received... you are
only limited by your
imagination!

High Tea at Bairnsdale Neighbourhood House.

Dorothy's Quilt Raffle was drawn at a high tea held at Bairnsdale Neighbourhood House on Wednesday 27th September 2017.

Twenty seven people, including Riviera Quilters Members, enjoyed the home-made sausage rolls, club sandwiches, cream sponge, slices, with some even getting to the tiramisu. The tasty food was served on embroidered cloths with lace napkins and china cup and saucer sets and silver cutlery.

Jodie McNamara, a friend of Merle McRae's, won the raffle and is absolutely delighted. Approximately \$1200 was raised by the raffle for Bairnsdale Neighbourhood House, with the tea raising another \$700. The funds will be used to renew the floor coverings in the entrance and the main dining room of the facility.

Thank you to Maxine Semple for this contribution.



Leanne Jennings draws the winning ticket with Liz looking on.



Members Wendy Cottam, Marg Fraser and Josie Coulter enjoying themselves at the High Tea.



Jodie McNamara with her new quilt.

Treasurers Report as of September 2017



Trading Account \$1071.10
Retreat Account \$3702.48
Term Deposit \$5642.54

**How is your half square 64's
challenge coming along?**

**As we know Beatty is the expert in
Half square triangle quilts and
hopefully there will be a few quilt
tops to see at our October Gathering**