



## Presidents Report.

Well, how scary is this - December 2017.  
I must admit I don't really enjoy all the  
hype in the run up to Christmas;  
however I do enjoy the few days over  
Christmas when I get a chance to catch  
up with family.

Last month 20 of us enjoyed our sewing  
retreat / UFO weekend at Glenara RSL in  
Lakes Entrance. There was lots of sewing  
and several quilts look like finishes for our  
exhibition. Thanks to Jenny McMillan  
(Lily Lane Too) for offering us discount  
vouchers for the weekend. Also thanks to  
Glenda for her games - they provide lots of  
laughs, especially after happy hour. The  
venue really seems like "home" now. In  
fact we have booked weekends for 2018 &  
2019 just to make sure we don't miss out.

Some of us have even booked our  
accommodation!!

I do hope you are all inspired by our  
challenge and lucky block draw. The pile of  
blocks growing rapidly; I think they will  
make a very impressive display. If you are  
stuck for ideas don't forget to ask for help.  
It's a great opportunity to try a challenge  
without it being too daunting. Personally, I  
think the theme is great and I'm quite  
excited at trying my hand at the quilt  
challenge.

Our next gathering will be our Christmas  
party followed by a little break over the  
hottest time of the year. Please stay safe  
on the roads over this busy Christmas  
period and enjoy the time with your  
families and friends, but don't forget to  
leave a little time for patchwork.

Liz



You are all invited to our  
Annual Christmas Party  
Saturday December 2nd  
11am-3pm

Rooms 2&3 The Hub  
27 Dalmahoy St Bairnsdale.  
Dress up in your Christmas finery,  
bring along some food to share for  
lunch and don't forget your Kris  
Kringle gift.

Donations of money for the  
Mother Christmas appeal will be  
passed on to UnitingCare  
Gippsland.

Your Secret Pal will be revealed  
and you will receive your Fat  
quarters from the Fat Quarter  
Swap.

It should be a great day.

## 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 11am - 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.

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# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2017/2018

December 2nd 2017	<b>Christmas Party</b> 11am-3pm Rooms 2&3 The Hub 27 Dalmahoy St Bairnsdale
February 3rd 2018	<b>Monthly Gathering</b> 11am-3pm Rooms 2&3 The Hub 27 Dalmahoy St Bairnsdale
February 17th 2018	<b>Sit and Sew</b> 10am -3pm Rooms 2&3 The Hub 27 Dalmahoy St Bairnsdale
February 24th / 25th 2018	<b>2 day Quilting Workshop</b> 9:30am - 4:30pm Rooms 2&3 The Hub 27 Dalmahoy St Bairnsdale
March 3rd 2018	<b>Monthly Gathering</b> 11am-3pm Rooms 2&3 The Hub 27 Dalmahoy St Bairnsdale
March 17th / 18th 2018	<b>Sit and Sew</b> <b>All Weekend Finishing School</b> 10am - whenever Rooms 2&3 The Hub 27 Dalmahoy St Bairnsdale
April 7th 2018	<b>Monthly Gathering</b> 11am-3pm Rooms 2&3 The Hub 27 Dalmahoy St Bairnsdale

## **\*\* 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.*

# You have to be In It to Win It 2018 Biennial Exhibition 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.



## FINISHING SCHOOL

A special Finishing School Weekend is being arranged for the weekend of March 17th/18th 2018. This coincides with our usual Sit and Sew day but we will have access to our room at the Hub for the whole weekend. What fun to have the whole weekend to work on our projects without interruption. Many members will be on hand to help with any problems you may have and Liz will be offering some tips on binding and sewing on a sleeve.



## New for 2018 The Jelly Roll Mystery Quilt

Over the first 7 months of the RQ year you will be collecting 42 x 2 1/2" strips of fabric. Hopefully you will have suitable fabrics in your stash.

The equivalent of a Jelly Roll is 42 strips.

The plan is to have a Mystery Quilt making weekend in September where those who are interested will then use their parcel of fabrics to construct a Quilt. It is anticipated that you will provide a background fabric and perhaps some extra 2 1/2" strips depending on how big you would like your quilt.

Riviera Quilters will provide a pattern and tutor for the Mystery Quilt Weekend. Sounds like fun doesn't it?

Please complete the registration form if you would like to Participate.

*It is not necessary to join in on the Mystery Quilt weekend if you would just like to swap fabric.*

# *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.

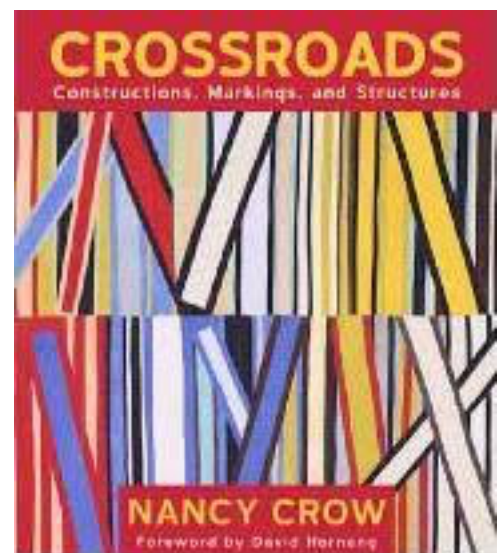
*We have some new books and magazines which are ready to borrow.*

- Transitions (C72) by Nancy Crow
- Crossroads (C73) by Nancy crow
- Quiltmania 120
- Quilters Companion 87. The accompanying DVD is Fussy Cutting for English Paper Piecing with Jodie Godfrey.

*Did you know that you can borrow library items over the extended Christmas break? 2 months instead of one!*

*Have you considered borrowing DVD's, our special rulers , or light box maybe even a quilting frame. We have much more that just books and magazines.*

*Feel free to talk to Judy about what is on offer for Members.*



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](mailto:judywhite985@gmail.com)

*Thank you to Librarian Judy White for the Library report*

# HOSTESS ROSTER - 2018

**WE ARE NOW LOOKING FOR  
VOLUNTEERS FOR THE HOSTESS  
ROSTER FOR OUR GATHERINGS ON THE  
FIRST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH.**

*Please see Heather Caddy if you are able to help out.*

*Due to the Committee meetings being held prior to our Gatherings the committee  
are unable to be part of the AM roster.*

**MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK.**

Happy Big O  
Birthday to  
Maa'ike .

Hope you had a  
lovely day.



*Friends*



*Love you even  
if you are a  
bit scrappy.*



## 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](mailto:liz.rivieraquilters@gmail.com)

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



## UFO Weekend Lakes Entrance



Happy Hour on Friday night was a good opportunity to renew acquaintances.

Denise hard at work on her Boro inspired piecing.



A great weekend was had by the Members that attended the UFO weekend in October held at the Glenarra Motel in Lakes Entrance. Ladies started to arrive in the early afternoon of Friday and by 6pm we were ready to enjoy some pre dinner snacks, a glass of something nice and a few laughs before heading off to dinner at a couple of the local restaurants. More ladies joined us on Saturday for the day and again on Sunday.

Glenda kept us entertained with some games and the atmosphere was light and friendly. Many ladies took the opportunity for some retail therapy either at Lilly Lane Too, the local patchwork shop or at the Destash Craft market held by the Lioness Club of Lakes Entrance. Plenty of treasures were found.

The RSL Ladies Auxiliary of Lakes Entrance supplied us with a lovely morning tea followed by lunch both days.



The Queen of foundation piecing, Tristesse works on another masterpiece.



Trish concentrates on her machine quilting.



Judy enjoying some hand stitching on what will be the 2018 Exhibition raffle quilt,



## In the Sewing Room

Glenda Ingram and I spent an enjoyable morning together stitching recently and I was fascinated by the tiny hand piecing project Glenda was working on. 3 1/2 years ago Glenda found a pattern by Karen Styles of Somerset Patchwork to make a Star a Day for a whole year. The end result would be 365 3" stars that could then be alternated with a background fabric. It is Glenda's plan not to repeat a fabric. Glenda has also been on the look out for fabrics with printed stars to add to the theme. To date there are about 280 stars complete. Glenda has spent quite some time Mixy Mixy, Matchy Matchy with her fabrics to ensure her idea of the perfect star.

*Thank you to Glenda for sharing her story with me - Jen*



## TO REMOVE GREASE FROM A GARMENT /FABRIC

By grease I mean that awful black stuff, it also works for carbon from carbon paper. Rub a little butter into the greasy patch on your garment and then wash as usual.

YES it does work. The first time on an angora cardigan, the second on my suede like vest. Almost unbelievable, the tip was given to me by a man.

*Thank you to Pam Crone for this helpful hint*

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

Just ask a Committee member.

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.

Re-joining fee of \$10 applies after 30th December

If you have not paid up this may be your last newsletter.

## 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!!*

WE HAVE RECEIVED MANY  
BLOCKS ALREADY AND THE  
VARIETY OF TECHNIQUES ARE  
AMAZING.

WHAT TECHNIQUE ARE YOU  
GOING TO USE?

Overheard at the recent UFU weekend.

Can Happy Hour start now.....at 2:15pm?

Are you going back to the Destash market  
again...?

Did you really buy 15M of fabric?

Shouldn't you only use a condom once??!!

It's got potential....

I'm not arguing! I'm explaining why I am  
right!

Is that a Drunkards Path...No it is a Mob of  
Drunks!

It was a caring and sharing weekend all  
round.

#### 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



## Guest Speakers.

Well, our October guest Speaker, Matilda from Make My Day Macrame, was absolutely delightful as she explained her journey through macramé and the different yarns she has used - all while expertly knotting a wall hanging which she then offered for sale along with her other products.



Her necklaces were particularly popular, and I think she sold all her plant hangers. What a trip back to the seventies for many of us.

Wendy Batey returned in November with more heavily embroidered goodies from South America and just in time for Christmas.

Our guest speakers in 2018 will be organised by committee member Cheryl Thomas so if you have any special requests or suggestions please contact Cheryl. She will be pleased with any assistance but currently has a few good speakers lined up.

Also we are interested in any suggestions of small gifts, particularly handmade, for the presenters. Currently we give them a box of chocolates but, believe it or not, not everyone likes or can eat chocolates. Please contact Cheryl with your suggestions.

**2018 UFO weekends.  
APRIL 20th - 22nd 2018**

**&**

**OCTOBER 26th - 28th 2018**

Apparently our little secret is not such a secret!

We have been pipped at the post by a group of Stratford Quilters for our usual weekend in March and our weekend in October was also booked out.

## THE SECRET PAL PROGRAM.



Your Secret Pal for this year will be revealed at the Christmas Party so this is the last opportunity you will have to spread a bit of unexpected kindness.

Thank you to everyone who has participated in the Secret Pal Program over the last few years. We will not be continuing this program in 2018.

*We hope you have all enjoyed your participation.*

## Time for some Tough Love.....

Much of what we do is sharing. Sometimes it is with skills, other times it is with ideas and with many of our programs it is giving. Most who do so do it with generosity so there is nothing worse than receiving something broken or dirty or used wrapped up with a bow ! Please do not off load your junk and call it a Gift.

You are not forced to participate .



Glenda and Penny with the beautiful Flying Geese quilt.



Shout out to Glenda Ingram who kindly donated a beautiful quilt she recently made to the RSL Ladies Auxiliary Lakes Entrance. The quilt will be first prize in their Christmas raffle. Contact RQ member Penny Wigg if you would like tickets in the raffle.

Thank you to Jennifer McMillan from Lilly Lane Too for her generous discount vouchers for the Ladies who attended the UFO in Lakes Entrance recently.



**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](mailto:fairfiel@bigpond.net.au)

**Glenda Ingram. *Forgetmenot quilting.***

7 Lindsay Court, Wy Yung.

Phone: 0409647291

Email: [glenrae@bigpond.net.au](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://www.quiltingandsewon.com.au)**

Pick up & delivery arranged

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# RIVIERA QUILTERS Inc.

## MEMBERSHIP FORM

**Re-joining fee of \$10 applies after 30th December**

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 OR

I 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.....

# 2 day Quilting Workshop

February 24th / 25th 2018

Rooms 2&3 The Hub 27 Dalmahoy St Bairnsdale

Anita Ellis of Hillside Quilting

9:30am - 4:30pm

Anita will be teaching the art of Machine quilting using your domestic sewing machine and Westalee rulers and ruler foot.

Cost is \$140 for the 2 days and you will be required to have the Ruler foot and a sampler starter set as well as a Sew slip mat. These can be purchased directly from Anita for \$160. You will also need your sewing machine with a flat extension table.

This class is suitable for beginners and more experienced quilters alike. You will work on a basic table runner pattern that will appeal to beginners but allow the more experienced to go for it!

Morning and afternoon tea provided.

Anita will be bringing her shop so even if you are not attending the workshop you may wish to pop in and see the products available.



I am Anita Ellis, your longarm quilting and domestic machine quilting teacher. I love all things quilting, creating my own work, and teaching others how to quilt their own quilts on domestic sewing machines, long arm and mid arm machines. My classes specialise in free motion quilting and working with the Westalee ruler foot and templates. I am an Accredited Westalee Design Educator and so am able to supply these to you with advise on which ones would be good for you as well as instruct you in their use.



# 2 day Quilting workshop with Anita Ellis

## February 24th / 25th 2018

**Please forward the form below by -  
Monday 20th November 2017 to**

**Margaret Fraser, Riviera Quilters Inc., PO Box 276, Bairnsdale. 3875**

**NAME:** .....  
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**PHONE:** .....

**Email:** .....

I enclose \$70 to secure my place for a weekend of Machine Quilting with Anita Ellis of Hillside Quilting.

I understand that a further payment of \$70 is due by Wednesday 20th January 2018.

**Strictly No refunds.**

Cash ☐

Cheque ☐

Eftpos. ☐

**EFT PAYMENTS -**

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

Please include your name and **Quilting Workshop** as reference

**Forward Application Form** to Margaret Fraser, Riviera Quilters, PO Box 276, Bairnsdale 3875

Deposit \$ 70.00 ☐

Balance \$ 70.00 ☐

Paid in Full \$140.00 ☐

Signed : .....

# THE JELLY ROLL MYSTERY QUILT

**We all love fabric and many of us enjoy a good mystery.**

**If you would like to join in then complete the form below.**

You will receive a list of the Jelly Roll strips you will need to contribute.  
There will be 42 in total.

How you go about sourcing / purchasing these will be up to you -  
It will average out at 6 strips per month.

They may come from your own stash. They must be 100% cotton and of good patchwork quality.

You may purchase fabric as required. 15cm will be enough for 2 strips /30cm 4 strips and so on. Depending on your list you may be able to use the same fabric for different Members.

The Jelly Roll strips will need to be handed in at the Gathering on September 1st 2018 They will then be sorted, parcelled up and presented to participating members at our Mystery Quilt workshop on September 15th 2018.

If you participate then you will receive a beautiful bundle of forty two Jelly Roll strips in return.

This form needs to be handed back to Judy White (our librarian) by Sat 3rd February 2018. Our first meeting for 2018.

You may participate in the fabric swap without attending the Mystery Quilt weekend.



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**I would love to participate in the Jelly Roll Mystery Quilt**

NAME.....

ADDRESS.....

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EMAIL..... PHONE.....

## **MY CHOICE FOR FABRIC STRIPS**

COLOUR.....(e.g. blue, green, pastel, bright)

STYLE..... ( e.g. batiks, reproduction,  
novelty, Christmas, solids)

SIGNED.....