

# my little patch

Patchwork and Sewing Emporium



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Welcome to our Newsletter. Our winter is certainly here with a run of Foggy/Chilly days.

**WOMEN IN STITCHES DINNERS:** Our first dinner for the year raised over \$1700 which we donated to Sophie Freischmidt's daughter Anne to help with the bills. Anne is the carer for her son Mitchell who has Leukemia. The strain that he has at the moment is unlike any they have seen before, so professionals from all over the world are working on it. Anne was in tears on the phone, so grateful. At our Auction, we sold off Libby Pearson's Fabric Stash. Our 2nd Dinner raised \$700. The next dinner will be held on 26 July.

**WOMEN IN STITCHES:** The 2017 Challenge is 42 Squares. For some reason this has been a bit more difficult than the circles. Who would have thought. We only have 20 entries. Check them out at Strictly Quilts from 8 July until 16 July. Our entries of Quilts is about the same as last year.

**RETREAT:** Our 2nd Retreat for the year is from 8 to 10 September. Cost is \$220 per person Twin Share. A great weekend to get stuck into your UFOs or start a new project.

**HELEN GODDEN:** Helen's Workshop, Flying into Colours is back in 19 and 20 August. This a great Workshop using Helen's technique of Paintchwork. Limited numbers so book early. There is over 20 designs to pick from. Helen will also have Show and Tell which is always amazing.

**HIROE MOGI:** We are so pleased to be having Hiroe Mogi coming in July for Workshops as follows:  
Monday 10 July - Introduction to Sachico. Three 2 hour times available. Tuesday 11 July - Paper Piecing  
Wednesday 12 July - Hand Piecing, Square in Square. Call in for more details. Bookings essential.

**BASIC SEWING CLASSES:** Will start again in June. Rekindle your sewing skills and learn all of the basics from Lizzie McKimmie.

**COMFORT QUILTS:** We have had a request from the Maternity Ward at NE Hospital for Quilts for Babies. Size is 85cm X 85 cm. So if you would like to donate or join us in getting them done, please come and see us.

**MONICA POOLE DESIGNS:** Monica Poole ran a workshop at the Center Quilters Weekend in May and the ladies loved her Quilt as You Go Quilt. I have booked Monica for Tuesday 21 November to do a new Quilt as you Go. We will also be stocking her great Animals Patterns that you may have seen at AQC. Book early as places are limited.

**G&J SEWING SERVICE:** Greg has just completed some more training with Husqvarna. Need your machine serviced? Scissors sharpened? Bring them into us or take them to Greg at 19 Swan Street. If you live out of Town and want to get same day service, ring Greg on 03 5721 6877 to make a booking.

**DEB LAYT:** Check out the sample from Deb of folding flowers. which will be a Workshop in 23 and 24 September. This is a two day event so come along and learn some new techniques.

**LONG ARM MACHINES:** In February, I attended Academy Down Under, which is held every two years, in Queensland with lots of Overseas Tutors about Longarm Machines. Was a great experience learning from seasoned Long Arm Quilters and getting lots of hints and tips. Hopefully in July I will be getting Caroline from Handy Quilter to demonstrate use of Rulers on Longarm Machines. Please register your interest in the event.

**BAG CLASS with Letita Moore from Husqvarna:** In May we had a very successful day with Letita and Cheryl Bryant from Husqvarna doing a demo on the use of different feet for our machines. We learnt lots of hits and tips. Letita had a bag that the ladies loved and she will be doing this Workshop on Wednesday 9 August. Great way to get to make a lovely bag. Booking essential.

**ACCESSORY DAY:** After having a great day with the Demo of Feet for our machines, I will be running a refresher day so that we can back over those great Feet. It will be on Wednesday 19 July.

**Bulk requirements:** Do you or your group have bulk requirements? You can order full rolls of Wadding at a discounted rate. Come and talk to me about your needs.

**Save the date:**

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| ❖ Strictly Quilts      | 7 and 16 July |
| ❖ Stitched Up Festival | 7 and 16 July |
| ❖ Showcase Jeffs Shed  | 27 to 30 July |

**Some news around my little patch:**

Our long awaited extension of our family room has been finished and the space is wonderful. Phil dug the holes for the stumps early last year and with the permit taking time and the rain, it is finally done.

Phil and I had a week off to go to a Wedding in Coffs Harbour, for my cousins daughter Lauren. Was supposed to be on the beach but they had rain and we had to have it in the Surf Club where the reception was. Lovely to be with my Aunty Letty and my cousins and their children. Spud, Tink and Tank had to be left home alone with our friends looking after them. Spud was so happy to see Phil back and Tink wouldn't leave me alone. Great to be loved by our furry babies.

Our Son in Law came out to OZ for a short visit to a Wedding of one of his friends. Was great to see Jay and get our parcel of photos of the Grandies. Jay told us that they will be coming out next July for a couple of weeks which did bring much joy to our hearts to see the grandies at our place. Raelene has been working hard as she is manager of a couple of the branches of the accounting firm that they both work for.

Belle has completed her first year at school. Annie had to have her photo taken twenty times before she smiled for her Dance Class. Billy is a dab hand at the Ice hockey stick and loves going to see the Sharks.

At Easter we went to Perth to see Megan and Greg and of course Cricket and Saffron. The dogs were so happy to see us (And so was Megan and Greg). Greg had had an operation on his foot so we just did some easy day trips.

October we are off to the states to see everybody and of course off to Houston for the Quilt Mart.

Please let me know if you would still like to get the Newsletter

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Happy Creating  
Susan

CLASS NAME	Instructor	Date	Time	Cost
<b>BASIC PATCHWORK FOR BEGINNERS</b> Are you interested in learning basic techniques? There are 9 Blocks and goes over 10 weeks.	Susan Callus	Mondays	1.00 to 3.30 4.00 to 6.30	\$35.00 per class
<b>FOLDED FLOWERS</b> Learn to make folded Flowers as a different part of your Quilt.	Deb Layt	Sat/Sun 23/24 September	10 to 4.00	\$150
<b>TABLE RUNNER</b> Come and make the S Table Runner using Border Prints	Sue Matthews	TBA	10.00 to 1.00	\$35.00
<b>FLYING INTO COLOURS</b> with Helen Godden Learn Helens great Paintchwork technique with over 20 designs to pick from.	Helen Godden	Sat 19th August Sun 20th August	9.30 to 4.00	\$200.00
<b>BASIC BAG</b> A Bag for everyday use.	Susan Callus	Tues 28th Feb Tues 7th March	1.30 to 3.30	\$35.00
<b>CONVERGENCE</b> For those who wants to try the Ricky Tims style	Sue Matthews	Wed 5th April	10.00 to 3.00	\$35.00
<b>WEEKEND SIT AND SEW</b> Come join in and start a new project or just finish one off Includes Tea on Saturday night		Sat and Sun April 8/9th Mat 6/7th	9.00 to ? 9 to 4	\$40.00
<b>QUILTING SKILLS</b> Learn basic Quilting Skills – Ditch Stitch, Stipple and your machine stitches	Sue Matthews	Wed 1st March	10am to 3.30pm	\$35.00
<b>HELEN GODDEN FLYING INTO COLOURS</b> Great Workshop to learn more about Quilting and Painting	Helen Godden	August 19/20	9.30 to 4.00	
<b>SIT AND SEW SATURDAYS -</b> Join in to finish off UFO's or start some new ones. To be held 1st Saturday of the month.		Sat 4th Feb Sat 4th March Sat 7th April Sat 8th May	10.00 to 4.00	\$10
<b>BASIC SEWING CLASS</b> Come and learn the basics of Sewing and make a Garment. Classes are for 5 weeks	Lizzie McKimmie	Tues 21st Feb	5.30 to 7.30	\$35.00 per class

