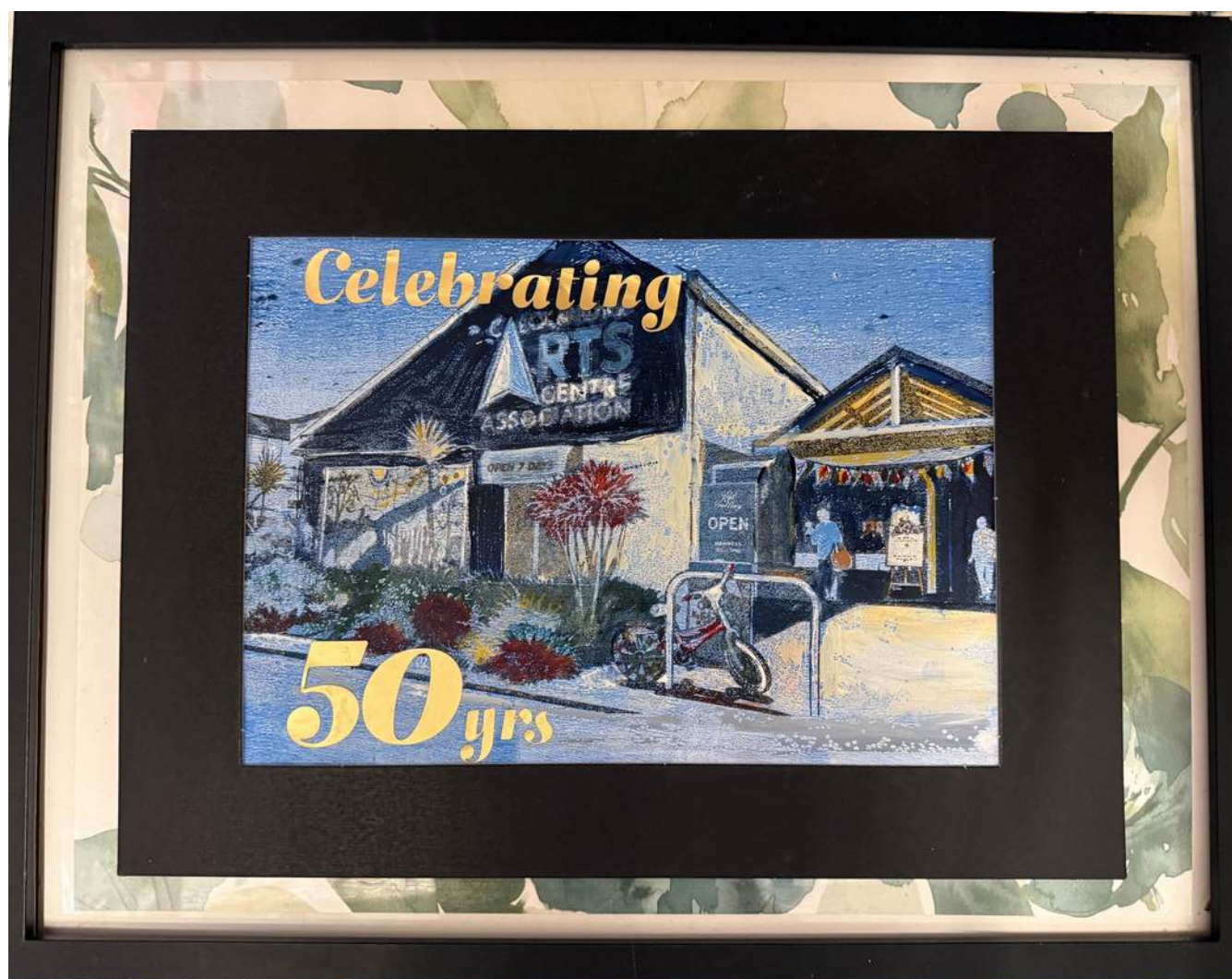


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President's Report

Hi everyone.

Hope you are all well.

I have kept this update very brief, as I am currently putting together a more detail report to all members. I will cover off for you what has happened in the Centre over the last three months or so.

Chamber of Commerce.

We were very pleased to host the local Chamber of Commerce Morning Coffee event on Thursday 20 August, bringing together 80 local business owners, community leaders and professionals for a relaxed morning of networking and connection. A great promotional opportunity for CACA.

50th Anniversary.

Celebrations are still occurring and we are now heading into the period when we will have the time capsule opened. Kendall Hatcher MP, will be attending the opening. Details are in this issue.

Donation of Solar System.

Being one of the not-for-profit bodies nominated by Kendall Hatcher MP, we have been one of two successful participants to received a donation of a solar power and backup system, by Sungrow Solar and Battery, a new business on the Sunshine Coast, to whom we are extremely thankful. The donation is valued > \$20,000.

Open Day

This was held over 25-26 July, and as previous such event, was an outstanding success. Members had the opportunity to display examples of their relevant group's capabilities. As a by-product we received several new applications for membership from members of the public. Thanks must go to everyone who gave up their time and efforts over the two days. Thank you all.

Destash Market

The latest market was held on 29 August, and again to the efforts of all members who contributed to the day, the market was another example of this type of success run by members.

Lease with SCC Update

This seems to be an ongoing matter to report. We are now at a stage where we have agreed with the Sunshine Coast Council (SCC) for a 10-year lease with extension to 30 years if we are able to obtain funding for the Masterplan. We are awaiting a final draft to review and sign.

Wondrous Winter Workshops

The Wondrous Winter Workshop series was a great success. Workshops are still being pursued going forward to promote CACA and encourage membership.

Christmas Fair

Another fantastic Fair is scheduled for the 14 - 15 November. Be sure to promote this event in your local community. A great opportunity to pick up some unique gifts.

Thank you to everyone who volunteers their time to CACA. It is appreciated and is the foundation of our long standing 50 years to become a respected and established arts community on the Sunshine Coast.

Mike McDonald OAM

President.



Caloundra Chamber of Commerce Event



The Caloundra Arts Centre was pleased to host the local Chamber of Commerce Morning Coffee event on Thursday 20 August, bringing together 80 local business owners, community leaders and professionals for a relaxed morning of networking and connection.

The event provided a welcoming opportunity for attendees to meet new contacts, strengthen existing business relationships and share ideas in a friendly community-focused environment. Guests enjoyed coffee and conversation while learning more about the Caloundra Arts Centre and its role in supporting arts, culture and community engagement.

The morning was a positive and engaging gathering that highlighted the strong connections within the local business community and the value of creating opportunities for businesses and community organisations to come together.

Thank You

Once again a big thank you to both Caloundra Chamber of Commerce for this opportunity and also Kendall Hatcher for her continued support of our Centre and acknowledgement of the contribution that we make to our community.

A heartfelt thank you to all the members of the Caloundra Arts Centre for your time, enthusiasm and hard work in hosting the Chamber of Commerce Morning Coffee event.

Your efforts in preparing the venue, welcoming guests and creating such a warm and inviting atmosphere helped make the morning a wonderful success. It was a great opportunity to showcase the Centre and connect with members of our local business community.

We truly appreciate everyone who contributed their time and energy to make the event so enjoyable. Thank you for your wonderful support and for representing the Caloundra Arts Centre with such pride.





Embroiderers



Hello Faithful C.A.C.A. Friends,

As promised, Jenny Burke and Sally Lambert introduced some of us to the artistry of Hardanger. Such a very involved embroidery technique. So much counting!!!! And SOOOO EASY to make an error, too!! 😡 Un-stitching is an artform, too! All in all, the end results we created were worth the frustrations. A big thankyou to Sally and Jenny.

Our members were eager to be involved with the C.A.C.A. Open Day. The variety of hand embroidered articles provided a very interesting array of this style of artwork.

On the 30th July, we held our fourth annual Friendship Day, with guests from Bribie Island and Buderim Embroidery Groups, and members from our own Stitchers Group. We spent a fun afternoon creating Christmas Trees from a 1/4 circle of fabric, stick trunks, various threads and laces, with a sparkling dash of sequins and beads. Afternoon Tea was mouthwatering! Thank you cooks.

North Street Made invited our group to provide a selection of embroidery art for a display in the shop. This is a great way to advertise what we are all so passionately doing at C.A.C.A., and hopefully encourage new artists to join our groups.

Lastly, we are very proud of our member, Celia Mulheran, who bravely did the Daffodil Day Dip for Cancer Research, earlier this month. Brrrrr!!! 'On ya girl!!!

Cheers

ot Black





Caloundra Quilters

Caloundra Arts Centre Association Inc. would like to sincerely thank Caloundra Quilters group for their donation of \$1,000 towards the installation of air-conditioning in Kingfisher room and kitchen.

We greatly appreciate the support to help CACA continue to provide a vibrant place of creativity for all our members.

Friday Art



Created by 27 artists from the **Friday Art Group**, this art project is a vibrant celebration of creativity, connection and shared community spirit. The artists come from many places, life experiences and backgrounds, bringing together a wide range of ages, perspectives and creative voices.

Made as a contribution to the '*ArtWrap the building*' project, marking **Caloundra Arts Centre Association's 50th Anniversary** in 2026, this work reflects the strong relationship between the group, the Caloundra Arts Centre and the wider Caloundra community. It speaks to the town's coastal character, its welcoming spirit and the stories shared by the people who live, visit and create here.

Now mounted on an external wall here at CACA, the piece invites people to pause, look closely and find their own connections within it. Through colour, pattern, theme and personal expression, the artwork becomes a form of storytelling — interactive, reflective and open to interpretation.

Each artist has contributed something individual, yet together the work becomes a shared visual conversation about belonging, creativity and place.



Friday Art Group is part of the **Caloundra Arts Centre Association** and warmly welcomes anyone interested in exploring art in a friendly, supportive and inclusive environment.



The Christmas Fair is fast approaching (11 weeks) so it is time to get busy.
It is our 50 year anniversary so it would be wonderful to break the record in fundraising.

The Fair meeting is Tuesday 15th September at 9.30 am so come along and listen and see if you can help in anyway.

We also have a working bee afterwards to make more things for the fair for CACA.
We will have our flyer options on display so you can help decide which flyer to use in our publicity.

A new fair convenor is needed for next year.

Christmas Fair

Meeting

9.30 am Tuesday 15th September

In Kingfisher Room

Everyone Welcome

A representative from every group is requested to attend!!

Date Claimer:

Set Up :-Friday 13th November



Fair Open :- Saturday 14th & Sunday 15th November 2026

Thank You

Soup Day

On 25th of August, the Pottery Group hosted a Soup Day. A bowl of soup included a hand-made pottery bowl made by group members. A delicious lunch of various home-made soups was shared.

Proceeds of the day, totalling \$1060, were donated to CACA.

A huge thank you to the Pottery Group. A really lovely event.



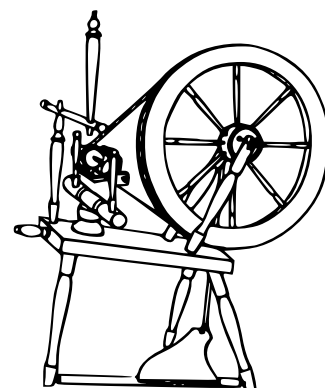
Learning Spinners Group

Starting Saturday 3rd October

Every 2 weeks

9.00 am – 12.00 pm

An adventure in learning, or at least trying, is the way I would like to think of this new group I'm setting up. After 50 years of spinning, which I am passionate about, I would like to pass on my enthusiasm for this wonderful adventure. If you would like to learn from scratch or maybe you are curious about a related area, pop in and say hi. Starting Saturday 3rd October, fortnightly (so you have time to do homework/practise) this group will be challenging as well as fun.



Many Adler



Solar System Donation

Thank you

SunGrow Solar and Battery

CACA were one of only 2 recipients (the other being CCSA Hall) of donations from SunGrow Solar and Battery to Caloundra Community Organisations. How wonderful is it that we were selected. Thanks to Kendall Hatcher for nominating CACA.

Photo from the Channel 7 interview below, after being officially presented with the donation of solar panels, battery and inverter, valued around \$20K +.



Open Days



Open Days



Needlepoint/Tapestry

At the Needlepoint/Tapestry Group that meets Thursday mornings, things here move pretty slowly. Most tapestries take between two - four years to finish.

Some of our members do cross stitch which sometimes can take a little less time. Here is a sample of some of our works in progress...





Time Capsule Opening

50 years of Creativity, Community and Connection

🎉 INVITATION TO A VERY SPECIAL REVEAL! 🎉

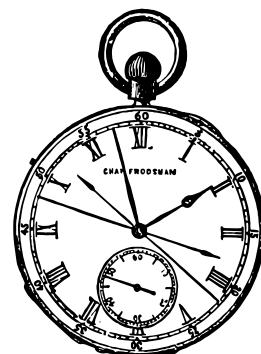
Caloundra Arts Centre Association (CACA) is turning 50 —
and we're celebrating in a way that takes us back through the years!

OPENING OUR 25-YEAR TIME CAPSULE!

What treasures are inside?

What memories have been preserved?

Who will we discover from CACA's past?



**Come along and be part of this exciting once-in-a-generation reveal
as we unlock a special piece of CACA history!**

**Saturday, 10 October, 10:00 am
Caloundra Arts Centre**

We are thrilled to welcome our local Caloundra MP, Kendall Hatcher, who will have the honour of officially opening our 25-year-old Time Capsule.

AND THE CELEBRATION CONTINUES!

Once the capsule is opened, we'll gather together to enjoy:

- A special cake-cutting ceremony
- ☕ Light refreshments
- Memories, stories & reminiscing
- Celebrating the wonderful people who have made CACA what it is today

50 YEARS OF CACA — A LEGACY OF CREATIVITY

For 50 years, Caloundra Arts Centre Association has brought people together through art, craft and community. From humble beginnings to the vibrant creative community we have today, CACA's story is about people, passion, creativity, friendship and community spirit.

COME AND CELEBRATE WITH US!

CACA members and their families are warmly invited.

We can't wait to see what's inside...

Come along, open the past, celebrate the present and help us look forward to the next chapter! Let's celebrate the people, the memories and the creativity that make CACA special!

Hard Pressed Printers

As we get ready to welcome Spring we look back on the past three months and can't believe how the year is flying by. Participating in the many activities on at C.A.C.A. through the Winter has kept us all busy as the 50th year celebrations continue.

H.P.P. has welcomed several new members to our Wednesday afternoon printing sessions. It is always exciting to see new faces and this year we have also seen the return of several members who have not attended in a while.

The "Wondrous Winter Workshops" were well attended and several H.P.P. members enjoyed textile printing and eco-dying workshops. Always something new to learn and we saw several lovely artworks at our "show and tell" sessions.

Once again, a huge thankyou to our incredible team. We had a lovely and varied display at the July open day weekend due to many members contributing showcase items and the roster was filled with demonstrators. We spoke with many people who were so interested in our work and welcomed some lovely new members as a result too. Our contributions to the fashion parade were outstanding. Meria, Jann and Ellen deserve special mention for their printed fabric designs. So much planning and creative expertise went into these fabulous artworks. Thanks to Jann who donated some gelli-print cards to sell on the day.

Art challenges offer an opportunity for members to expand their knowledge and skills in new areas. There are so many ways to utilise printing processes to create artworks, textiles and other paper crafts. To this end we had two challenges and two opportunities to create something new. In celebration of the many craft groups, friendly chats over a "cuppa" and the connection and community C.A.C.A has offered for 50 years our second challenge for the year produced many interesting interpretations exploring the "50 years" theme. From tea mugs, wall hangings, photo transfer (sample on front cover by Lin Smith), gelli prints, artist books, 3D objects and etchings the results were truly innovative and varied.

Creating "Artist Books" has become a popular pursuit for several members of the H.P.P. group because it suits printmaking purposes so well. We set our third challenge for the year using this artform to express:

- Personal memories and experiences.
- To showcase a particular form of print e.g.Eco-Dying on paper.
- To commemorate a celebration or event.

Many and varied forms of media were used to create unique books that really showcased the talent and imagination in our group. Our "Artist Books" were on display at the Chamber of Commerce coffee morning held here on Thursday 21st August as part of an art display to promote C.A.C.A. activities.

So as we enter the last few months of the year we look forward to our last art challenge and a workshop on the gelli-print photo transfer method, followed by Xmas Fair and our end of year lunch in November. Wednesday afternoons have never been busier...till next time.





Expressive Art

Expressive Art meets at the CACA every Thursday 9am - 12pm.

At our meetings members generally work on their own artwork, which is two dimensional work using various materials on paper or canvas ground.

During previous years we have invited a guest artist to give a workshop to our group once during the year. However in 2026 we have not arranged any workshops from guest artists.

Because of this and to extend our skills, occasionally we have taken part in drawing exercises led by our group leader, Janet. These exercises are either still life or portrait drawing. As well, it was agreed that on occasion a member would introduce a new technique to the class that he or she had taken an interest in.

June 4th was one of those meetings and under the direction of Jane Le Dieu, we took part in exploring layering with stencils. The exercise starts with adding brush strokes of colour to the canvas or paper surface. Then lines in a loose, curvy pattern in white or another colour are added over that. The spaces between the lines are painted with freehand patterns or stencils and maybe layered with more colour. The last stage of the exercise is to cut out large stencils and paint a colour around those so that the layers of colour and pattern beneath are revealed in the spaces in-between.

For more information about Expressive Art contact our group leader:

Janet Matthews jemat43sjb@bigpond.com

Pamela Blake



Clockwise from top left: Judy's initial painting, intermediate painting, final painting.



Left: Jane's demonstration with the intermediate part of the exercise on the bottom right, the top layer cut stencils at the top of the image. The final painting bottom left.



Left: Janet's intermediate exercise. Right: Janet's final painting with shapes found within the colours.



Left top: Pamela's initial exercise. Right top: The intermediate painting. Bottom: The final version of the exercise.

MEGS

We recently had our group birthday lunch with everyone getting a fat quarter and swapping a birthday present. Great day had by everyone.

We welcomed Jean, Leonie, Maggie and Carmel into our dressmaking group - not sure how much dressmaking they do.

The group is now getting ready to make things to sell in the fair.

Busy days ahead.

Carolyn



North Street Made



Well Spring is already here.

We now have a new sign out side the shop and also some flags that should help people to see where we are.

We have some new Gift Vouchers available for customers. A great alternative when there is such as diverse selection of items to choose from.

We will have our Christmas stock going in at beginning of October.

This is great for shoppers to be able to send things overseas and for others to get their shopping done early.

We are short on staff so if you can do a day just let us know.

We are open every day from 10.00am to 2.00pm.

Until next time.

Carole



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Artisan gift shop
CALOUNDRA ARTS CENTRE

Pottery

Hello from the Caloundra Potters,

Because this year, 2026, is the 50th anniversary of CACA, many of us are attending some delightful events to celebrate the long standing legacy of our creative community.

We honour all those who, over these 50 years have contributed time, effort, skills, passion and commitment so that we can continue to meet with our differing Artisan groups and express ourselves through our creativity.

To all those past members, we are grateful for your vision and dedication to bring to fruition the Centre and all that it offers. We acknowledge the work and commitment of those who are forging a future for CACA going forward. Many thanks.

In March a group of our members, some dressed in 70's gear, congregated for a fun-filled evening at the Centre enjoying a shared BBQ dinner and dancing. Groovy dance tunes were provided by CACAphonics. Raffles were won and lost and all who participated had a great night.

As our kilns were being upgraded, pottery items for firing were mounting up and there was a notable sigh of relief when our kilns became fully functional again. Thanks to the firing team who worked extra hard to put our work through, in preparation for the Mothers Day Fair. Some exquisite pieces emerged.

In May, once again, the annual Mother's Day Fair was a cheerful success. As usual it was well attended and we acknowledge the support of the community. Our display looked spectacular and many pieces were sold. It's so rewarding as creatives to exhibit our work and then enjoy the validation of patrons who purchase our pieces. The garden stall looked beautiful and they sold lots of hand hewn pots planted out with some healthy plant specimens.

We value efforts of all the members and partners who actively participated to make the weekend work for us all. Thank you.





Quilters

Our Tribe – We are many and varied, like-minded with generous hearts, willing to share our knowledge and expertise with one another. Our stitches are colourful and varied – Some are small and some not so small, but each stitch is unique, just like its maker. We are a supportive group as we reach out - holding hands – dedicated to our craft and sharing it with one another.

While CACA celebrates 50 years, 2026 marks the 40th anniversary of Caloundra Quilters and 30th anniversary for Night Owls and we have chosen to express our tribe by making a quilt to tell our story. Our collaborative paper doll quilt has been 8 months in the making with each member given the opportunity to submit one or more blocks and embellish them as they see themselves. We are almost finished and it will be up and hanging soon. It tells our story of lives lived. Come and join us.

Nick Wilson Quilt-As-You-Go (QAYG) Workshop

In June, we were delighted to welcome Nick who presented a fabulous workshop on free-motion quilting. Some of the pieces were completed and shown at the recent CACA 50th celebration weekend. Nick was so popular that he has been booked for a more advanced workshop in 2027.

Our learning grows as we meet each week with members eager to share “their love of Quilting”. This was demonstrated at our **“Make and Take”** table at the Anniversary Celebration. Live demonstrations of both machine and hand techniques, including rope bowls, bags, paper piecing, kawandi and sashiko.

Our display highlighted our commitment to learning, sharing our creative journeys and skills, and demonstrating how quilting connects us with the wider community through our charity work.

Our aim was to show that quilting can be modern, affordable, portable and accessible. We hope to inspire younger people, along with anyone who feels limited by time or budget, to discover the enjoyment of quilting and textile arts while promoting upcycling and sustainable sewing practices.

New members are always welcome.





Stitchers



With so many events celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Centre, it has been a busy year so far. Our Stitchers' group is contributing to all these events, in particular, the catering. This is being well looked after with Denise, our providore and all her loyal helpers.

On the Open Day, we were very happy for the opportunity to showcase the diverse talents of the members of Stitchers. From blankets, Treasured Babie's delicate outfits, to rugs, complex embroidered pictures, shopping bags and handbags, tea pot cosies and doorstops, the variety is without limits.

Many rugs and blankets made by our members were delivered during the cold months to various organisations. Amongst them: Alice Springs Maternity, Anglicare, Care Outreach, Hope in a Suitcase, Rosies, Sunshine Sanctuary, Sunny Kids, Thargomindah Floods and Treasured Babies.

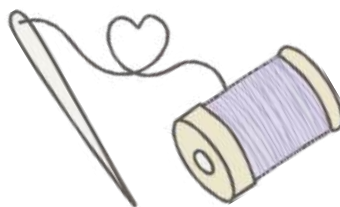
A special thank you to Nola for the wonderful knitting for Treasured Babies (in partnership with Red Nose). Nola travelled to Melbourne to hand over her beautiful outfits.

During a trip to Alice Springs to attend the 30th (and last) of the famous Beanies Festival in June, some 6 beautifully quilted rugs made by Carmen were presented to the Alice Springs Maternity Hospital on behalf of Stitchers.

On a recent trip to the Cook Island, some members of Stitchers donated a selection of beads, trinkets, colouring books and coloured pencils to The Creative Centre of Rarotonga. It is a great local organisation, looking after young adults with various disabilities.

Polly, our President, is always very thankful to all the Stitchers' girls for their participation and friendship at our Wednesday morning sessions.





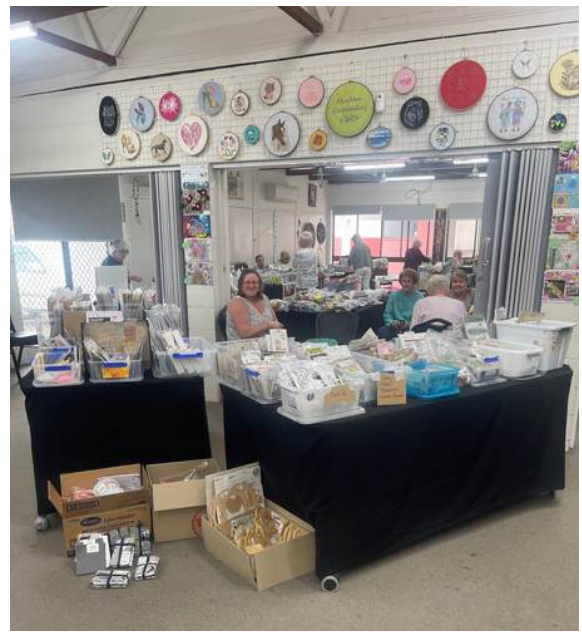
In the last 12 months Stitchers have donated handmade items to the following:

- ❖ Alice Springs Maternity Ward (Patchwork quilts for new babies)
- ❖ Anglicare (helping foster kids)
- ❖ Care Outreach (Helping Rural & Remote Australians)
- ❖ Hope in a suitcase (providing a suitcase of essential items to children in Foster Care)
- ❖ House for Hope (Helping those facing difficult circumstances)
- ❖ Rosies (helping those who are experiencing homelessness, loneliness or social isolation)
- ❖ Sonshine Sanctuary (Crisis accommodation for women and children)
- ❖ Sunny Kids (essential support services to children and families)
- ❖ Thargomindah Floods
- ❖ Treasured Babies (helping families honour those who have died)



Destash Market





Sneakers made by Sue Chilman at recent Wonderous Winter Workshops.





Christmas
ARTISAN
FAIR
 2026

Handmade gifts
Music, books, plants

Saturday 14 November
 9am - 4pm

Sunday 15 November
 9am - 2pm

Community... Connect... Create... Celebrate!

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Christmas Fair





**NORTH
STREET
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Artisan gift shop
CALOUNDRA ARTS CENTRE

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Thank you

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