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AUSTRALIA. -QUEENSLAND Annette

I used the knitting Nancy to make a long long tube (1420cm) and stuffed it with the offcut bits of my rugging whilst knitting. I'm quite pleased with the effect. Then I stitched the coil up to form a basket.

Just started another one using wool fleece with still a fair bit of lanolin in it, which helps to shape it and give it some structure.



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WARNING =

There is an email going round offering processed pork, gelatine and salt in a can.

If you get this email, do not open, its spam.

Apparently, you can't use "Beefstew" as a password. It's not stroganoff.

FROM GREG

Did you hear about the guy who drank invisible ink? **He's at the hospital waiting to be seen!**

- Did you hear about the cat that ate a lemon? **Now it's a sour puss!**
- What do you call someone who can't stick to a diet? **A deserter!**
- What happens when doctors get frustrated? **They lose their patients!**
- Did you hear that laughing too loudly is illegal in Hawaii? **They only permit a-low-ha!**

CANADA – ONTARIO. WATERSIDE RUGGERS.

Our group, the Waterside Ruggers, celebrated International Hooking Day today. Our membership is up to 25 now, but not all come at the same time. We had a dessert exchange and a show and tell today.



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Lise Noakes brought her prayer rug

Gail Carr did and applique Christmas pillow.



Pam Duncan hooked an Art Deco pillow

Sally Christmas is a brand-new hooker. This is her first piece.



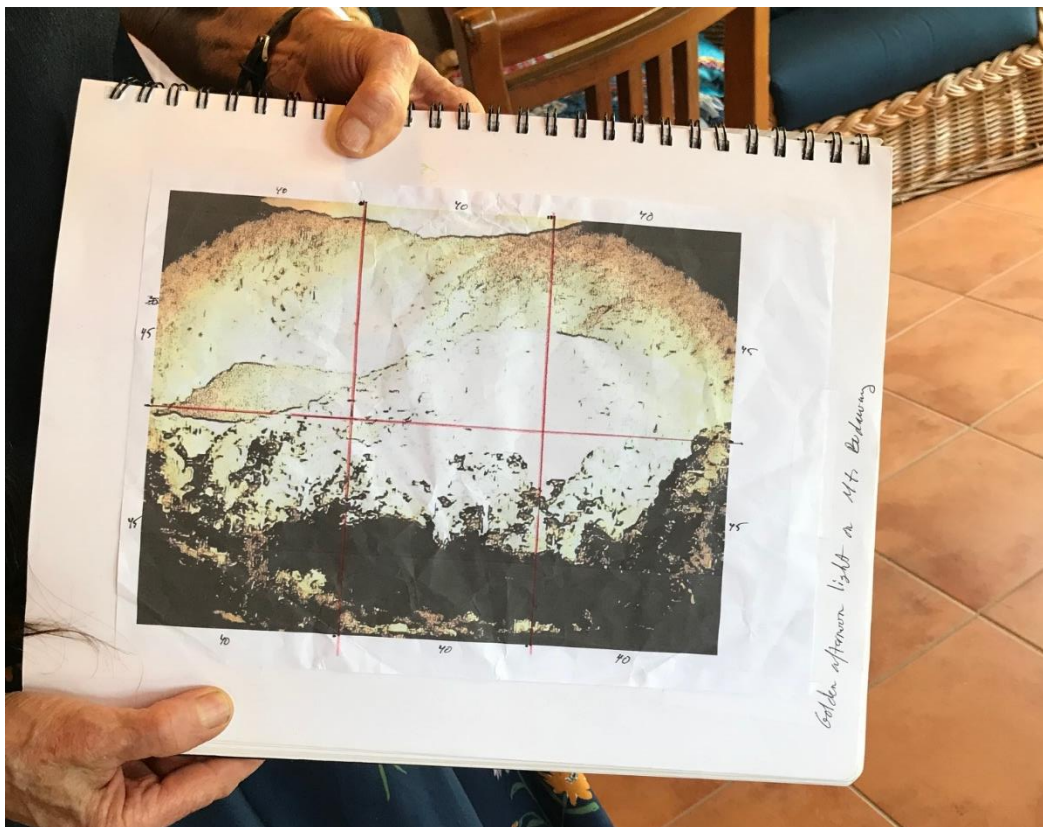
AUSTRALIA – NEW SOUTH WALES. Milton

Narrawilly Proggy Ruggers meeting-day and Christmas lunch on Friday 6th December.



Flamingos designed and worked by Maggie. (Maggie and Gail travel a long distance to join us a few times a year and we always love to see their work)

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Gail with her inspiration.



Finished rug. Continued next page.



Robyn with her first rug.

Why must I prove that I am me to pay my bills over the phone? Do strangers call to pay my bills? And if they do, why don't you let them?

WHO KNEW THAT THE HARDEST PART OF BEING AN ADULT IS FIGURING OUT WHAT TO COOK FOR DINNER EVERY SINGLE NIGHT FOR THE REST OF YOUR LIFE UNTIL YOU DIE

I finally figured out what I want to be when I get older.
Younger.

**If you get a LOAN at a bank, you'll be paying it back for 30 yrs.
If you ROB a bank, you'll be out in 10 yrs.
Follow me for more financial advice**



Alana's Coiled Christmas tree.

A wonky Christmas tree. I used the scraps from the last few projects plus the felt tubs I used to store the scraps in to make the cone.

Susanne Sayers visited the Museum of the Goldfields Kalgoorlie in Western Australia. And wrote this.

After visiting your museum, and finding the rug in the cottage I was so inspired and excited to see it, that I decided as my next project I would replicate the design but my own version of it. I wanted to honour the design, history and craftsmanship of the person who made it.

The photos begin with two photos from your cottage, then my template when I began the process, myself at our local Milton Country Show demonstrating the process, then the finished product. I have also been lucky enough to meet lovely women who are very talented in my rug group and have taught me so much. It's so rewarding to be able to reuse and recycle garments and make beautiful crafts.

A **rag rug** is a rug or mat made from rags. Small pieces of recycled fabric are either hooked into or poked through a hessian backing, to make a mat.

In the UK, these thrift rugs were popular in the nineteenth century and during World War II in working class homes seeking to reuse precious material. The hessian back may have come from a food sack.

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I just thought I would share this with you, and thank you and the Museum for keeping these pieces for people to see and understand how important it was not to waste resources but to use everything we have instead of throwing it away. Suzanne.



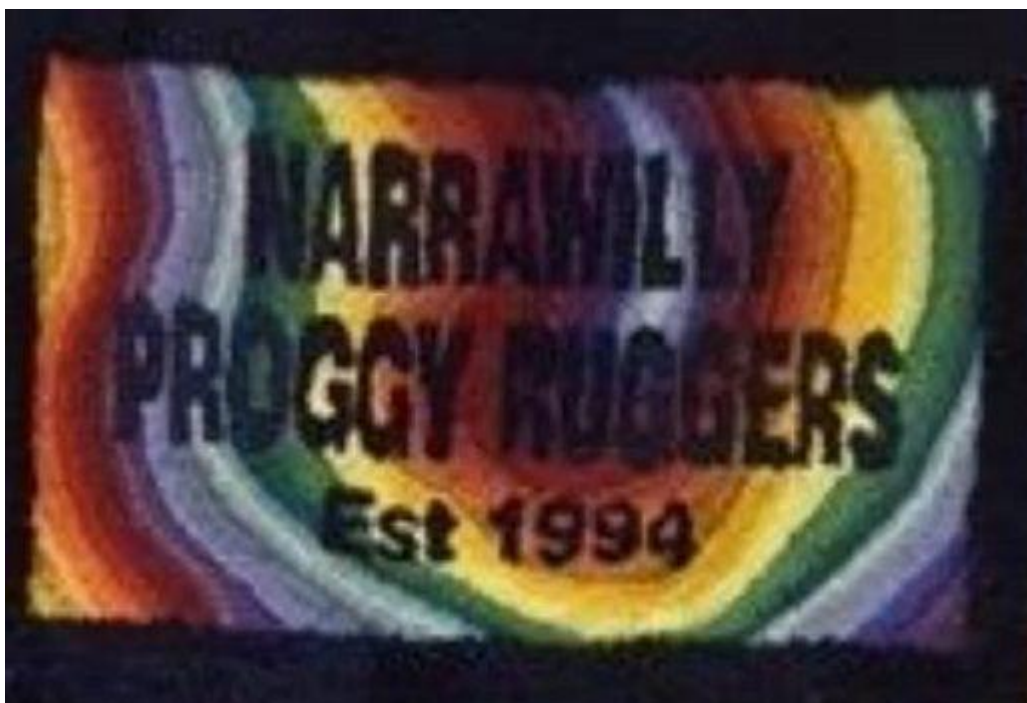
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More photos from Narrawilly Proggy Ruggers Christmas lunch.



Miriam being thanked for hosting the ruggers.



Robyn with her natural dyed silk and felting

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Miriam and Janet in earnest conversation.



Alana enjoying a cuppa.



Sheila and Jacqui looking at the Creativity Club Rug Makers Calendar.

LEXOPHILES

A bicycle can't stand alone, it's just two tired.

He had a photographic memory but it was never fully developed

Acupuncture is a jap well done. That's the point of it.

I didn't like my beard at first. Then it grew on me.

I stayed up all night to see where the sun went, and then it dawned on me.

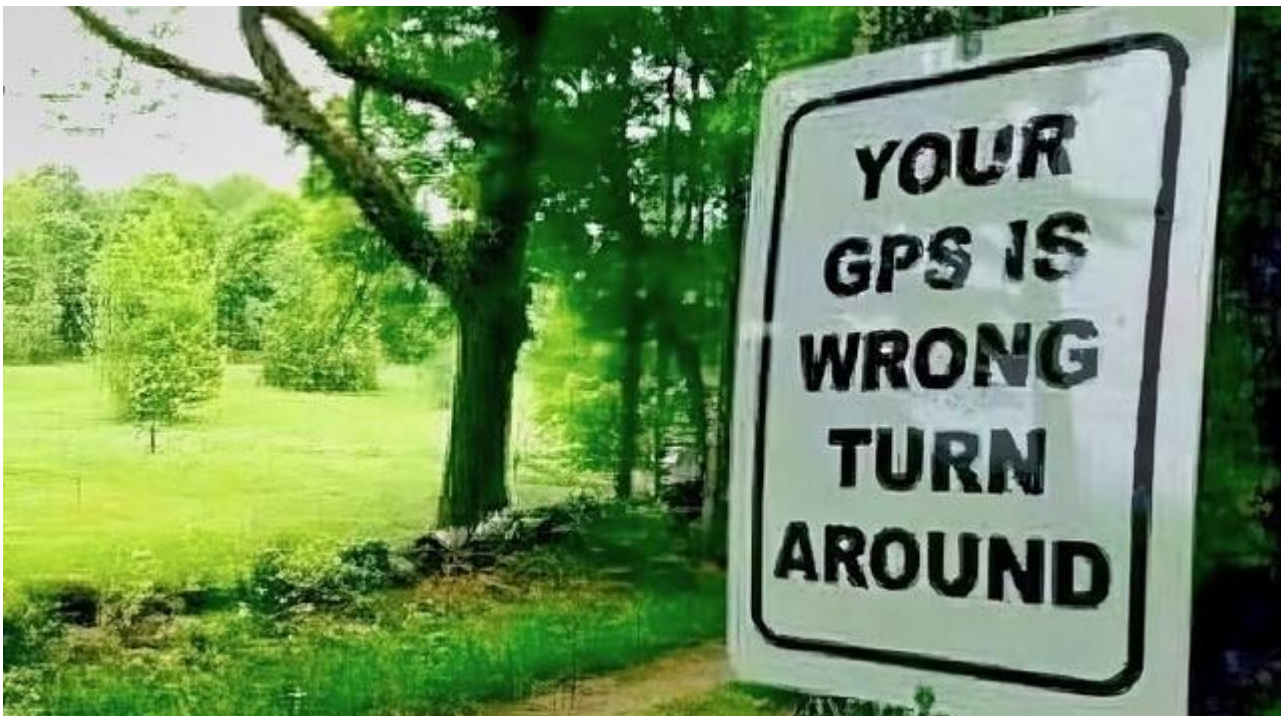
A will is a dead giveaway.

Police were summoned to a daycare centre where a three-year-old was resisting a rest.

When she saw her first strands of gray hair, she thought she would dye.

The girl said she recognised me from the Vegetarians Club, but I'd swear I've never met herbivore.

From Nathalie.



CANADA. -Ontario Burlington. Alice.

Hi Miriam!

Here is my proggy rug done!

I have been a rug hooker for about 6 years and wanted to try a proggy rug. I found Miriam Millers book, Proggy and Hooky Rugs in my Burlington Rug Hooking Guild library. It provided a wealth of information.

Alice Bespolko



AUSTRALIA. QUEENSLAND – KINGAROY. Judith Brook

I haven't been doing much textile work lately. Being, so hot in my sunroom,

I did have to make myself get cracking when my son commissioned me to make a piece for a friend's 30th birthday.

She's a teacher in Brisbane but is from a remote community in Western Australia, so I thought of doing the western desert from the air, and he sent pics of where she lives.

Pretty bleak and obscure so I just used all the colours I could see in it a did in a sort of abstract manner.



I used the lovely piece of primitive linen I bought at Niagara.

The town is called Leonora, which I put at the bottom.

I used Punch needle as it's too hot to cut clippings.

CANADA. GANDER – Patricia Parsons Here are some photos of our group on International Rug Hooking Day and some of the mats we were working on.

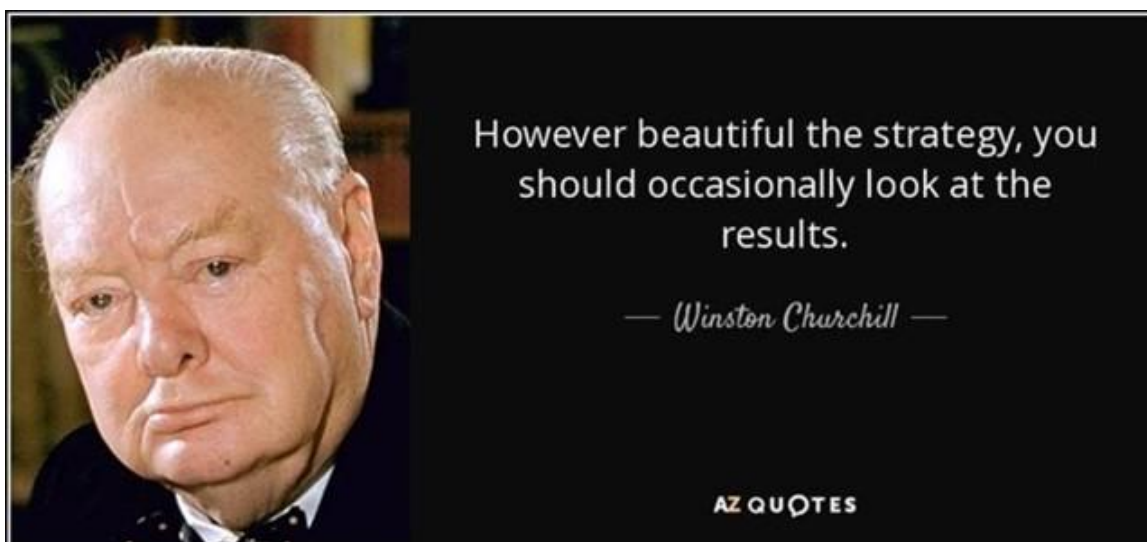


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This is the little rug hooking project that we have on at the public library where we have left a pattern on a frame and invite people to just sit down and try to hook a few loops. Hopefully, it'll get finished over the winter and will be able to be used as a seasonal decoration for the public library, next fall.

CHURCHILL QUOTES.



AUSTRALIA – NEW SOUTH WALES. Narrawilly Proggy Ruggers. – Ilka. Abstract plant.



Size 60cm by 46cm designed and hooked by Ilka.

AUSTRALIA QUEENSLAND – KINGAROY Judith Brook.



So many bananas have finally come on, with the heat and rain. 😊



I've had the dehydrator going 24/7. I've been going around town dropping them off to my friends

Continued Judith.



Also working on a little vest. I overdyed the orange from white.

AUSTRALIA. Tasmania. Sue with her crazy quilt.



Quilt:

I had a collection of Japanese fabrics I'd bought over time from a lady at the Tasmanian Craft Fair. What to do with them was the thing.

So, I bought a QS quilt from Kmart, took it apart to work only on the top layer, and just sewed pieces on randomly, using squares or rectangles of varying sizes. (I confess I had to add a few pieces from my stash to the pile as I progressed.)

I worked on it all through winter, slowly, and finished in time to show it at our Xmas morning tea. It now resides on the Edwardian spare bed.

Sue Lee-Archer

Launceston Tas

AUSTRALIA -WOLLONGONG N.S.W. Joni



We have been busy in our garden this year.

. I haven't done any textile work for ages but I did teach myself last month to sort of crochet. I only do one stitch and I'm not even sure what it's called either. At the moment I'm just going up and down a row. Joni.

CANADA – NOVA SCOTIA. Sydney Forks - Cathy



Sorry it is sideways to fit it in.

CANADA – BRITISH COLUMBIA SALT SPRINGS ISLAND

Hi Miriam, Season's Greetings! Wild and Woolly Rug Hookers of Salt Spring Island at our annual Christmas Pot Luck Lunch at Barbara Federici's lovely home; by December 16 Barb has fully decorated to get us in holiday spirit, up goes her beautiful big Santa Claus, adding to many large hooked hangings gracing her walls. Present this year, including four who have moved to parts of the 'big island', Vancouver Photos show Barbara in the black sequined top at the table for five. Fourteen of us Island. Salt Spring Island is the largest of the gulf islands between Vancouver Island and mainland British Columbia. We enjoy a more temperate climate than the rest of Canada. No snow yet, though usually at least a sprinkle at some point during our winter. Most of us go off to rug hooking retreats several times a year, usually on Vancouver Island, some venture further.

We are a small but close-knit group and would welcome visitors—we meet first and third Monday of the month. We enjoy your newsletter, and love the jokes!



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The end.