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2025 HAWKES BAY/GISBORNE REGIONAL MEMO – 20 October 2025

Hello Everyone

Regional Day:

A big thank you to everyone who came to our Regional Sit and Stitch. We had a lovely day of stitching and chatting. Thank you to CHB Needleworkers for making morning tea. It was a lovely day and we all enjoyed catching up with each other.



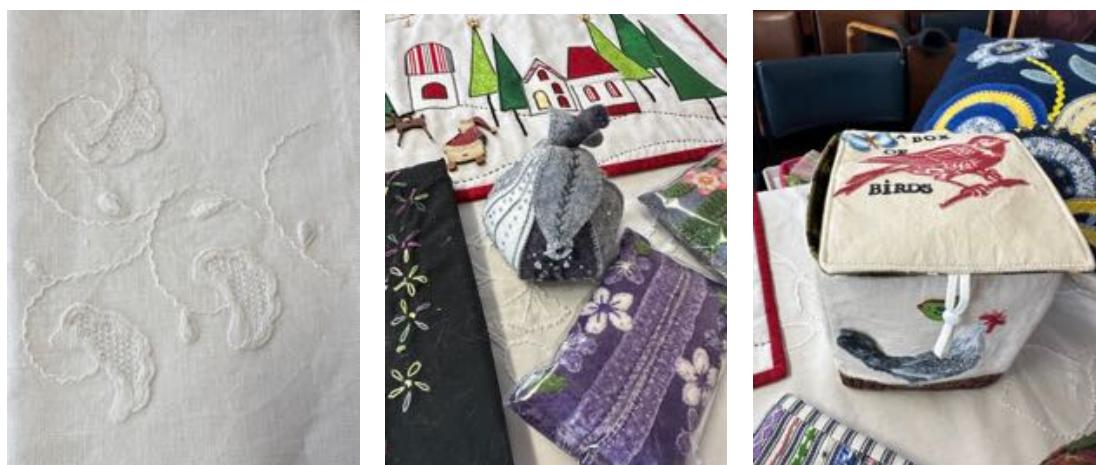
Visit To Wairoa and Gisborne Guilds:

I spent a lovely Tuesday evening catching up with the Wairoa Extensions ladies. They have been enjoying experimenting with fabric painting with leaves and using stencils and embroidering over them. They have made silk paper, done some slow stitching, used zips in their embroidery, used corn pads in their embroidery and played with bird applique. Ladies I am so impressed with what you have done. Your work is fabulous.





I spent a wonderful Wednesday morning with Wairoa Embroiderers Guild stitching and chatting. They put on a fabulous lunch spread and a display of their work. I love seeing all the things they have produced and I have some lovely ideas I would like to try myself.



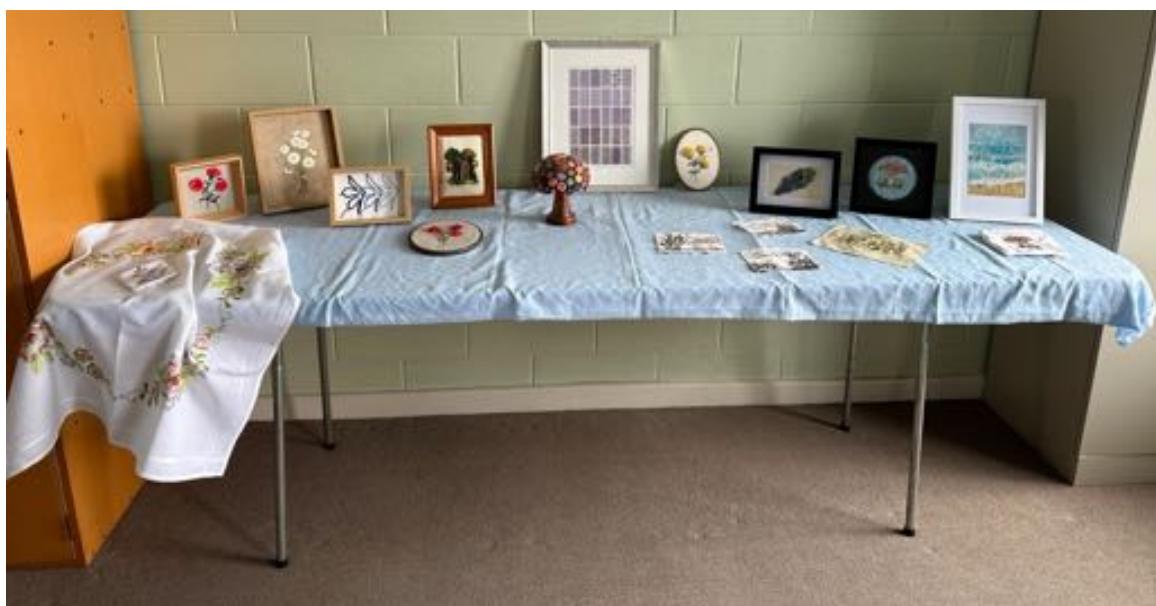


Thank you ladies for your wonderful hospitality and making me feel so welcome. I appreciate everything you are doing.

Thursday morning was another lovely morning catching up with the Gisborne Ladies to see what they have been doing. A beautiful morning tea was put on and after sharing things that will be happening in our region we got to stitch. Several ladies were working on their Punto Antico Mat that was a workshop a few weeks ago. Another day of inspiration to see what members are working on.

Thank you ladies for your hospitality and letting me visit. You are doing some amazing work and I am in awe of what you achieved.





International Tutor 2026:

Fibre Arts Australia presents an inspiring five-day masterclass with renowned Manchester, UK based textile artist Julia Wright.

'Landscape Fragments' will run 10–14 August 2026 at the David Lloyd Gallery in Hamilton.

Over the course of five immersive days, Julia will guide participants through her unique approach to creating evocative, textural landscapes in cloth and stitch.

Julia is known for her beautiful, textural stitched landscapes and will share her creative process in a relaxed, hands-on setting.

With small class numbers and loads of personal tuition, it's perfect for anyone keen to play with colour, texture and composition or to take their textile practice to the next level. Places are limited, so early booking is recommended.

All details and registration: <https://www.fibrearts.net.au/julia-wright.html>

Finished Work:





What's On 2026:

March 27th – 29th
July 4th – 9th

The Embroiderers' Great Escape ANZEG Conference in Palmerston North

What's On 2027:

May 29th – 30th

Stitch Away Hawkes Bay at Napier Boys High School

Embroidery makes a design and clothes talk because we design to perfection.

Happy Stitching

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