



Fast Facts

Craft & Quilt Fair ICC Sydney, Darling Harbour Thursday to Sunday, June 26 – 29, 2025 10.00am to 4.00pm daily www.craftfair.com.au

TICKET PRICES

General

- Adults: \$27
- Concession Card Holder: \$23
- Children 12-18 (under 12 free): \$13
- Family (2 adults & children): \$65
- Multi-Day Pass: \$49

Group Bookings

Travelling in a group of 10+, a school excursion or a community group trip? Make a group ticket booking! Simply scan the QR code or go to craftfair.com.au for more information.

Bookings are for 10+, if a booking is made with less than 10 it will be cancelled.

Do you have a friend who is 30 years or younger who would like to visit the Sydney Craft & Quilt Fair?

BRING A FRIEND FOR FREE!

All you have to do is purchase any Adult (1-Day) or Concession ticket online and click "I would like to book an Under 30's Ticket". fill in their details and head to the help desk at the fair to redeem their free ticket.

*Photo ID of the Under 30s guest is required for collection. (Promo available for online purchases only).

All tickets include entry to the Quilt Show - Book now at craftfair.com.au or by scanning the QR code.



SCAN FOR GENERAL & UNDER 30'S TICKETS

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Welcome to the Sydney Craft & Quilt Fair!

We're thrilled to be back at Darling Harbour again this year and can't wait to welcome you to four days of creative inspiration, learning, and community from Thursday to Sunday.

There's something magical about coming together to celebrate all things craft - the energy, the ideas, the shared passion. Whether you're an experienced maker or just starting out, the fair is a place to be inspired, try something new, and connect with others who love to create.

This year's fair is packed with highlights! Discover independent Australian retailers with specialist supplies and meet local NSW guilds and community craft groups showcasing their talents and sharing knowledge. Don't miss the free Seminars, Make & Takes, and Live Demos - our exhibitors are here to teach, inspire, and connect with you.

We're excited to welcome two incredible quest artists:

- Louise Saxton transforms vintage needlework into stunning contemporary art. She'll host a seminar and workshop at her stand - visit our website to reserve your spot.
- Jake Henzler returns after selling-out in Melbourne! Known for his vibrant yarn and needlecraft creations, Jake will run handson workshops - book online to learn from one of the best.

And of course, don't miss the Quilt Show, featuring hundreds of breathtaking quilts, including Australian Quilt Show and AQC Challenge finalists, plus works from local quilt guilds.

Feeling inspired? Try something new in our Studio Workshops - from beading, embroidery, basket making and resin jewellery to flower printing and more, you'll walk away with a new skill!

Come explore, create, and connect. First stop: Sydney!

See you at the fair, Jess Kent (Craft Portfolio Leader)

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VENUE FACILITIES

Wheelchair & pram access Photography not allowed





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Fantastic Things to do at the Fair

Dive into a world of colour and learn something new by booking a studio workshop with one of our invited tutors.

Take the time to explore the awe-inspiring Quilt Show which has stunning collections and award winners from all over Australia.

Become an embroidery vandal with Louise Saxton! Discover how Louise reclaims disinherited and discarded needlework into stunning artworks and try it for yourself in her workshops.

After his workshops sold out in Melbourne in 2024... Jake Henzler – Boy Knits World, is coming to Sydney!

Dive into a world of sumptuous stitches and beads by joining one of Cathy Jack Coupland's one day workshops.

Shop 'till you drop! With exhibitors from right here in NSW and further abroad, you'll be spoiled for choice!

Learn a new skill and take your work home with you in the daily Make & Take sessions, hosted by our fabulous exhibitors.



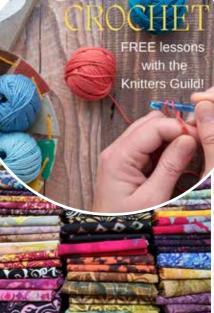


Find out how products work

or pick up a new technique

by catching one of the

daily demonstrations or







Pick up a FREE Janome Eco Bag BAG GIVEAWAY to stash your shopping!

Janome is giving away a My Sewing Buddy eco bag. Be early to collect yours! For the first 1000 visitors only on each day of the fair.





Artist Louise Saxton has a passion for vintage household needlework. She uses it to create new artworks, cut and collaged, recreating ancient stitcheries into new contemporary art pieces.

She has been referred to as the embroidery vandal, but in fact she is honouring these humble, decorative pieces of household linen which are no longer in vogue, reclaiming them and giving them a new life. Louise has participated in Artist in Residence programs in Australia, Malaysia, France, Mexico and Spain.

Louise will also display her self-published monograph LOUISE SAXTON cut & pinned, which will be available to purchase through Can Do Books, Stand A02.

We're thrilled to have her with us at the Craft & Quilt Fair to share her processes and show samples of her work. Louise will also teach two workshops with limited numbers on Thursday and Saturday so book now as places will fill.

MEMENTO MONOGRAM WORKSHOP

Thursday June 26 & Saturday June 28 at 10.30am - 1.30pm

Make a Memento Monogram from reclaimed needlework. Louise will have examples of her own monograms to show.

You will learn how to extract embroidered and/or lace motifs from domestic linens; arrange them into the shape of a letter which references a friend or loved one (eg R for Ruth). Cost: \$120.

Kit includes:

- One embroidery hoop (25cm) Pieces of tulle cut to size
- One box of lace-pins One pair of sharp scissors A paper carry bag to take home your memento and kit materials.

Participants to bring:

• Additional doilies, tablecloths, tray cloths or other pieces they are prepared to cut up.



Find out more about Louise and book her workshops by scanning the QR code on the right or go to craftfair.com.au





Self taught knitter and pattern designer, Jake Henzler, spent a year in Copenhagen and decided to commemorate the adventure with a knitting design which became a blanket. The modular blocks were based on buildings he walked past and admired. His innovative folk style knitting concepts took off and now he is known as 'Boy Knits World'.

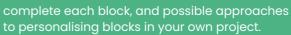
Join one of his workshops.

SYDNEY TERRACE HOUSES WORKSHOP

In this conversational small group workshop, you will learn from Jake how to knit his colourwork terrace houses, and about his approach to knitting design.

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The class will cover practical tips of colourwork used to



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This workshop will run on Thursday, June 26 and Saturday, June 28 from 10.15am to 11.15am or 2.15pm to 3.15pm. Cost: \$65.

Materials provided: pattern for 1 block, discount code for all patterns, 4-ply cotton (any preferred yarn will need to be brought by participants)

Please bring a pair of 3.00mm knitting needles.

COPENHAGEN BUILDING BLOCKS WORKSHOP

In this conversational small group workshop, you will learn from Jake how to knit his colourwork building blocks for Copenhagen, and about his approach to knitting design.

The class will cover practical tips of colourwork used to complete each block, and possible approaches to personalising blocks in your own project.



This workshop will run on Friday, June 27 and Sunday, June 29 from 10.15am to 11.15am or 2.15pm to 3.15pm. Cost: \$65.

Materials provided: pattern for one block, discount code for all patterns, 4-ply cotton (any preferred yarn will need to be brought by participants).

Please bring a pair of 3.00mm knitting needles.



Whether you're new to knitting or new to colourwork, during the workshop you'll receive individual guidance to begin knitting your own set of cityscape or landscape blankets! Find out more about Jake or book your workshop by scanning the QR code or go to craftfair.com.au

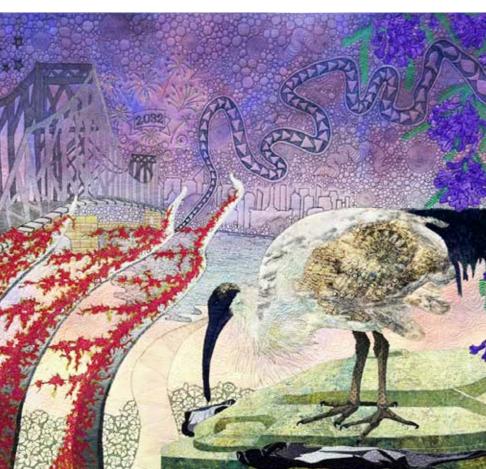
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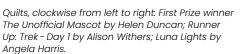
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Convention) Challenge which dared passionate quilters to create around the theme On The Map!

First prize of \$3,500 went to Helen Duncan with The Unofficial Mascot. Runner Up was Alison Withers with Trek - Day 1 who won \$1,500. Viewers Choice Award of \$500 went to Lyn Keogh with her entry Keep Me on the Map.











Take a trip around the world with this year's AQC (Australasian Quilt

Enjoy the display of 34 finalists' quilts featuring traditional, modern, abstract and

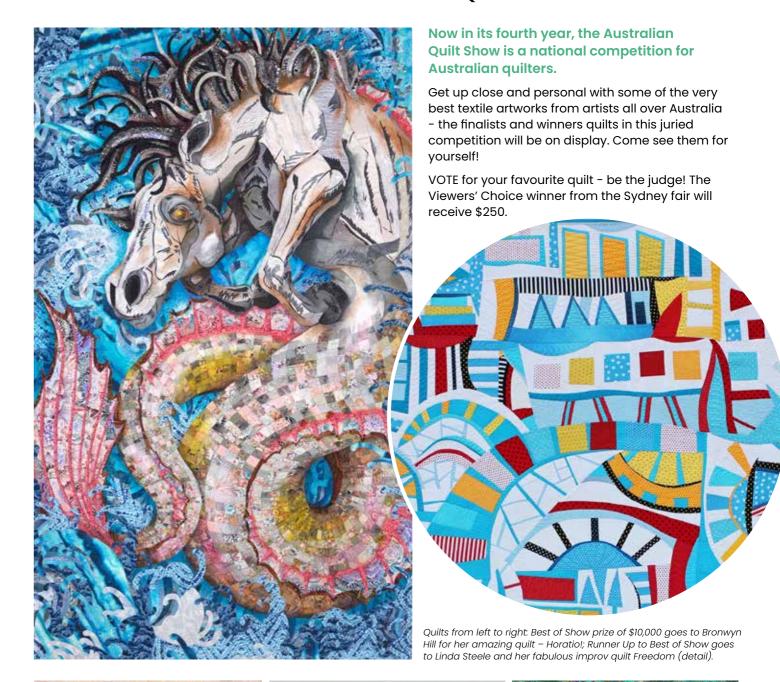


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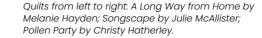


Left. A-Z Australia - Zimbabwe by Jane Irvin; Right. Pick of the

Australia's Best Quilts













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Meet your local Quilt Guilds

Wollongong Modern Quilt Guild is affiliated with the International Modern Quilt Guild and QuiltNSW.

The group is made up of quilters of all ages and levels of experience, and while small it's mighty; it's responsible for initiating a National Modern Quilt Show. They coordinated the making of over 600 quilts, using blocks sent in from all over the world, after the devastating 2019 Australian east coast bushfires, the group quilt Illawarra Improv won the Best of Show at the MQSA 2016. Talk to members at the fair and find out about their activities.

wollongong Modern Quilt Guild



Sydney Modern Quilt Guild has an annual membership fee which grants you membership to the

international MQG including benefits such as: access to the MQG online

community; access to the MQG monthly webinar series; access to the MQG free monthly patterns and free block of the month series, and so much more. Talk to them - you might find a new social group who shares your passion.



Quilt left: Cellophane Squares by Sharon Thomson.

Rainbow Stash Buster

384 small but fascinating studies of colour and theme make up this unique installation.

Rainbow Stash Buster is the concept of Brenda Wood who set the monthly theme and textile artists responded. The 15 metre installation is an uplifting visual of great ideas and delightful colour.



Hunters Hill Quilters

This year we also welcome a local guest guild - The Hunters Hill Quilters are a group of enthusiastic needleworkers who come from many different walks of life. Beginning as a small gathering of friends in 1982, they now have 70 members.

The common thread that binds is the love of making quilts. Patchwork and quilting has a long history with many styles and techniques; Hunters Hill Quilters cover the full gamut, from the traditional styles to the more modern methods.

Learn more from members at the fair.

Make & Takes

Learn a new skill and take your work home with you in the daily Make & Take sessions! Bookings required – for details go to craftfair.com.au



10.15am: Create Art for Your Home: **Creative Cushion Covers with Fionart Design** (Thursday and Friday only). Cost: \$40. Book at Stand C35.

10.15am:

Make Ted in Bed with Anna from **Fabric Gardens** (Saturday and Sunday only). Cost: \$33. **Book** at Stand A09.





11.15am: Make a **Quilt Label with Kathy Doughty** from Material Obsession. Cost: \$36. Book at Stand A17.

12.15pm: Create & Sparkle: Make Your Own Crystal **Earrings with Maria** Crystal Designs. Cost: \$20. Book at Stand D26.





1.15pm: Wearable **Art Denim Patch** - Patch It with **Love with Fionart** Design. Cost: \$10. **Book at Stand C35**

Free Seminars

Be inspired and learn something new in these FREE Seminars! Located at the Seminar room. No bookings required. More details at craftfair.com.au

11am: Organic Stitching: Unleash **Your Creativity** with Simone Sudholz from Catharina's Vintage Stitches.





12noon: **Digitising Tools** with Susan **Goodwin from Hatch Embroidery** by Wilcom.

2.15pm:

Crvstal **Bracelet:** Sparkle Your Way with **Maria Crystal** Designs. Cost: \$55. Book at Stand D26.





3.15pm: Kensington **Cushion with** Just Patchwork. Cost: \$30. Book at Stand A16.

Book a Workshop and Learn Something New!

These one-off sessions are by invited tutors and must be pre-booked at **craftfair.com.au** - Sydney Craft & Quilt Fair

Thursday June 26, 10.15am to 12.45pm or 1.15pm to 3.45pm

Make a Coiled Basket with Raffia and Fabric

Presented by Vicki Fowler from Basketmakers of Victoria
Fee: \$100



Learn the technique of coiling, in this colourful and happy workshop, to craft a basket using recycled materials. No two baskets are alike. The method uses hand dyed raffia and blanket stitch around a core of colourful fabrics. You will learn how to start, shape and finish a basket.

All skill levels are welcome from beginners to experienced basketmakers. All materials are supplied; just bring scissors and drinking water.



Friday June 27, 10.30am to 12.30pm Fabric Printing with Flowers

Presented by **Deb Boutzetis of Hi I'm Deb Fee: \$90**





Learn the Japanese art of tataki-zome – the craft of transferring natural botanical dyes onto fabric by hammering flowers. Create printed fabrics or papers with this somewhat weird fabric printing technique. Create a wide range of designs with your finished paper and fabric. All skill levels are welcome.

All materials are supplied: flowers, hammers, boards and a linen tea towel – everything you need to make your own printed sampler. Just bring a sense of humour!

Friday June 27, 1.30pm to 3.30pm Zhuzh Up Your Jeans

Presented by **Deb Boutzetis of Hi I'm Deb Fee: \$80**

Reimagine your wardrobe with the meditative art of slow stitching. Cover a stain, repair a hole or embellish a boring garment and create a unique piece of wearable art.

You will learn the fundamentals of colour, pattern and placement as well as the basic embroidery stitches required to complete your garment.

All embroidery threads, decorative patching fabrics, backing fabrics, needles and scissors are provided. Bring a garment to work on: denim, cotton or linen preferred.



Saturday June 28, 10:30am to 12noon Resin Jewellery Pieces

Presented by **Lucy Dujmovich**

Requirements: Ages 10+

Fee: \$105



You will make

Earrings or a necklace using your choice of colours, shapes, and real dried flowers—plus extras like glitter or gold flakes to make your piece truly unique.

You will learn

How to safely mix and use UV resin, add pigments and inclusions, and finish your pieces with a smooth, professional touch. You'll

also attach jewellery hardware like earring hooks or a necklace chain to turn your creation into wearable art.

You will use

Non-toxic UV resin, pigments, glitters, dried florals, silicone moulds, and jewellery hardware (like hooks, chains, and jump rings).

Nothing to bring.

Saturday June 28, 1.30pm to 3pm Foam Clay Mirrors

Presented by Lucy Dujmovich Fee: \$85

You will make

A fun, colourful mirror frame covered in soft, squishy foam clay in playful patterns and bold colour combos. Your mirror will be ready to take home and display.

You will learn

How to work with air-dry foam clay, blend colours, create 3D textures, and evenly cover surfaces. You'll also explore how to design eye-catching, expressive patterns.

You will use

Foam clay in a rainbow of colours, a mirror and stand frame, and adhesive tools to help apply your design.

Nothing to bring. All ages.



Sunday June 29, 10.30am to 12.30pm Watercolour Floral Introduction

Presented by Amanda Sharples

Fee: \$104

In this introduction to the wonderful world of watercolour painting, you will learn how to paint various flowers: roses, coneflowers, forget-me-not, ranunculus, African daisies, tulips and wild roses.

Brushstrokes, water control in painting wet on



wet, wet on dry, interesting design, layering and blending techniques are covered. Suits: beginners, aged 12 and over. Skills learnt will enable you to create floral cards, art journals, sketchbook and scrapbooking pages, and art projects. Materials will be provided. Bring an apron and drinking water.

Sunday June 29, 1.30pm to 3.30pm

Abstract Floral Watercolour

Presented by **Amanda Sharples**Fee: \$104

Learn to paint abstract florals using acrylic ink and watercolour. Brushstrokes, wet on wet, wet on dry, water control, layering and blending are used to create two beautiful abstract floral paintings on quality A5 watercolour papers.

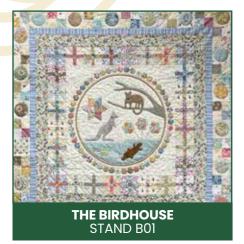
This class suits beginners, aged 12 and over. Learn skills to create floral cards, art journals, sketchbook and scrapbooking pages and art projects. Materials will be provided. Bring an apron and drinking water.



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Shop till you drop!

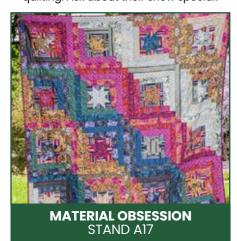
Here's a taste of what you'll see at the fair!



A new quilt, celebrating our amazing Murray River. Features appliqué and EPP. Patterns and kits available at show.



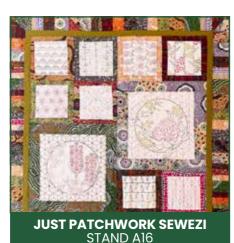
Upgrade your sewing space with the Oliso Mini Project Iron & Sew Easy Wool Ironing Mat (25cm sq) the perfect duo for precision quilting. Ask about their show special!



Cabin Stars is a visually exciting quilt kit that is super fun and easy to make using Wandering Eye, the latest fabric collection by Kathy Doughty.



Create a whimsical garden with the Tuscan Trellis Quilt. Applique this design to create a visually striking quilt.



Botanica Australiana features 14 small and 2 large blocks from the Botanica Stitchery, stitched using Perle 8 threads, and borders using aboriginal fabrics.



STAND B09

Come and see us for beautiful hand dyed silk ribbon and other embroidery supplies



The Ashford Electric E Spinner is portable, making spinning your own artisan yarn for your fibre creations, super easy and fun.



Austrian-made crystals in Royal Blue Delite and Black Diamond, paired with German-made gold and rhodiumplated sew-on settings.



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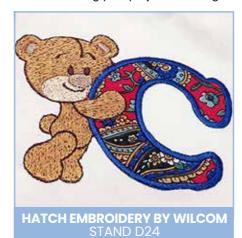
Ultra compact folding scissors now in three convenient sizes small, medium and large.

Expo highlights...

Come see your favourite retailers and discover something new!



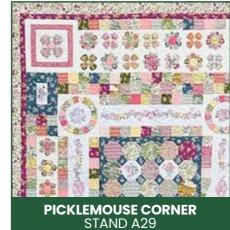
This medium-sized tote features a secure zippered closure and a comfortable carry handle, making it ideal for taking your projects on the go.



Add the new Keyboard Design Collections to your Hatch Embroidery Digitising software.



Illustrative Natives hand screen printed collection - if you love Australian flora, you'll love this fabric range in fresh, new season colours on cotton poplin.



Arabella - full kit featuring Liberty fabric for sew along including binding, pattern and threads.



Creativity at its best with the top-of-the-line B990 and the take anywhere new 3 Series machines on the BERNINA Stand D09.



Ornaments on white 18ct Aida and Natural Linen.

Mini Red Truck Christmas



Knitting kits available.

The classic Blocks Cardigan handknitted in Australian wool and mohair, new colours and new yarns.



New model Primo, the first Baby Lock Cover Stitch machine equipped with an exclusive Top Cover Stitch. A groundbreaking innovation.



TEXTILES STAND A28

A selection of special antique indigo Boro items, and other unique Japanese textiles.

Join a Stitch Safari!

Come in to Cathy Jack Coupland's Stitch Studio at the fair and immerse yourself in the world of exquisite stitching and exotic beading. Each workshop will suit those with some basic embroidery skills.

Full demonstrations and guidance will be provided throughout. The techniques are simple to learn and the finished pieces are absolutely beautiful. This workshop includes entry to the fair on the day of your class, plus a bonus return ticket, so you can come back to shop with our wonderful exhibitors for your next project.



SCAN FOR MORE DETAILS

All classes are full day. Limited places available and guaranteed to sell out - book your spot now!



WHITE ICE

Thursday June 26: 10.15am to 3.45pm Fee: \$155*



FANCY PANTS

Saturday June 28: 10.15am to 3.45pm **Fee: \$155***



PINK FIZZ

Friday June 27: 10.15am to 3.45pm Fee: \$155*



SIMPLY ELEGANT

Sunday June 29: 10am to 3.45pm Fee: \$155*

*Participants will need to bring materials and a 4-inch hoop, details are on the website www.craftfair.com.au



ABOUT CATHY JACK COUPLAND

Award winning embroiderer and quilter, and top rating podcast creator (Stitch Safari) Cathy has a world of knowledge to share, not just techniques but also on textile history and trends. So, book a spot in her workshop now and prepare to ignite your inner stitch artist.

Cathy is currently working on a 100 Circles Project, stitching 100 hoop designs this year. Join her for a day, stitch one of her sumptuous designs and see some of the 100 circles.





Shop for Handmade Creations from talented local makers in the

Makers Space!



















On Stand Education around the fair!

Patchwork Ninja

FREE 20-min Presentations with Dai and Jacinta from the

Patchwork Ninja. No bookings required. Grab your seat at Stand B43.

11am: 10 Cutting Edge Sewing Notions From Japan 2025!

12pm: Sashiko Accordion Wallet With 3 Pockets Within 15 Minutes!

1pm: Applecore Geisha Backpack

2pm: Eiffel Tower Woven Bag, No Sewing Required

3pm: 3D Shrinking Sewing Case Make Your Own Shibori Textile!

You Are Brave Textiles

3 Easy Ways to Print Fabric at Home with You Are Brave Textiles. 2.30pm daily at Stand E23. FREE.

Curious about screen printing? Discover 3 easy, cost-effective ways to print your own designs on fabric. Learn how you can make a simple "silk" screen at home, explore paint-on resist effects, and compare them with using paper stencils.

Come along to this free, short and informative demonstration.

JANOME

Have you ever wondered if there's a sewing foot for a technique and how to successfully achieve that technique? Good news! Head to Janome Sewing Room for daily seminars:

10.30am – 11am: Sewing
11.30am – 12pm: Embroidery
12.30pm – 1pm: Sewing
(different topic from AM)
1.30pm – 2pm: Embroidery
(different topic from AM)

Ask any time!

Head to the exhibitors stand and they will be happy to demonstrate the product for you.

Hatch Embroidery Q&A - Mai Huynh. Have questions about Hatch Embroidery? Visit Hatch Embroidery by Wilcom at Stand D24 anytime for a friendly Q&A session with embroidery expert Mai Huynh!

How to Set Crystals Like a Pro: Jewelry-Making & Embellishment Demo. At Maria Crystal Designs. Stand D26.

Automatic Needle Threader.
Come and see how our Japanese made automatic needle threader makes threading those tiny needles a breeze. At Scissorman. Stand A01.

Baby Lock Australia

Join in FREE Daily Demonstrations at Baby Lock, Stand B24.

11.30am: Inserting a zipper and Gathering options on a Baby Lock

12.30pm: Ways to finish a hem on a Baby Lock Overlocker

2.30pm: Baby Lock Primo Top-Coverstitch Demonstration

BERNINA

made to create

BERNINA 3 Series, Simply Joyful Sewing for Beginners.
Times: 11am and 1pm daily.
Duration: 1 hour. Cost: \$20.

Please book at BERNINA, Stand D09 as places are limited. The kit includes everything you need to make this lovely picture, including canvas.

brother at your side

Discover how easy sublimation is!

Create vibrant colour projects such as t-shirts, tote bags, ceramic mugs, metal tumblers, coasters at home. Each person attending takes home a free gift. Join us at 11am, 12noon, 1pm, 2pm and 3pm daily for a live demonstration of the new Brother SPI Sublimation Printer. No bookings required. Spaces limited.

Spotlight on More Highlights

at the Fair

The Cavalcade of History and Fashion



Come and delight in examples of Oriental fashion with The Cavalcade of History and Fashion and see how the Orient has influenced what we wear today.

Floor talks are at 11am and 2pm daily.





The Dangles – a growing collection of a few hundred knit and crochet pieces, including contributions from around the world.

Presented by Prudence Mapstone

The Woodies

See handmade wooden items, all items are



handmade with love and care, and all of them are unique and individually special.

Made with good quality wood and built to last.





Studio Workshops timetable

CLASS TIME	THURSDAY JUNE 26, 2025	FRIDAY JUNE 27, 2025	SATURDAY JUNE 28, 2025	SUNDAY JUNE 29, 2025
10am				
llam	10.15AM - 12.45PM Coiled Baskets Vicki Fowler \$100	10.30AM - 12.30PM Flower Hammering Deb Boutzetis \$90	10.30AM - 12NOON Resin Jewellery Pieces Lucy Dujmovich \$105	10.30AM - 12.30PM Floral Watercolour Amanda Sharples \$104
12noon				
1pm				
2pm	1.15PM - 3.45PM Coiled Baskets Vicki Fowler	1.30PM - 3.30PM Zhuzh Up Your Jeans Deb Boutzetis	1.30PM - 3PM Foam Clay Mirrors Lucy Dujmovich	1.30PM - 3.30PM Abstract Floral Watercolour Amanda Sharples
3pm	\$100	\$80	\$85	\$104