

# On the road

## CRAFTY STOP OFFS IN SOUTHERN NSW & THE ACT



## 1. Nowra JUKEJEMA QUILTING BARN

**Where's Nowra:** A couple of hours' drive south of Sydney, with the Shoalhaven River running through the town.

**Where in Nowra:** 124 Kinghorne Street, Nowra, in the CBD. One block from the main street. We have off-street parking available, great for attending our classes.

**Who plays host:** Kim Goatcher

**Worth a visit because:** We are just about to celebrate our 10th year serving Nowra's patchwork needs. I offer a great range of fabrics, from reproductions to subtle brights. We have a great selection of patterns, mainly by Australian designers including Irene Blanck from Focus On Quilts and Anni Downs from Hatched and Patched. We have a selection of Cosmo threads and we now stock Australian Heirloom wools. There are lots of fun classes and workshops on offer, such as Finishing Off School and Glue Stick Girls, plus our fabulous stitching retreats. Our September workshop will be hosted by guest teacher and well-known Australian designer Anni Downs. We warmly welcome larger groups and bus tours to come visit us and see what we have in store.

**What we recommend:** You can't go past our classes and workshops with a host of great in-house tutors such as Vicki Porter, Chris Jurd, Jennie Osbourne, Rachael Porter and Carol Kinross.

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## 2. Goulburn THE SEWING PATCH

**Where's Goulburn:** Between Sydney and Canberra. You take the exit off National Highway 31 and follow the directions below.

**Where in Goulburn:** We are at 70 Cowper Street, Goulburn, which used to be called the Old Hume Highway before the freeway went in. Approaching from the north, we are on the drive out to Canberra. Turn from the main street and do a dog-leg past the Shell garage; we are on the same side. Approaching from the south, travel a few kilometres past the Big Merino, but don't go past the Shell garage. We are in a beautiful old period home.

**Who plays host:** Adelle Higham

**Worth visiting because:** The Sewing Patch has it stitched for all your sewing and handiwork needs. We have quality patchwork and dress fabrics, hand- and machine-embroidery products, tapestry and needlecraft supplies, books, designer buttons, gifts, wool, patterns exclusively from Katia, Aslan and Poem hand-knitting yarns, as well as Heirloom and, naturally, Brother sewing machines. We run classes, workshops and so much more. Large groups and bus tours welcome and we can open on Sunday by appointment.

**What we recommend:** The Sewing Patch may be a small shop, but our ranges certainly aren't. With close to hundreds of bolts of patchwork fabrics, you really can't go past some new lines. There is such a huge range of everything for your craft needs it's a wonder the staff can move around. If you can't find what you're after, just ask us — it may be tucked away somewhere. If you still can't find what you're looking for, we'll order it in for you. We pride ourselves on our friendly and courteous service and will always go out of our way to assist you.



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**Phone:** (02) 4822 5559

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### 3. Braidwood BRAIDWOOD QUILT SHOP

**Where's Braidwood:** Braidwood is situated in the southern tablelands on the Kings Highway, 80km from Canberra and 60km from Batemans Bay on the south coast of NSW.

**Where in Braidwood:** Shop 6, Albion Centre, Wallace Street. We're in the Albion Centre, which is right in the middle of Braidwood's CBD. You can see it on the left-hand side as you drive through town on the highway (which is called Wallace Street). It runs right through the centre of the village. You'll find us just a few doors away from the ever-popular Braidwood Bakery.

**Who plays host:** June Weatherstone

**Worth visiting because:** The Braidwood Quilt Shop is a veritable Aladdin's cave, stocked with fabulous fabrics and every possible haberdashery item desired by the serious quilter. Novelties galore grace shelving up to the ceiling and include ranges from the Marvel Heroes and sporting motifs to boats, trains, planes, space, animals, fairies, musical instruments, and seasonal celebration fabrics and panels. A complete colour palette of plains, textures, florals, stripes, dots and spots entice even the most challenged fabricaholic. Kaffe Fassett and the Rowan Team have their own corner, as well as many other contemporary designers. And our expertise and service are beyond belief!

**What we recommend:** If you are a collector of Australian and indigenous Australian designers, our Australian section is stocked with the very latest from textile companies who support stables of many unique and inspirational Australian designers.



**Address:** Shop 6, Albion Centre, Wallace Street, Braidwood NSW 2622

**Phone:** (02) 4842 2355

**Email:** braidwoodquilts@bordnet.com.au

### 4. Nicholls CALICO PATCH

**Where's Nicholls:** Nicholls is in the northwestern corner of the ACT, close to the NSW and ACT border.

**Where in Nicholls:** The Cultural Centre, Gold Creek Village, O'Hanlon Place. Enter the popular tourist region of Gold Creek Village from either direction off the Barton Highway. We're near the National Dinosaur Museum.

**Who plays host:** Rhonda Scoullar

**Worth a visit because:** Calico Patch has been offering a warm and friendly service to the Canberra region for the past 23 years. We have more than 9000 bolts of patchwork fabrics in stock, including Moda, Jinny Beyer, William Morris, Japanese, Laurel Burch, Christmas, flannels, Playing with Marbles, Stonehenge, tone on tones, black and whites, brights, florals and batiks, as well as an impressive range of novelty fabrics including Australiana, Aboriginal, Disney, Elvis, music and children's prints. We have a vast range of haberdashery, patterns and books to tempt the customers. You are welcome to pull up a chair and peruse the books before you buy. Kits are made in store and we are happy to make them up to suit individual fabric choices. When your quilt is complete, we also offer a professional quilting service with an amazing turnaround. Classes are small and friendly, catering for beginners to right through to advanced, and are held regularly on weekends and evenings.

**What we recommend:** Not only do we cater for the quilters, we also carry many gift items including bags, totes, hangers, tea sets, novelty thimbles and miniature sewing machines, to name a few. The store



always has an interesting array of quilts hanging on display and for sale, and if you cannot find your perfect quilt we will always make it for you.

**Address:** The Cultural Centre, Gold Creek Village, O'Hanlon Place, Nicholls ACT 2913

**Phone:** (02) 6255 6699

**Email:** calicopatch1@bigpond.com

### 5. Murrumburrah THE QUILTERS STASH

**Where's Murrumburrah:** On the Burley Griffin Way, approximately one-and-a-half hours from Canberra.

**Where in Murrumburrah:** 330 Albury Street, Murrumburrah, on the highway nestled among beautiful heritage-style shops and eateries.

**Who plays host:** Sue Chesworth

**Worth visiting because:** It's like visiting an old friend; a smile and a warm welcome await you. There are crazy novelty prints from Loralie, bold fabrics from Frond Studios, and nostalgic fabrics from Disney with lots of complementing lines. French General and Rosie's Love Letters add a bit of elegance to the shelves. The adjoining well-equipped studio hosts a number of weekly classes as well as weekend workshops, with talented tutors Chris Jurd and Chris Timmins, both well known in the industry. I love working with people and helping them design their own individual quilts. I am just as keen when it comes to gorgeous flowers or bright geometric designs and it is very rewarding to have a customer return with their finished project to say thank you for the assistance I've given them. I love what I do and I wouldn't be anywhere else. I've made lifelong friends through starting this business.

**What we recommend:** I can't resist a good novelty range when I see one, whether it's babies or farm animals, tractors or crazy cooks. I can't help myself, so it's worth checking out our novelty prints.

**Address:** 330 Albury Street, Murrumburrah NSW 2594

**Phone:** (02) 6386 2133

**Email:** quiltersstash@gmail.com

**Website:** www.thequiltersstash.com.au



### 6. Griffith THE QUILTED WEBB

**Where's Griffith:** Griffith, which is known as the heart of the Riverina, is in far-western New South Wales. Head west for six hours or so from Sydney or drive for five hours straight up from Melbourne.

**Where in Griffith:** 434 Banna Avenue, the main street of Griffith (top block, opposite Broome's Fruit & Veg's). Just look for the Janome signs.

**Who plays host:** Morganne Webb

**Worth visiting because:** For a small country shop we offer a wide range of items including a longarm machine quilting service, Janome sewing machines (sales, service and accessories), Horn sewing cabinets, DMC threads, patchwork fabrics, wide quilt backings, battings, haberdashery, gifts, readymade quilts, bags and knick-knacks. Our kits are known for being just like our samples, with no surprises when you get home. We also offer several block-of-the-month programs with samples on display around the shop to inspire you.

**What we recommend:** Bring in your quilt tops so Morganne can show you firsthand how machine quilting can quickly turn them from unfinished tops to quilted works of art. Seeing the variety of patterns and threads quilted on samples around the shop provides great inspiration and any specific design elements can be discussed on the day — much better than sending them away. You might even be able to see her in action quilting, so don't forget to ask what's on the machine when you visit.

**Address:** 434 Banna Avenue, Griffith NSW 2680

**Phone:** (02) 6964 5523

**Email:** thequiltedwebb@gmail.com



## 7. Coleambally COLEAMBALLY STITCH IN TIME

**Where's Coleambally:** It's a couple of hours' drive northwest of Wagga Wagga.

**Where in Coleambally:** 13 Brolga Place; you will find the Borolga Hotel on the corner — we're on the opposite side of the road with a bunch of other shops.

**Who plays host:** Lynne and Margaret

**Worth a visit because:** Coleambally Stitch In Time has been around for 27 years and we still love our store just as much as we did when it started. We are committed to supplying locals and visitors with a diverse range of sewing products in our bright and cheery store and to keep crafty customers busy stitching up a storm. Inside our store you will find our bright and colourful displays of fabrics are just too tempting to resist. We have a wonderful selection of crafty goodies including patchwork fabrics and precuts, patterns, wool, dress and curtain fabrics, haberdashery, a range of handbags and wallets, as well as servicing and sale of sewing machines and overlockers. You will be truly amazed by our huge range of stock. We are open Monday to Friday, from 9am to 5pm, and Saturdays from 9am to 12pm. You can visit during other times by appointment, and groups are more than welcome.

**What we recommend:** You really can't go past a good range of fabrics and precuts, so have fun browsing through our selection.

**Address:** 13 Brolga Place, Coleambally NSW 2707

**Phone:** (02) 6954 4242



## 8. Howlong WHATEVER WHERE-EVER CRAFT

**Where's Howlong:** Howlong is situated on the Murray River, just 28 kilometres west of Albury on the Riverina Highway.

**Where in Howlong:** 26 Fairway Close, Howlong. Just before you enter the town of Howlong, you will notice the golf course on the left-hand side. On the right, there's the entrance to Golf View Estate. That's where you will find Whatever Where-ever Craft.

**Who plays host:** Helen Roach

**Worth visiting because:** Being the owner of a home-based business, my aim is to make the customers feel very comfortable. I pride myself on old-fashioned service and will go out of my way to help you. Two years ago, I converted the front room of our house into a shop, which is now lined with more than 1000 bolts of quality cotton fabric. It has since outgrown this space and now meanders down the hallway and into the lounge. Among the fabrics you will find a large selection of jelly rolls, layer cakes, patterns, books, kits and so much more. "Sit and Sew" days are very popular and are run every Wednesday and Thursday from 10am-2pm. Like the shop, these days are very laid-back. Occasionally there is a more formal class, where we all learn a project together. Groups are also catered for, with a complimentary old-fashioned morning or afternoon tea, all home-baked and served on fine-bone china.

**What we recommend:** Although the shop caters for all tastes, you can't go past the growing selection of fabrics and patterns by Australia's very own designers. You will find all the latest fabric releases from designers such as Anni Downs and Lynette Anderson.



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**Website:** www.whateverwherever.com.au

## 9. Albury AVONLEIGH COUNTRY QUILTING

**Where's Albury:** We're the last town in NSW before you cross the mighty Murray River on the Hume Highway — sometimes we think we're half-Victorian.

**Where in Albury:** 518 Macauley Street. Travelling west along Dean Street, turn right into Macauley Street and we are about 100 metres further on the right. Conveniently, the Regent Cinema car park is directly opposite the shop.

**Who plays host:** Kay Bennetts and Sharon Keeble

**Worth visiting because:** We're such lovely people! We have fabrics that range from French General to country, meandering through pretty batiks, Australiana, brights, novelties, Kaffe Fassett and Amy Butler. We'll be surprised if you can't find a fabric you'd like to take home. We stock Westalee Design tools, Patchwork with busy fingers English paper-piecing papers and templates, wool felt, a wide range of quilting and patchwork notions and threads, gorgeous buttons and Moda layer cakes and jelly rolls — so many things to drool over as you wander through the shop. We keep our large range of kits up to date, too, for those of you who only have a few seconds to grab and run. The store is filled with beautiful displays and our knowledgeable staff with a good sense of humour come as part of the deal. If you happen to be in on a class day, who knows what snippets of information you may overhear! We offer a full range of classes, including evening classes, for beginners through to more experienced quilters, as well as regular demonstration and Show & Tell days. Ask us about our PPP nights.



**What we recommend:** Just about everything in the shop.

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