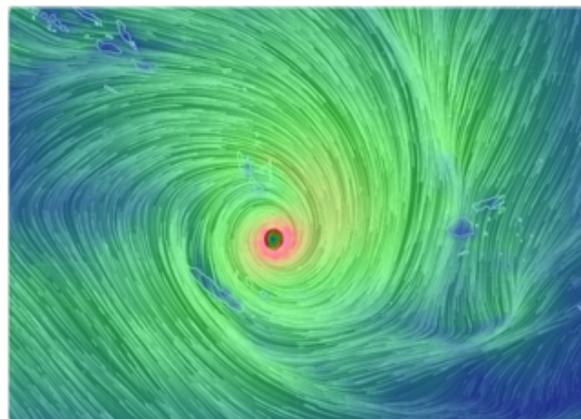


# Quilts for Vanuatu

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Quilts for Vanuatu is on the final countdown

At this moment 115 quilts have arrived here, and that number's increasing all the time. I pick up 35 today.

Marlborough quilters have asked me to share with you what they are doing : Because there are hundreds of seasonal workers in Marlborough from Vanuatu, the quilters of Marlborough are able to make quilts and send them home with the seasonal workers. In early June Marlborough Quilters are having a quilting working bee and would love any other quilters to drop by and join in. Phone Carol Green on 021 150 9608.

The Matamata quilters amazed me last Thursday when they sewed cards and ribbons on 94 quilts in just half an hour. We will meet again tonight and on the 16th to attach cards to all the quilts which are arriving from the depots around the country.

In addition to the quilts I have received 144 new dresses from Auckland for the "Dress a girl around the world" charity. I am spreading these between the bags of quilts so that villages will receive a bag of mixed size quilts and 8-10 dresses.

([dressagirlaroundtheworld.com](http://dressagirlaroundtheworld.com))

A nonquilting friend has very generously contributed \$100 to the project which has been used to buy more fabric for the enthusiastic Tauranga quilters to sew and contribute.

The Manager of the local Caltex Station here, who is also a quilter, has contributed space at the station so all bags of quilts from Fastway are being dropped there.

The most exciting development is that I've heard from P&O Sydney that they expect to be able to take all our quilts to Vanuatu on the Pacific Pearl from Auckland on the 19th April.

Getting the quilts on this cruise ship has been my Number 1 preference for delivery all the way along and so I'm delighted it is about to happen. P&O have already included relief supplies in the ships they have sent from both Brisbane and Sydney over the past 2 weeks. In addition passengers on those ships have been invited to contribute to a collection of tinned food and toiletries on those ships. (So wish I could climb into one of the bags of quilts and go too!). If, by any chance you know someone going on that cruise I'd love to hear from them so we can try and get a photo at the destination.

If you'd like to read more search google "P&O Vanuatu disaster relief  
Here is an excerpt from the mail I've received from P&O Head Office -

**"we are working very closely with the Vanuatu Disaster Recovery Centre who have contact points into the major humanitarian aid groups working across Vanuatu on the disaster relief effort and have been partnering with us to distribute items such as food, toiletries, building products etc. If you are happy to we would suggest the quilts are handed over to them for distribution to the various groups who most need them"**

One of the great things about this delivery method is the Quilts will be unloaded on the wharf in Vila just 10days after they arrive here in Matamata.

I look forward to sending a final flyer to you when all the quilts have arrived and been delivered to the Pacific Pearl.

**DEPOTS.** (Deliver your quilts by this Friday, the 10th of April.)

AUCKLAND: NUTEX Wholesalers, 25-29 Gordon Rd, Morningside,

WEST AUCKLAND: All things Patchwork, 5-19 Factory Rd, Waimauku

BLLENHEIM: The Sewing Store, 29 High St, Blenheim

CHRISTCHURCH: Bernina Sewing Centre, 466d Papanui Rd.

DUNEDIN: Bernina Sewing Centre, 185 Hillside Rd, South Dunedin.

HAMILTON: Bernina Sewing Centre, 91 Alexandra St.

INVERCARGILL: Bernina Sewing Centre, 47 Tay St.

NAPIER: Bernina Sewing Centre, 239c Emerson St.

NELSON: Bernina Sewing Centre, 52 Bridge St

NEW PLYMOUTH: Bernina Sewing Centre, 24 Devon St East.

NEW PLYMOUTH: Still Quilting & Knitting, 228 Devon St. East.

PALMERSTON NORTH: Village Books & Crafts, 318 College St.

ROTORUA: Cottage Flair, 1127 Fenton St.

TAURANGA: Bernina Sewing Centre, 387 Cameron Rd.

TE AWAMUTU: Stitchin Stuff 91, Market St.

TIMARU: .Timaru Sewing Centre, 173 Stafford St.

WELLINGTON: Minerva Books, 237 Cuba St.

WHAKATANE: Jaynes Wool and Fabrics, 16 Peace St.

WHANGAREI: Country Dawn quilting & Patchwork, 38 Rayburn House Lane.

Or direct to me: Caroline Mason, 48 Everad Ave, RD.2, Matamata,  
Phone 07 888 6647

A big thanks to all the great quilters who have contributed to Quilts for Vanuatu.



