

## **“RAY OF SUNSHINE” QUILT PROJECT**

Following a request from Nurse Sally Drury, Taree Craft Centre has taken up the challenge to co-ordinate the supply of handmade quilts for the Palliative Care Ward at Taree Hospital. The quilts are used to brighten up the rooms of terminally ill patients, almost like bringing a ray of sunshine into the room, and nursing staff have witnessed the wonderful difference this can make for both the patient and visiting relatives. The quilt is then donated to the family to keep as a lasting and treasured keepsake.

The response to this project has already been amazing. So far 10 quilts have been donated and have been passed on to the hospital. Each quilt has been labelled with the name of the project and the name of the person donating the quilts. Other quilts are being produced by local patchwork groups, and wonderful volunteers are sewing at home.

**Taree Craft Centre needs your help with this project.** We have some donated fabric at the Craft Cottage, as well as a full roll of wadding donated by “Love Patchwork” of Harrington. The quilts are not large – they can range from 43” square, and simple, colourful patterns are ideal.

If you are able to sew a quilt for us, please get in touch. If you have new, cotton fabric you no longer need, we would love you to donate it to this project. Any assistance you are able to give will be greatly appreciated.

The aim is to give the Palliative Care Ward a stash of quilts from which to choose, and when they recognise that a patient is in need a gesture of kindness in their hour of need, they are able choose just the right quilt to present to that patient.

If you are able to assist in any way, please contact Pam Eyb on (02) 6552 5552.