

POATINA WEAVING RETREAT 2023

Dates for 2023: 24th or 26th – 28th May

Venue: Poatina Village

The Exchange: At Poatina we have an “exchange’ where people weave something (a gift) to bring along and we conduct a random exchange at the retreat. This is not compulsory, but has become a rather looked forward to part of our time at Poatina.

Initially we used to have a woven tea towel exchange, but this has morphed into having a different theme each time, and people may choose what they would like to make from their weaving. For 2023 the theme for the exchange is to be “*Freewheeling.*” Think about things that give you a sense of freedom, excitement, happiness, the wind in your hair, wheels or circles, perhaps adventure or travelling and relate this to what you decide to weave. The theme may of course be applied to how you structure your weave. What you make with your woven fabric only needs to be a small item, but you may also keep in mind the theme for this as well.

The Theme for the Retreat: In 2023 the theme for our time at Poatina will be “*The Colours of Tasmania.*” For this think about things like the colours of the seasons in Tasmania, the bush, the mountains, the water (lakes, rivers or oceans); a particular place here that is special or that has some significance for you that you might interpret in weaving; even a photograph or a painting that inspires you. For those of you who like natural dyeing you might use some of our Tasmanian dye plants to colour your yarn. It is up to you, but once you decide what to do can you write what has inspired you onto a card that you can bring with you to Poatina. You could also bring a photograph or drawing of what has inspired you if you wish.

Registration: To register fill out the registration form and mail or email it as detailed on the form.