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A year's work in quilt show

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Gerringong committee of the Children's Medical Research Institute members Noeleen Thistle and Sue Ferguson held a stall for the annual quilt raffle at Gerringong IGA on Friday.

Picture: ELIZA WINKLER

MORE than 100 handmade quilts will be on display at the annual Gerringong Quilt Show on November 7-9.

Hosted by the Gerringong committee of the Children's Medical Research Institute, the show will be held in the Gerringong Town Hall.

The quilt show is famous for its varied and colourful quilts and wall hangings.

Gerringong committee's craft stall will also have a wide variety of handmade Christmas gifts available, including children's wear, toys and Christmas decorations.

The legendary homemade Christmas cakes and puddings will be on sale, as will tickets in the quilt raffle.

There will also be other quilting jewellery and scrapbooking stalls.

Gerringong committee members work for 12 months organising and making items for sale at the show and, as they put it, "have a great time together".

All funds raised will go to the Children's Medical Research Institute.

The Gerringong committee was founded in 1959 - a year after the CMRI was formed by the late Dorothy Bailey. Since then, it has raised an amazing \$1,750,000 for the institute - an extraordinary feat considering it has just 70 members.

Founding members Mena and Joyce Sharpe and Marg O'Keeffe are still actively involved.

It is going to be a busy time for the committee.

As well as staging its quilt show, it is hosting a Melbourne Cup Luncheon at the Gerroa Boat Fishermen's Club on Melbourne Cup day.

The show is open from 9am-5pm but will close at 3pm on the Sunday.

Entry is \$5 and refreshments will be on sale all day.

For more information, call Lorraine Peade on 4234 2606 or 0417 342 606.