



# KG Bytes

November 2016

## From the Executive

### It's AGM time

November is the month for all Groups to have their AGMs. Please let Sharon, Guild Secretary, know the results. Forms have been sent out to each Group, but Sharon is more than happy to receive a quick email ([secretary@knittersguildnsw.org.au](mailto:secretary@knittersguildnsw.org.au)) from you letting her know who has been elected to the positions of Convenor, Secretary and Treasurer.

### Our new Website

If you haven't seen it yet, check out our new website.

The site has had a major transformation. There's a streamlined homepage as well as information on what the Guild and Groups get up to. A calendar has been created and we hope each Group will add information to it to highlight all the wonderful events and activities going on across the State. Instructions on how to upload information to the Calendar will be sent to your Group Secretary after the AGMs.

### Membership Season

Yes, it's that time of year when we can all renew our membership to the Guild. If possible, please renew online as the new website provides a receipt as soon as the transaction is completed. Each member is asked to retain this receipt as membership cards will not be issued.

Issuing membership cards took an enormous amount of time and labour with a significant monetary cost as well. To save wear and tear on our Membership Convenor the Executive have decided that your receipt when you renew is confirmation of your membership. If you have any queries regarding this process, please do not hesitate to contact me.

### Where One Door Closes ... Another Door Opens

At its recent AGM, the Castle Hill Group failed to receive nominations for the positions of Convenor, Secretary or Treasurer. As a result, the Group has folded. On behalf of the Executive we thank all the members for their participation and hope you stay with the Guild in another Group.

A new Group based in Parramatta is having its first meeting on Wednesday, 7 December 2016 between 1pm and 3pm. The Group will be located in the Centenary Uniting Church at 46 Sorrell Street, Parramatta.

## Group Meetings

### Blue Mountains, 19th November

Adventures in Crochet and a visit from The Australian Wool Store.

### Blue Mountains, 17th December

Annual Stash Sale, Book Sale, Market Day along with their Christmas Party.

## Items for KG Bytes

KG Bytes is proving to be very popular among our members and we love hearing from you and including your information. If you would like to include something in KG Bytes, could you please forward it to the President by the 7th of the month.

**Cynthia Mulholland, President**  
[president@knittersguildnsw.org.au](mailto:president@knittersguildnsw.org.au)

### Epping, 21st November

Bring along an unfinished project to work on.

### Epping, 5th December

Shared Christmas luncheon.

### Epping Crochet, 12th December

Final meeting for the year – bring along those projects for Show and Tell.

### Inner City, 10th December

We're celebrating Christmas and having an annual Show and Tell - bring the item you found most challenging or rewarding this year to share with the Group.

### Kiama, 19th November

Members will elect new Committee for 2017 followed by Show and Tell. Plans to be made for Christmas Party.

### Macarthur, 26th November

AGM and Combined Christmas meeting.

### Queanbeyan, 10th December

Christmas Party!

### Pittwater, 15th November

Pittwater AGM, everyone welcome.

## Workshops

### Knit Like a Viking! - 14 January 2017

Would you like to learn to knit your own wire jewellery? Well, this is the workshop for you.

During this workshop, participants will learn the two stitches of an ancient wire knitting technique, known as "Viking Knit". The technique gives a pleasant feeling, flexible chain or knit-like tube which can be used to create beautiful jewellery. Participants will make samples of the two main stitches as well as a bangle to take home.

This workshop is presented by internationally renowned designer, Angharad Rixon. Further details, including the cost will be providing soon – but in the meantime – save the date!

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## February Frolic – 4 February 2017

Ever felt like learning six techniques in one day? Our wonderful Workshops Convenor is putting together a day that will truly satisfy you. The February Frolic will comprise six, one hour tutorials on a range of knitting and crochet techniques. Details are being worked out, but the event is sure to be interesting and educational. Once the tutors are locked in more information will be provided – but in the meantime – save the date!

## Guild Events



## A Yarn Delight in New England

The Guild has two lively and active Groups in the north of the State, New England and Clarence Valley. Due to the tyranny of distance, members in these Groups aren't able to attend events that take place in Sydney and its surrounds. With the assistance of members in these Groups, the Guild is putting on an event on Sunday, 30 April 2017 in Guyra.

We plan on having some retail opportunities as well as workshops, but as we all know, it is also important to allow some time for socialising. I would like to encourage Groups to think about organising a road trip (we all love those road trips!) and think about joining us in Guyra in April, with knitting and an open fire. More details will be provided, as the organising progresses.

## Expressions of Interest – 2018 USA Yarn Tour

Gail Smith (Southern) has had an idea ... she is interested in a trip to the US to visit yarn stores in Seattle, New York

and San Francisco and wants to know if anyone else would like to join her. Gail has contacted iTravel Liverpool and developed a program for the 2018 trip. A flyer, along with an expression of interest form is attached. If you are interested, please complete the form and email to me.

## 2017 Dubbo Show

The Guild has been asked to provide an exhibition of knitting and crochet at the 2017 Dubbo Show, 26 and 28 May 2017. We don't currently have a Group in Dubbo, but the Executive thought this might be the perfect opportunity to gauge interest in starting a new group in that region.

Please make a note of the dates, because we will be asking for items as well as volunteers to assist. More details will be provided, just watch this space!

## 2017 FibreFest

The 2017 FibreFest will be held on Sunday, 22 October and it will once again be held at the Sisters of Mercy Convent in Singleton. Planning is underway.

## Do You Have an Idea?

If you have an idea for a Guild event, we would love to hear from you. We're particularly interested in events that can be held in different parts of the state. If you have an idea, please contact me.

## Other News

### Vale Barbara Farrar

Members of the Kiama Knitters's Group were saddened to learn that Barbara Farrar had lost her courageous battle with breast cancer in October 2016.

Barbara was one of the original members of the Group and served in several capacities including Convenor. She was a skilled knitter and helped with numerous workshops within the Group. Barbara was a gentle soul who gained great pleasure from her charity knitting and we will miss her cheery face.

## Convenors Corner

### Group Information Session

Our Group Information Session was held on 29 October 2016 and was well attended. Of course, any member of any Group is welcome to join us, you don't have to hold a position within that Group. We were able to share ideas, make suggestions and of course make connections with other members. Our next Group Information Session is July 2017.

### Membership Season

It's time to renew your membership. Could each Convenor please encourage members to renew.

If there are any questions regarding membership, please contact Clare at: [membership@knittersguildnsw.org.au](mailto:membership@knittersguildnsw.org.au).