



# KG Bytes

April 2016

## Group Meetings

### Blue Mountains, 16th April

Bauer Bead or Jono Necklace workshop, with Bess from the Wool Inn. Also visit from retailer, Evelyn Reynolds.

### Blue Mountains, 21st May

All day top-down sock workshop with Lynne Byass, and a visit from retailer, Cosy Yarns.

### Crochet Epping, 9th May

Bavarian crochet

### Crochet Turramurra, 4th May

Making a necklace with flowers.

### Epping Group, 18th April

Different methods of joining pieces including mattress stitch and crochet. Bring along three blocked stocking stitch 10cm squares to join side by side and end to end and some garter stitch ones to join also.

### Inner City, 14th May

Natural dyeing with Asa Wahlquist. Asa will discuss her techniques and bring along garments for which she has used natural dyes. Kathryn Trippett from Australian Wool Stores is bringing her lovely yarns for browsing and sale.

### Kiama, 21st May

Members are holding a Biggest Morning Tea. Plus a workshop by Faye Gregory on the construction of a particularly interesting scarf.

### Macarthur

23rd April: Short row shaping (bring 8ply yarn and 4mm needles)

9th May: Cast off methods (bring 6 x knitted stocking stitch samplers – approximately 20sts each - still on needles, ie not cast off).

### Pittwater

19th April: New crochet stitches and reading patterns.

3rd May: Visit from Jill Rowling from Marlyn Alpacas – display and sale of yarn for Alpaca Week.

17th May: I-cord, making arms and legs for toys out of i-cord.

## Group Events

### Newcastle Knitting Fair, 29th and 30th April.

The Newcastle Group is holding its biennial Knitting Fair “The Joy of Knitting”, with an exhibition of work and a sale of beautiful hand-knitted and crocheted items by their talented members. The exhibition takes place at Scots Kirk Hall, Murray Street, Hamilton. Free Entry. 10.00 – 4.00pm.

### Pittwater Group: World Wide Knit in Public Day

18th June: Members of the Group will be catching the 155 bus to Manly, Ferry to Circular Quay and then knitting in

the park adjacent to Museum of Contemporary Art. – times to follow. Members of other groups (and non-members, of course) very welcome to join them.

### Epping's Biggest Morning Tea

The Epping Group is holding a Biggest Morning Tea on Monday 20th June. Raffle prizes will include yarn and gift vouchers from some of our retail Members. The Knitting Competition has 4 sections: Headwear for cancer patient, Other items suitable for cancer patient, Cosies of any kind and Anything Lavender. Our theme colour is lavender, the colour of all cancer survivors. All welcome. Email Anne at [tgmoore@bigpond.net.au](mailto:tgmoore@bigpond.net.au) for more BMT details.

### West Ryde Group: Armidale/Nundle trip

13th – 15th May: Members of the group are going on a weekend trip staying at Armidale, with visits to Uralla, Guyra and the Nundle Woollen Mill. The cost of the bus and accommodation is \$240.00. Meals and the Mill tour are separate.

Email Jean at [jsmith@tsubaki.com.au](mailto:jsmith@tsubaki.com.au).

## Guild Events

### Guild Annual General Meeting

Saturday 7th May: The Guild AGM is held at the Sydney Mechanics' School of Arts, 280 Pitt Street, Sydney (walking distance from Town Hall Station) from 11.00am.

The AGM Agenda, annual reports and last year's minutes will be sent to members by Monday 18th April.

### Celebratory High Tea

Saturday 7th May: After the Guild's AGM we're holding a Celebratory High Tea to celebrate the Guild's 30th Anniversary. It's at the Radisson Blu hotel and the tickets are \$30 available through the website, or by cheque to the Guild Secretary. Lots of fun, food, chat and *great prizes*.

### Fibre Festival

Sunday 9th October: Put this one in your diary now and organise car-sharing with members of your Group, or maybe hire a small bus to get everyone to Singleton for the fun. Or why not make a weekend of it??

### Brioche Stitch Workshop

Our next Sydney-based workshop will be on the ever-popular (and addictive!) brioche stitch. The date and details will be announced in the next issue.

## Other Events

### The WARM Project

You are invited to knit for this exciting, large-scale, community textile art project. For further details go to: <http://www.seam.org.au/warm>.

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## Creative Incentives – The Travelling Yarn (15th-21st July)

A one-week trip to Bendigo/Melbourne for the Bendigo Show in July, with lots of stops along the way. Contact: [yarn@creativeincentives.com.au](mailto:yarn@creativeincentives.com.au) for further details, or visit their website <http://tinyurl.com/z6lbokp>.

## Library Books

The Guild collection of knitting and crochet books has now been catalogued by Singleton Library. If you wish to find a book, visit their website, then contact your local library to borrow through their inter-library loan scheme, [www.singleton.nsw.gov.au/library](http://www.singleton.nsw.gov.au/library).

## And Finally..

We've all been asked by friends at some time why we bother to knit when garments are available more cheaply in the shops. Do show them *20 Reasons You Should Learn To Knit*. (Of course, we all know the reasons and could probably add another 20!).

<http://tinyurl.com/jltsc88>

And for all the obsessed knitters out there:

- *21 Things You Only Know If You Knit*

<http://tinyurl.com/ofxmjuj>

- *21 Struggles Every Knitter Faces*

<http://tinyurl.com/zjzkb9>

## Southern Group Report

*Apologies to Southern Group, despite receiving their report for the April issue of the Magazine, I omitted it from the publication and so it is published here. Anne Powell, Editor.*

A number of our members are interested in crafts involving yarn other than knitting and crochet. At our first meeting in February, Alyson gave a demonstration of spinning using a drop spindle that piqued a lot of interest.

We welcomed two visitors, Elaine Dewey and Carolyn Murtagh from the Northern Group.

In January about half a dozen of us boarded the train at Sutherland and visited the Kiama Show. Apart from viewing the knitting, crochet and other handcrafts the group particularly enjoyed the handspun knitted items. Alyson won prizes for her beautiful items.

Instead of our usual meeting in March we took to the road on one of our regular bus trips. This time we took the opportunity to drop off our entries for the Easter Show then headed off to the Wool Inn. As always we were well taken care of by Anita with a lovely morning tea. At 10:30 we enjoyed the Australian Superfine Merino Fashion Parade and afterwards received advice from the Australian Country Spinners representatives on colour combinations. After some retail therapy we arrived at the Castle Hill Show in time for a CWA lunch. We were pleased to see that Robyn Stock won First Prize and Champion for her dressed bride doll and we also enjoyed viewing the knitting, crochet and other crafts. Despite the heat we all agreed it was a great day.

*Sue and Louise*

## ✳ Convenors' Corner ✳

### Group Email Lists

All Groups are encouraged to create an email list so that the Convenor/Secretary can contact everyone easily and keep them up to date with the Group's news.

However, please bear in mind that there may be other Guild members who like to know what your Group is planning – many members regularly visit more than one Group. So do ask visiting members if they'd like to be included on your list.

If you're visiting a Group and would be interested in keeping up with news of forthcoming workshops or trips, just pass your email address over to the Secretary of that Group.

If you have members who don't have email accounts, think about introducing the "buddy" system some Groups have implemented; one member with email takes responsibility for phoning a member without email to make sure that everyone is "in the loop".

Please remember that you DON'T have to be a member of a particular Group to be included in its list.

### Privacy Policy

In the next few days, all members will receive the AGM paper – the Agenda, financial reports and sub-committee reports.

At the same time, the Guild is sending out to every member a copy of its Privacy Policy. It tells you how your personal information is collected and managed.

Even though we are not bound to do so, the Guild respects your rights to privacy under the Privacy Act 1988 and we comply with all of the Act's requirements in respect to the collection, management and disclosure of your personal information.

Group Officers are regularly sent information about members (names, telephone numbers, email addresses etc), so it's important you read this document and understand what steps you need to take to comply with the Policy.

### Calendars

Do please submit your calendar of events to the Guild Secretary. It will be included in the Calendar on the Guild website and details of your up-coming events will be promoted in KG Bytes.

