



KG Bytes

May 2016

New Executive

At the AGM held Saturday, 7 May 2016 in Sydney, a new Executive was elected:

President: Cynthia Mulholland (Maitland)

Vice President: Joyce Fisher (Maitland)

Vice President: Deborah Hammond (Inner City)

Secretary: Sharon Holstein (Blue Mountains)

Treasurer: Helen Horan (Blue Mountains)

Our first meeting will be held at 10.30am Saturday, 28 May 2016 in the Sydney Mechanics' School of Arts, 280 Pitt St, Sydney. Everyone is welcome, but please let the Secretary know you are coming, so we can make sure we have enough seats (secretary@knittersguildnsw.org.au).

Group Meetings

Blue Mountains

21st May

Top Down Sock workshop with Lynne Byass as well as a visit from Cosy Yarns (retailer).

18th June

Continental Knitting with Krista from the Newcastle Group and a visit from The Wool Inn.

Crochet Turramurra

1st June

Scumbling workshop

Epping Crochet

6th June

Change of meeting date for June due to long weekend. Bavarian crochet workshop.

Inner City

11th June

Our annual destash takes place at our meeting on June 11th.

Macarthur

28th May

A workshop on six different cast off methods.

Pittwater

7th June

Display of tea cosies including Morpeth prize winning cosies

21st June

Broomstick crochet

Group Events

Epping: Trip to the Wool Inn

Epping members are taking a bus trip to The Wool Inn in Penrith and then on to Leura to the Teapot Museum for lunch and browsing on the 25th of May.

Epping: Biggest Morning Tea

Epping is also hosting a "Biggest Morning Tea" on 20th June with raffles and a knitting competition.

For more information, contact tgmoore@bigpond.net.au

Inner City

Inner City members will be riding the circle line for World Wide Knit in Public after the meeting on 11th June, leaving Redfern just after 1pm.

Kiama

The Kiama Group supports a local Homeless Hub in Wollongong.

Each month items are donated to the Hub by members. These include pencils and pencil cases for children returning to school, toiletries, underwear and knitted items such as scarves, hats and gloves.

Maitland

Maitland members will be installed in the Maitland Regional Art Gallery as a living art exhibition for World Wide Knit in Public Day on Friday, 17 June from 10am.

Pittwater

Celebrating World Wide Knit in Public Day on 18th June by catching the 10.15am Ferry from Manly to Circular Quay then knitting in First Fleet Park between 11am and 4pm.

Glebe Island Sydney Craft & Quilt Fair - June 22- 26

Once again we're looking for volunteers to help man the Knitters' Guild stand.

In return for a morning/afternoon shift, you'll have free entry to enjoy the show during the other half of the day. Volunteers will be in pairs and shifts will be from 9-1 and 1-5.

Please email your name, phone number and availability to Sally Webersinke: s.webersinke@gmail.com.

Have you won a prize at a show this year?

We're looking for prizewinners' items (with ribbons) for our special 30th anniversary display, "The Best of the Best". Please get in touch so we can arrange to borrow your items.

(p.t.o.)

Guild Events

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??

Upcoming Workshops

The new Committee is already working hard to come up with dates for future workshops. So far, we have plans for *Brioche One Colour*; *Brioche Two Colour*; *Short Rows* and *Crochet One*.

Is there something that you want to learn? Well, tell us about it, chances are there's other people also interested. Please email workshops@knittersguildnsw.org.au with any comments or suggestions.

Other Events

2-Day Annual Winter Wool Fair

Come and enjoy Sutherland Shire Spinners & Weavers, Inc annual exhibition and sale of beautiful knitted, woven and felted garments and other items handmade by our members including hand spun and hand dyed yarns. There will be 5 traders offering other yarns, spinning and weaving supplies, including spindles, and books for sale. There will be spinning and weaving demonstrations. Held on 3-4 June, 9.30am to 4.30pm each day at the Sutherland Uniting Church Hall, Flora Street, Sutherland.

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>.

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 for further details, or visit their website <http://tinyurl.com/z6lbokp>.

You Might Be Interested ...

Yarn Magazine has a new Editor

Australia's very own *Yarn* magazine has a new Editor, Gaille Smith, and she's keen to work with the Knitters Guild to improve the magazine. Gaille has asked if anyone designs their own patterns and would like to have them published in *Yarn*, then get in touch, she wants to hear from you.

They are looking for new, innovative creations aimed at the beginner right through to the advanced knitter/crocheter. Contact Gaille at: yarneditor@artwearpublications.com.au.

It is hoped that over the next 12 months there will be many more opportunities to work with the magazine, so stay tuned and watch this space.

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★ Convenors' Corner ★

Meeting Details

An email will be sent out to all Convenors very soon asking for a few more details about your meetings. We have all the basic information, but it's the little details we're after such as will visitors be expected to pay on the day, do visitors need to bring their own lunch, are refreshments available, is there disabled access etc. So please keep your eye out as we would like to include all this information on our website.

How to Spend your Group Money

At the AGM the outgoing Treasurer reported that several Groups have accumulated large amounts of funds beyond the amount required for them to operate into the following year. Each Group is encouraged to ensure they collect enough money to operate, but then use whatever is left over for the benefit of their members.

Ways to spend the money include purchasing equipment such as swifts and ball winders; subsidising bus trips and other events; assisting other members from other Groups to attend events such as workshops or Camp.

Legally, any funds or assets held by Groups are the property of the Guild and may not be given away as cash donations to other organisations. This does not preclude Groups holding events, such as the Epping Group's Biggest Morning Tea, which purposefully raise funds for specific charities. Nor does it preclude the Group using funds to purchase yarn to knit or crochet items which are then given to organisations for distribution to those in need, eg beanies, trauma teddies etc.

If you have any queries on what a Group can and can't spend its money on, please contact the Treasurer at treasurer@knittersguildnsw.org.au



Start Planning ...

FibreFest 2016

Sunday, 9 October
at **Sacred Spaces Singleton**
in the Sisters of Mercy Convent, Singleton
in the heart of the Hunter Valley

A celebration of everything fibre and yarn. There will be workshops, retail outlets, entertainment and food.
You'll be surprised how much you will find!
More information to come.

Knitters' Guild NSW Inc.