



KG Bytes

April 2017

From The Executive

Royal Easter Show

Congratulations to all the winners and place getters at the 2017 Sydney Royal Easter Show. We are proud to announce that Mudgee Member, Gemma Ellsmore, took out the Margo Chick Award. Full details of the Show entries will be included in the May KG Bytes.

Meanwhile, thank you to the volunteers who gave up their time to work on the Guild Stall at the Show. We were fortunate to be given two days in the Arts & Craft Pavilion this year and the stall was set up as an interactive space where people could chat and watch what was on the knitting needles or crochet hook. We certainly discovered that the Saturday was much busier than the Sunday, but all in all we were able to encourage quite a few people to consider visiting their local groups.

Annual General Meeting

On Saturday, 6 May from 11am the Guild will hold its 31st Annual General Meeting at the Sydney Mechanics School of Arts, 280 Pitt Street, Sydney. The meeting comprises reports and updates on its various committees, election of life members and the presentation of the Achievement Certificate.

As well as all that, we will also be launching the new Knitting Certificate and there will be a presentation from Nick at iTravel Liverpool on the proposed 2018 US Yarn Tour. Anita Borchardt, The Wool Inn Penrith will be talking about the challenges facing a yarn store as well as taking us down memory lane with all the changes and improvements to the yarn industry. I hope you will come and join us.

Congratulations on the Grand Opening of Skein Sisters

Congratulations to Deb and Janine on opening Sydney's newest destination yarn store, "Skein Sisters", this month.

Skein Sisters is a Retail Member of the Guild and it is a yarn store supplying a diverse range of fabulous yarn, accessories and classes to inspire Sydney's crafting community. They are located at 721 New Canterbury Road, Dulwich Hill and also available online at www.skeinisters.com.au.

Group Meetings

Blue Mountains, 15th April

Learn about reading charts with Merrin Marks and enjoy a visit from The Australian Wool Store.

Blue Mountains, 20th May

Learn Shadow Knitting with Clare and enjoy a visit from The Wool Inn.

A Yarn Expedition to Melbourne A visit to Yarn & Co and Woolbaa



Wednesday, 6 September 2017

The Maitland Group is organising a day trip to Melbourne to visit Yarn & Co and Woolbaa, with lunch in between. Would you like to join us?

You need to make your own flight bookings, but join us on the bus ...



We have booked a bus (with a driver) to pick us up from the Airport and deliver us to the doors of the yarn stores and eventually return us to the Airport.

The bus will leave Tullamarine Airport at 8am and we will be returned at 3pm.



The cost of a seat on the bus is \$25pp.

If you are already in Melbourne, but would like to still join the bus, I'm sure we can work something out - but please purchase your ticket on the bus, so you don't miss out.

For further information please contact Cynthia on 0418 230 498.
Book your place online at www.knittersguild.org.au

See page 2 for more information

Epping Crochet, 8th May

Continuing to make Irish crochet motifs for our mystery project. Please note the June meeting is on the first Monday, 5th June as the 2nd Monday is the Queen's Birthday holiday.

Epping, 15th May

We will be holding a Biggest Morning Tea in Epping on Monday, 15th May.

The Knitting (and Crochet) competition categories are:

- (1) Headwear suitable for a cancer patient;
- (2) Any other item for a cancer patient, eg wrap, scarf, socks;
- (3) Cosies of any kind, eg tea, coffee, mug, iPad, phone, water bottle; and
- (4) Anything made in black, white or black and white.

Queries or requests for a copy of the flyer can be sent to Anne at tgmoore@bigpond.net.au. Make sure BMT is in the subject of your email.

(p.t.o.)

Inner City, 13th May

The Inner City Group is holding the first of two turntables on finishing on May 13. We will look at seaming, weaving in ends, picking up stitches and repairing mistakes.

The second part will take place in July.

Kiama, 22nd April

Because Easter falls on the third Saturday this month, we have put our meeting back to the 22nd of April.

One of our members, Faye Gregory, will lead us in a workshop on crocheting silk coat hangers. Faye was awarded first prize for this item in the recent Kiama Agricultural Show.

Pittwater, 18th April

This session will be all about problem solving.

Pittwater, 2nd May

Sample squares will be created as well as a mini workshop on crochet entrelac.

Workshops

Pop Blanket Workshop – 27 May

If you have always wondered how to knit a circle inside a square, then this is the workshop for you.

You will be shown all the skills needed to create the ever-popular Pop Blanket. Bookings are now open and can be made on the Guild website.

Using Ravelry Like a Pro – 22 July

This workshop is for anyone who's heard of Ravelry, but isn't quite sure what it's for, or for those who've signed up for an account but don't really know where to begin. Bookings will open soon, so please check the Guild website.

Knit Like a Viking! – 5 August

Back by popular demand! Learn how to knit a wire bangle, the Viking way. Angharad Rixon will teach you to knit two stitches of an ancient wire knitting technique, known as Viking Knit. The workshop includes materials and each participant will make their very own Viking Knit bangle to take home. Bookings are now open and can be made on the Guild website.

(I can highly recommend this workshop, it was great fun and I can't stop wearing my bangle that I made in January! Cynthia)

Guild Events

A Yarn Delight in New England – 30 April 2017 in Guyra

This event is shaping up to be a great day out. Retailers include Black Sheep Wool n Ware, The Australian Wool

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
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Store, The Wollombi Wool Store, Pirate Purl, Adagio Mills, Handmade Travels and Daphne Ferguson with her fabulous rugs.

Tutorials will include dyeing yarn with Joyce Fisher, matching and mixing up colours with Mary-Helen Ward, tips and techniques with Carrie from Handmade Travels and others that are in the pipeline.

There will be food available on the day, so all is set for a great day of knitting, crochet, creating and shopping. I do hope you will join us.

Celebration of Wool in Canberra – 20 May

The Inner City Group has spaces on a bus to the Celebration of Wool in Canberra on Saturday, 20 May.

Please contact Bethany if you'd like to join in the fun : blclark88@gmail.com.

2017 Camp: 16-18 June 2017 at Galston Gorge

Camp is getting closer (16-18 June) and we're working on other activities for the weekend, gathering prizes and generally trying to create as much fun as possible.

You should have all now received confirmation of your booking and details of your workshops.

If you haven't had an email from us, please contact Sally at: camp@knittersguildnsw.org.au.

Only 62 more sleeps!

Yarn Expedition to Melbourne – 6 September

The Maitland Group is very excited to offer an opportunity for Guild members, from any Group, to join us on our next outing.

We are organising a *“Yarn Expedition to Melbourne”* ... just for the day on Wednesday, 6 September.

Members are flying in to Melbourne where we have hired a bus (and driver) to take us to Woolbaa and Yarn + Co, with lunch in-between. The bus will depart Tullamarine at 8am. After the last visit, members will be dropped back to Tullamarine Airport around 3pm.

Members are responsible for booking and paying for their own flights.

We are offering everyone the chance to join us on the

bus at a cost of \$25pp. If you are already in Melbourne, please feel free to join us on the bus. To book your seat on the bus, visit the Guild website and follow the link.

Help Wanted – Knitters and Crocheters for a Taxidermy Display

Guild member, Ailsa Daly, has an idea to gather a collection of knitted and crocheted taxidermy for the Guild's use for display.

She is seeking knitters and crocheters to help make this dream a reality. Ideally, groups could work and make one or two as a collective so that there are several available for displays and events.

The idea is to have a collection available for loan to groups for use at guild events, providing an engaging and unexpected talking point for passers-by and visitors. Yarn and patterns will be provided and there is an opportunity for you to name your creation.

The project will begin mid-April and it is hoped to have a few ready for a display at the Dubbo Show at the end of May. If you would like to help or be involved in anyway, please email Ailsa at knitabulous@gmail.com.

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 at: president@knittersguildnsw.org.au.

Other Events

Singleton Crafters World Record Event – 30 April

For those of you who can't attend the Yarn Delight in Guyra on the 30th of April, perhaps you might like to visit Singleton and participate in the Guinness World Record Attempt for the most people crocheting in one place at the same time.

500 people are needed to break the current record. Registration is from 10am and the record attempt will take place at 11am.

It's all happening in the Singleton Civic Centre, Queen Street, Singleton - next door to the Singleton Library where the Guild Library is housed. More information is available on the Singleton Public Library Facebook Page.

Old Bus Depot Markets Celebration of Wool Day

Canberra's Old Bus Depot Markets Celebration of Wool Day is the most popular day of the year at these well-established markets. So much so, that this year they will be spreading it over two days – 20 and 21 May 2017.

Put the date in your diary and drop past the Queanbeyan Group's stall to say hello when you come.

Wrap With Love Exhibition – 26-28 May

To mark 25 years since the foundation, an exhibition of colourful hand-made Wraps, photos and memorabilia is being held between 10am and 5pm, 26 and 28 May at 901 Bourke Street, Waterloo.

Everyone is welcome, volunteers and members of knitting groups who have contributed to the outstanding success of the project. Over 440,000 Wraps have been distributed since 1992.

Winter Wool Fair – 2 & 3 June

The Sutherland Shire Spinners & Weavers present an exhibition and sale of their members' works featuring displays of an amazing variety of woollen creation.

The event is being held at the Uniting Church Hall, corner of Merton and Flora Streets, Sutherland between 9.30am and 4.30 on the 2nd and 3rd of June.

More information is available at: www.spinnersandweavers.com.au.

CONVENOR'S CORNER

How to Spend your Group Money

I have received a number of emails lately asking for suggestions on how to spend Group money. While each Group is encouraged to ensure they collect enough money to operate, it is important to 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. *It is essential, though, that the proposal to spend money, is put to the meeting and a motion outlining the amount and purpose of the spend is recorded in the minutes of your meeting.*

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