



KG Bytes

August 2017

From the Executive

Thank You

Since the last edition of KG Bytes, my father became ill and subsequently passed away two weeks ago. Since the word went out about my father, I have been overwhelmed by the love, support and compassion of my fellow Knitters Guild members. These messages have been a great comfort and I am truly appreciative of the kind wishes expressed by everyone. Thank you. Cynthia Mulholland (President)

Group Information Session

Our July Group Information Session was cancelled due to my family situation, but our next one is scheduled for Saturday, 30 September.

These sessions are a great way to share ideas amongst groups, but we need a focus for the day. We have covered off the roles and responsibilities of each of the Executive positions, so do you have a suggestion for a topic to be discussed? Perhaps you might want to discuss trips away, or charity knitting or something else completely different. I would love to hear from you, so please get in touch: president@knittersguildnsw.org.au.

Woy Woy is off and running

The newest group to join the Guild is located in Woy Woy. They will be having their first meeting on Saturday, 19 August 2017 at the Peninsula Community Centre, 93 McMasters Road, Woy Woy between 1pm and 4pm. It would be great if members could join them at this meeting. Woy Woy will be meeting on the third Saturday of the month.

Queanbeyan is on the move!

The Queanbeyan group has outgrown its premises and is on the move. Their new location is at the Jerrabomberra Community Centre, 25-31 Jerrabomberra Pkwy, Jerrabomberra. They are still meeting on the second Saturday of each month, but at the new time of 1.30pm to 4.00pm.

2019 Camp

I know we've only just had our 2017 Camp, but it's time for the Executive to start thinking about the next one. In the September edition of KG Bytes, we will be calling for Expressions of Interest for the Camp Convenor role. So, start thinking about it. I won't lie, it is a big job, but speaking from experience, it's also a very gratifying job. It's also a great way to get to know our Guild members. Watch this space!

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 at president@knittersguildnsw.org.au by the 7th of the month.

Omission

In the July issue of the Magazine, the Group Reports included a photo of a crochet blanket by a member of Crochet - Turramurra. Unfortunately, the Report omitted to credit the maker, Marilyn Robinson. Such beautiful work should not go un-noticed and apologies to Marilyn.



Group Meetings

Blacktown, 9th September

Tunisian Crochet and a retail visit from The House of Wool.

Blue Mountains, 19th August

Intarsia with Merrin and a retail visit from Evelyn Reynolds.

Blue Mountains, 16th September

Clare will teach double knitting and a retail visit from Waratah Fibres.

Kiama, 19th August

Member, Annette Hoskins, will be show us *Knit One Below*.

Pittwater, 15th August

This meeting is all about double knitting with Delwyn.

Pittwater, 5th September

Sample squares and a mini workshop on crocodile stitch.

Queanbeyan, 9th September – NEW LOCATION!

The great *Destash* in our new location at the Jerrabomberra Community Centre.

Woy Woy, 19th August

First meeting ever! Come along and join us.

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Workshops

Two Great Workshops

The Guild has held two very successful workshops over the last few weeks. We had the *Using Ravelry Like a Pro* workshop on 22 July – a big thank you to Kris Howard; and we also had the *Knit Like a Viking!* workshop on 5 August – thanks Angharad. Photos of the workshops can be viewed on the Guild's Facebook page.

Sock Techniques with Sue Grandfield – 28 October

Sue Grandfield is a highly acclaimed designer and tutor. With designs included in the Wollmeise Sock Club and many more, we're very pleased to announce Sue will be delivering a workshop on various sock knitting and construction techniques.

This is a "hands-on" workshop and participants will get to knit a half scale sock in DK yarn and receive a pattern for a full sized, adult sock worked in sock yarn. Bookings are now open and can be made on the Guild website.

Camp Lace Workshop

If you attended the Intermediate Lace Workshop at Camp, please contact Merrin (your wonderful tutor) for an amended version of the sample instructions. Merrin can be contacted at merrinmez@gmail.com.

Guild Master Classes

I've received a suggestion from a member for the Guild to hold *Master Classes*. These would be more complicated than an introduction to a technique and would give members the opportunity to flex their knitting and crochet muscles. I love the idea, and think it is definitely one to pursue. If you have a suggestion for a Master Class, please contact me at president@knittersguildnsw.org.au or contact Diane at workshops@knittersguildnsw.org.au.

2018 Workshops

Our lovely Workshop Convenor, Diane Schnebli is working with the Executive starting to plan the workshops for 2018. If you have a suggestion, know a potential tutor, we'd love to hear from you. Drop me an email at president@knittersguildnsw.org.au or feel free to contact Diane directly at workshops@knittersguildnsw.org.au.

Guild Events

Yarn Expedition to Melbourne – 6 September

You still have time to join the Maitland Group's, *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.



**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?

See below for more information

To book your seat on the bus, just visit the Guild website and follow the link.

2017 FibreFest – 22 October – Bus from Blacktown

The Blacktown Group has decided to subsidise the trip to Singleton for the 2017 FibreFest and seats are now \$40 per person for members of any Group.

If you are interested in securing your seat on the bus, please contact Caroline on 0403 453 707 or carcraig@tpg.com.au.

2018 Guild Cruise – 21-24 September 2018

Back by popular demand, the Guild will be hitting the waves again in 2018. This time, they are sailing on the *Pacific Explorer* which is a Food and Wine themed cruise between 21 and 24 September 2018, departing from and returning to Sydney. Costs and additional details will be in the next edition of the magazine.

USA Knitting Tour: 15 May to 3 June 2018

If you haven't already booked your ticket for this wonderful experience, there's still time – but don't delay. Spend 7 nights in Seattle; 7 nights in New York; and 3 nights in San Francisco. All the while visiting local yarn stores, a visit to Vogue Knitting and all the local sights and of course, knitting and crochet time too. Prices start at \$7,699 (twin share) but upgrades are available. For more information, contact itravel Liverpool on 02 8880 7540.

A Knitting and Crochet Train Trip to Canberra

You may recall that in the last edition of KG Bytes I reported that a suggestion was made to have an overnight train trip to Canberra sometime next year.

This idea is progressing and I've also had a suggestion that we tie the train trip in with the Old Bus Depot *Celebration of Wool Market* event. This sounded like a great idea to me. Do you agree? There are no dates as yet, but please let me know if this is something you would be interested in doing.

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.