



December 2017

# KG Bytes

## From the Executive

### What a Year!

It's hard to believe we've only a couple of weeks left of 2017. Where has the time gone? As I look back at the successes of the Guild over the last 12 months, I feel very proud to be part of this vibrant and thriving organisation. The Guild has hosted many events and the one of the special highlights has to be, without a doubt, the 2017 Camp. Sally Ogilvie and her team did an amazing job in organising this wonderful event and those that attended still talk fondly of the wonderful days spent learning, laughing, knitting and crocheting. Of course, we were also very pleased to welcome Norah Gaughan to Australia and have her lead some wonderful classes in various Guild locations as well as sharing our love of the humble Tim Tam!

Our second FibreFest was also a great success this year and this event looks set to continue to grow and expand. Of course, the Guild is not just about events, we also held some exciting workshops that proved very popular, with more on the way in 2018. All this is possible due to the hard work and dedication of our volunteers. Whether they are assisting in the Groups or leading a team of specialised helpers, every role is essential, and I am truly grateful to each one of you. As the Christmas season approaches, I wish each and every member a very Merry Christmas and a wonderful 2018.

### Membership Renewals

Renewal season is now open! It's that time of year - renew your membership. It's quick and simple to do, just go to the Guild website ([www.knittersguildnsw.org.au](http://www.knittersguildnsw.org.au)) click the "Membership" heading and then click "Renew Membership". You will need your Username (which is your Membership Number) and password. However, if you can't remember it, that's OK, Clare, the Membership Convenor, will be happy to help you out. You can contact Clare at [membership@knittersguildnsw.org.au](mailto:membership@knittersguildnsw.org.au).

Did you know ... we currently have 928 members in the Guild and it is still increasing.

### Call Out for 2019 Camp Team Members

We are calling for interested people to assist with the organisation of the 2019 Camp. There are many, many tasks involved with organising Camp and I would love to hear from anyone who can assist with a task or two. These tasks include: liaising with the venue; managing registrations; creating a program with workshops; managing transport; co-ordinating the giveaways; co-ordinating the retail market place. If this sounds interesting and you are willing to commit your time and expertise, then please email me at [president@knittersguildnsw.org.au](mailto:president@knittersguildnsw.org.au).

## Group Meetings

### Blue Mountains, 16th December

This is the Blue Mountains' Christmas Party meeting with an "Annual Stash Sale / Book Sale / Market Day".

### Epping, 5th January

Wishing everyone best wishes for the season. We will be returning on Monday, 5th February and our meetings in future will be from 10am to 1pm. Our educational workshops will be covering techniques for a basic jumper.

### Inner West, 18th January

The group is slowly growing and we have a plan for several mini-workshops and a loose framework for our meeting in 2018.

### Katoomba, 6th January

We're on the move ... while we are still meeting from 11am on the first Saturday of the month, we have changed our location. We will now be meeting at the Cultural Centre Café (above Coles) in Parke Street, Katoomba. We hope to see you there.

### Pittwater, 19th December

A relaxed Knit and Knatter. Our first meeting for 2018 will be on 2 January for recovery and recuperation with a little knitting and crocheting.

### Woy Woy, 16th December

Christmas Party and the first of a two-part workshop on sock knitting. We will create a baby sock using the same techniques that would be used for the adult version.

## Guild Events

### Yarn Express to Canberra: 18-20 May 2018

Have you booked your accommodation for the Yarn Express to Canberra? If you would like to join us on a train trip from Sydney to Canberra to enjoy the Old Bus Depot Markets' "Celebration of Wool" on the 19th of May, then book your accommodation and let me know at [president@knittersguildnsw.org.au](mailto:president@knittersguildnsw.org.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. If you are interested, please contact Merrin Marks at [cruise@knittersguildnsw.org.au](mailto:cruise@knittersguildnsw.org.au).

## Workshops

### 2018 Workshops – Bookings now open!

In the November issue of KG Bytes I suggested you might like to save the date for our exciting 2018 workshops. Bookings are now open and can be made online. As the time of publication, I have not had a chance to upload the ads to our Guild website, however, if you visit the booking website direct, you will be able to register. This is a great Christmas present to yourself, or perhaps you might like to leave the information lying about the house where a loved one might see it and purchase your registration as a Christmas present .... it's up to you!

### February Frolic, 3 February @ SMSA

\$30 members / \$35 non-members

Back by popular demand. Learn four techniques in one day. You will learn to knit from charts, the basics of colourwork, knitting with beads and various buttonhole techniques. There will be homework for this event. After registering, you will be contacted with the details. To book direct: [www.trybooking.com/TKNY](http://www.trybooking.com/TKNY)

### Yarn Tasting, 3 March @ SMSA

\$5 per person

Three amazing indie dyers will be showcasing their own creations and providing us with an opportunity to squeeze and buy. Dyers include: Reaction Dyeworks; 24 Mile Hollow Yarn; and The Australian Woolstore. Each of these dyers have an Etsy store if you wish to preview their yarn. To book direct: [www.trybooking.com/TLBP](http://www.trybooking.com/TLBP)

### Finishing Techniques, 7 April @ SMSA

\$30 members / \$35 non-members

Finishing is so good. Beautiful yarn, superb knitting, but how is your finishing? Knowing the art of finishing is not only enlightening but is the secret separating the 'homemade' from the 'hand crafted'. Learn the joy of sleek shoulder lines, invisible seams and picking up stitches without leaving a hole. Learn why you should swatch first and why and how to block your completed work. There will be homework. After registering you will be emailed the details. To book direct: [www.trybooking.com/TLCN](http://www.trybooking.com/TLCN)



## ... and more Workshops

### Twined Knitting, 12 May @ SMSA

\$30 members / \$35 non-members

Twined Knitting is a traditional Scandinavian knitting technique dating back at least to the 17th century in Sweden. It's called tvaandsstickning in Swedish and tvebandsstriking in Norwegian – both meaning 'two-end knitting' because traditionally both ends of one ball of yarn is used. It differs from stranded knitting but the two are often worked in conjunction. This may just be the best wearing sock heel and is good for mittens, slippers, hats, trims on garments and bags – just for starters. In this Workshop you will learn the twined knitting stitch and decorative stitches. To book direct: [www.trybooking.com/TLCT](http://www.trybooking.com/TLCT)

### An Introduction to KnitCompanion @ SMSA

\$30 members / \$35 non-members

If you have a tablet or smart phone and knit or crochet, then you really should be using KnitCompanion. KnitCompanion is an app that manages your patterns, charts, rows, stitches all in one place. This workshop will teach you the basics and provide you with an overview of the free version of the app. To attend this workshop, you will need to bring your own tablet and have downloaded the free version of KnitCompanion. To book direct: [www.trybooking.com/TLDD](http://www.trybooking.com/TLDD)

## Other Events

### Handweavers and Spinners Guild of NSW – 2018 Summer School

The Handweavers and Spinners Guild have put together a great line up of workshops to be held between 3 and 22 January 2018 in either Burwood or Epping. There is even a workshop on two colour Brioche. For more information, please visit their website at: <http://www.nswweave.org.au/learn/class/>

### Useful Box is Searching for Tutors

Useful Box has grand plans for 2018 and are looking for teachers who specialise in stitching based crafts, mainly sewing. Think quilting, yarn based crafts, sashiko, mending, pattern making, hand stitching, embroidery, felting and many more. If you would like to teach, or know someone who does, please contact Caroline Adams on 0403 455 431 or at [usefulboxblog@gmail.com](mailto:usefulboxblog@gmail.com), or visit their website: [www.usefulbox.com.au](http://www.usefulbox.com.au)

*Merry Christmas and a Happy  
Knitting and Crocheting New Year*