



KG Bytes

February 2017

From the Executive

Two Down Heaps to Go

We've had a great start to the year with two wonderful workshops organised by our Workshops Convenor, Ann Lemon.

The first was the very popular *Knit Like a Viking* workshop, where participants were taught the ancient Viking knit stitch with wire to make an incredible knitted bangle. The workshop was very popular and deemed a great success.

For those of you on the waiting list, we're trying to organise another workshop in August this year.

Our second workshop was the *February Frolic*. We had 27 people attend on the day and they learnt six techniques in one day. A big thank you to our tutors who volunteered their time. Feedback from the participants was very pleasing with many saying they thoroughly enjoyed the day and they appreciated the opportunity to try new techniques.

If you have a suggestion for a workshop, we would love to hear from you.

Additional Norah Workshops

If you were one of the unlucky ones who didn't get in to Norah Gaughan's workshops at Camp, don't despair. We are organising additional workshops at various locations around Camp.

These workshops are still in the planning and further details will be released as soon as possible, but just know you will still have an opportunity to learn from Norah.

Dubbo Show: 26-28 May 2017

The Guild has been asked to put on a display at the Dubbo Show between 26 and 28 May 2017.

The Dubbo Show is one of the largest regional shows in NSW and we thought it would be a great opportunity to promote the Guild in a region that doesn't have a Group.

If you would like to help out on the stall during these three days, your assistance would be greatly appreciated – just drop me an email.

One other thing to keep in mind ... there is a wonderful yarn store in Dubbo, that is definitely worth a visit.

AGM Papers

The notice of our AGM scheduled for 6 May 2017 were distributed with the January edition of the Guild Magazine.

You may have noticed that there were a few typos in

this document, thank you to those members who picked them up and let me know.

Yes, this year's AGM is actually the 31st AGM. The deadlines for nominations, life members and agenda items were correct. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Establishment of a Rural Camp Attendance Fund

At our last Executive meeting, we established a *Rural Camp Attendance Fund*.

This came about as the result of the generosity of our Guild Groups. We have been approached by a number of Groups who would like to contribute the Camp Registration fee to members of our more "distance challenged" Groups.

So far Inner City, Maitland and West Ryde have contributed to this fund offering Camp registrations to members of the Clarence Valley, New England and Goulburn Groups.

If your Group would like to contribute to this fund, please let me know. If your Group has made other arrangements, that's OK, we really appreciate your generosity and consideration.

Group Meetings

Blue Mountains, 18th February

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

Epping, 6th March

During February, it's all about Brioche and on the 6th of March Anne Kintominas will show you how to use your swatches.

Kiama, 18th February

Working on crocheting the tops for handtowels and we look forward to hearing from our members who have entered items in the recent agricultural shows held in the region.

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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.

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Workshops

Indi Dyer's Yarn Tasting - 11 March

We have two wonderful dyer's lined up to show us their lovely yarn. Pirate Purl and Handmade Travels will be showcasing their gorgeous yarns and explaining where their yarns come from and how they create such wonderful products. This event only costs \$5pp and will be held between 10.30am and 2.30pm. Bookings will open very soon, so please keep an eye out on our website.

Knitted Jewellery - 25 March

This workshop will show you how to make beautiful and creative knitted jewellery that you will love to wear. You will knit an adult size bracelet from silk fibre incorporating beads (no pre-stringing).

Bookings will open soon, so please keep an eye out on our website.

Guild Events

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

This event is shaping up to be a great day out. We will have retailers and tutorials and a great opportunity to mix and mingle with other members. Think about a road trip with your Group, I'm sure you won't be disappointed.

2017 Camp: 16-18 June 2017 at Galston Gorge

If you haven't noticed, registrations for our 2017 Camp in June are open, but filling fast. Sally, our Camp Convenor has put together a "Q&A" sheet on information you might find handy and it is included in this edition.

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.

Other Events

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.

Have-A-Yarn at Campsie Library

Campsie Library runs a fortnightly program from March 2017 called *Have-A-Yarn*.

This program is about using the craft of knitting to assist people from non-English speaking backgrounds. If you can spare two hours per fortnight to help out, then please contact Greg Roberts at Campsie Library on (02) 9789 9424.

Greg is also after knitting assistance at the Riverwood Library on Friday mornings.

Convenors Corner

Proof of Membership 2017

This year, upon renewing, members will have received one of two things.

Members who renewed online should have received an email with the Subject line *Subscription for Regular Plan Confirmation*, usually on the same day as they renewed. Members who renewed by mail should be in receipt of either an email with the Subject line *Receipt for Renewal of Knitters' Guild membership* or will have received a printed copy of the receipt in the mail.

All members are able to access a copy of the receipt from the Guild website after logging in and following these steps:

- 1) Click on the red box that will show in the upper right hand corner
- 2) Scroll down to *My Details*
- 3) At User Profile screen select *Subscription History*
- 4) In the far right column, alongside the Active status will be an *Invoice No.* This is linked through to a PDF.

It is to be noted that Membership No. may not yet show on invoices/receipts. This issue is being rectified. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to email membership@knittersguildnsw.org.au.



**Yarn Delight
in New England**



10.00am - 4.00pm Sunday, 30 April 2017
Guyra Central School, 27 Marne Street, Guyra NSW

A day of all things yarn in the heart of the New England

 Workshops, retail opportunities and an opportunity to share your love of knitting and crochet.

Catering available

Other informal activities will be taking place on the Saturday so if you wish to make a weekend of it, a range of accommodation options are available. Visit www.knittersguildnsw.org.au for more information.

Further information is available by contacting Cynthia at president@knittersguildnsw.org.au or 0418 230 498.