



KG Bytes

June 2017

From the Executive

Guild Membership

Did you know that each month the Executive approves new members? At our last meeting, we were very pleased to welcome 19 new members to the Guild who have joined various Groups.

We do tend to see an influx of new member applications after the Guild has been out and about. This is a great result and proves that our hard work in organising events in addition to our monthly meetings is worthwhile.

If you are organising an event for your Group, please remember that we have resources if you need them. We have DL flyers and pull up banners, but if you have an idea for something else, just let me know. Don't forget to print off some membership forms to take to your event as well.

By the way, our current membership of the Guild is 843.

Workshops Convenor Appointment

You may recall that in the last edition of KG Bytes, we called for Expressions of Interest for the position of Workshops Convenor. I am pleased to announce that Diane Schnebli from the Blue Mountains Group (and also a member of the Executive) has been appointed to this role.

Diane is already planning some great workshops, so please keep your eye on the KG Bytes or the website.

New Guild Group

At our last Executive meeting, we were very pleased to approve the application for a new Group in Woy Woy.

This Group will be meeting on the third Saturday of each month between 1pm and 4pm at the Peninsula Community Centre, 93 McMasters Road, Woy Woy.

Sally Ogilvie is taking the lead on establishing this Group and she needs a little breather after organising this year's Camp so the first meeting on Saturday, 19 August.

If you need more information, contact Sally at: Sallypogilvie@gmail.com.

It would be great if you could attend their first meeting to show your support.

Group Meetings

Blacktown, 8th July

An overview of the new Guild Knitting Certificate of Achievement.

Blue Mountains, 17th June

Enjoy a visit from Ann Collins.

Blue Mountains, 15th July

Catch up on Ruth's Travels (Part 2) and enjoy a visit from Susanne's House of Wool.

**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 page 2 for more information

Epping, 19th June

At the recent Biggest Morning Tea we raised \$1,600 for the Cancer Council as well as a number of beanies and scarves. Thank you to everyone who supported this wonderful event.

At our June meeting, we're learning double knitting.

Epping, 3rd July

Our guest speaker will be a representative from Westmead Children's Hospital, where we send a lot of our charity work.

Epping Crochet, 10th July

More Irish Crochet. Beginners are welcome.

Inner City, 8th July

The Inner City Group will hold the second turntable on finishing.

We will focus on buttonholes, kitchener stitch and various methods of casting on and costing/binding off.

Kiama, 17th June

We were all very excited with the result of our *Biggest Morning Tea* last month, raising an amount of \$360.00.

We are dedicating the June meeting to *Show and Tell*.

Pittwater, 4th July

This meeting is all about sample squares and double knitting.

Pittwater, 18th July

Tuition Tuesday is all about Judy Douglass showing us "arm knitting".

Queanbeyan, 8th July

We are focusing on seaming and grafting, fixing mistakes and we'll also enjoy discussing what we learnt at the Norah Gaughan workshops.

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Workshops

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 who've signed up for an account but don't really know where to begin. Bookings are now open and can be made on 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)*

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 that 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 can be made now on the Guild website.

Guild Events

2017 Camp: 16-18 June 2017 at Galston Gorge

One more sleep! It's been over a year in the organising but the weekend is finally upon us. 172 knitters and crocheters gathering for workshops, talks, demonstrations, chatting, shopping – what can be better than that? We look forward to catching up with old friends and making lots of new ones of course.

Additional Norah Gaughan Workshops

After Camp, Norah Gaughan will be delivering various workshops in Newcastle, Penrith, Sydney and Canberra. Whilst places are filling fast, there are still some spots available at the Penrith workshop at 1.30pm on Tuesday, 20 June at the CWA Rooms, 1 Tindale Street, Penrith. Norah will be teaching us the different techniques to designing and creating our very own cabled hat. All details, including booking links are available on the [Guild website](#).

Yarn Expedition to Melbourne – 6 September

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
president@knittersguildnsw.org.au

Don't forget about 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. 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.

The Wool Inn – Discount Code

Even shopping online, you are still eligible for the 10% Knitters Guild discount from The Wool Inn. All you have to do is enter the special code: 7d14ce001b. This code is valid up until 14 January 2018, so don't throw it away. We encourage everyone to pop by The Wool Inn, either online or in person and thank Anita for her generosity.

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

Fairfield City Council – Weekly Social Knitting Group

Between 29 July and 2 September Fairfield City Council have organised a weekly social knitting group to take place each Saturday between 1pm and 3pm. It's being held in the Fairfield City Museum and Gallery, Cnr The Horsley Drive and Oxford Street, Smithfield. Please feel free to drop in.

North Shore Craft Group Celebrates their 60th Anniversary

The North Shore Craft Group is holding its annual exhibition between 13 and 16 July 2017 at the Thornleigh Community Centre, Cnr Phyllis & Central Avenues, Thornleigh. Each day from 10am. This is a great opportunity to see members' work featuring textiles, glass, ceramics, jewellery, wood, paper and leather creations.