



KG Bytes

May 2017

From The Executive

Annual General Meeting

Our 31st Annual General Meeting was held on the 6th of May. We had a wonderful turn out with an informative discussion on Guild business. The Guild is doing very well, with new activities, events and partnerships.

Our membership base is growing steadily and this is due to the vibrancy and relevance of our wonderful organisation. Each and every member plays a part in the Guild's future by showcasing all the wonderful things we create, by being welcoming and supportive to new members and working at a local level to ensure the Group is an active part of your community. On behalf of the Executive, thank you.

We were also fortunate to hear from Gail Clark about the upcoming 2018 US Yarn Tour. The itinerary is set and people are getting excited.

Our guest speaker at the AGM was Anita Borchardt from The Wool Inn in Penrith. Anita has been involved with the Wool Inn for over 30 years and she shared with us the trends of knitting, the struggles of a local yarn store and the incredible people she has met along the way. It was a wonderful presentation and some great memories were shared.

Election of the Executive

The election of members to the Executive was ratified at the AGM and the membership of the Executive is:

- President: Cynthia Mulholland (Maitland)
- Vice President: Deborah Hammond (Inner City)
- Vice President: Joyce Fisher (Maitland)
- Secretary: Sharon Holstein (Blue Mountains)
- Treasurer: Helen Horan (Blue Mountains)
- Member: Diane Schnebli (Blue Mountains)
- Member: Maureen North (Pittwater)
- Member: Kate Semler (West Ryde)
- Member: Sally Webersinke (Inner City)

Expression of Interest – Workshops Convenor

We are calling for expressions of interest for the role of Workshops Convenor. This is an important role in the Guild as it is responsible for organising the various workshops and tutorials on offer at various locations.

If you would like to take on this role, please check out the Expression of Interest criteria and additional information on the Guild website: www.knittersguildnsw.org.au.

Expressions of interest must be submitted by 5pm Tuesday, 30 May 2017.

**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 3 for more information

Launch of the new Stage 1 Knitting Certificate

At the AGM the new (and improved) Stage 1 Knitting Certificate was launched. This certificate has been re-written and updated and is now available to all members to participate. The certificate is free to download and do, however, there is a cost involved if you wish to have your work assessed. More information is available on the website.

A great way to all enjoy the certificate is to follow Maitland's example. The Group has decided to undertake the Certificate together and that forms the basis of their tutorials at each meeting. The Group is now working their way through the samples and sharing the lessons learnt along the way.

Group Meetings

Blacktown, 10th June

Visit from The Australian Wool Store and a workshop on Chinese Waitress Cast On.

Blue Mountains, 20th May

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

Blue Mountains, 17th June

Enjoy a visit from Ann Collins.

Epping Crochet, 5th June

Continuing with Irish crochet motifs for our mystery project. Beginners welcome – bring 8ply yarn and 4mm hook.

Inner City, 10th June

The Inner City Group will be practising steeking.

If you'd like to attend and aren't on the Inner City mailing list, please contact the convenor at: convenor@innercity.knittersguildnsw.org.au.

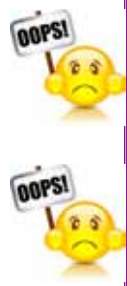
Kiama, 20th May

Our "Biggest Morning Tea" event and our newest member, Sandy Dawson, will workshop the Crochet Crocodile Stitch.

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Double oops

In the April Magazine, we listed Yvonne Fazzolari's correct phone number. Unfortunately, Yvonne was incorrectly named as Convenor, Crochet - Turramurra. Yvonne is the Convenor for Crochet - Epping.



Pittwater, 16th May

This Tuition Tuesday is about knitting embroidery with a special "Show and Tell" of UFOs - the oldest one wins a prize.

Pittwater, 6th June

Sample squares will be created as well as a mini workshop on knitting square to join as you knit.

Queanbeyan, 10th June

Social knitting with discussion and demonstration of Brioche.

Workshops

Pop Blanket Workshop – 27 May

If you have you always wondered how to knit a circle inside a square, then this is 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)*

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.

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

Royal Easter Show Results

The following list has been put together by Sally Ogilvie (*thank you Sally*).

If we have missed you, please let us know.

Handknitting

Gemma Ellsmore (Mudgee)

Margot Chick Award for Best Exhibit in Hand Knitting Classes

1st Prize – Finest Lace Scarf or Shawl

Fiona Donovan (Inner City)

2nd Prize - Adult Garment, 7ply or finer

Barbara Horsley (Southern)

2nd Prize - Adult Garment, 8ply or thicker.

1st Prize – Most Creative Tea Cosy

Joan Jones (Macarthur)

2nd Prize - Knitted Lace, 3ply or over

3rd Prize - Stranded Garment

Linda King (Inner City)

1st Prize - Knitted Lace, 3ply or over.

2nd Prize - Finest Lace Scarf or Shawl

3rd Prize - Adult Socks.

Merrin Marks (Blacktown)

1st Prize - Creative Knitting

Elizabeth Moss (Newcastle)

Highly Commended - Knitted Lace, 3ply or over

Jody Podbury (Inner City)

Highly Commended – Child's Garment

Highly Commended – Adult Accessories

Highly Commended – Adult Socks

Emma Rothapfel (Newcastle)

1st Prize - Adult Accessories

Susan Stephens (Blue Mountains)

2nd Prize - Stranded Garment

Asa Wahlquist (Inner City)

1st Prize - Stranded Garment

Crochet

Jan Fuller (Blacktown)

3rd Prize – Stole or Shawl, 4ply or finer

Vickie Nicholson (Inner City)

2nd Prize – Travel, Knee or Afghan Rug

Soft Toys (Soft Toy Or Doll, Hand-Knitted Or Crocheted)

Kerry Dowsett (West Ryde)

1st Prize

Jo Hunt (Pittwater)

2nd Prize

Andrea McFarland (West Ryde)

3rd Prize

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Guild Events

A Yarn Delight in New England – looking forward to next year.

We had a great time at Guyra. Local members and keen crocheters and knitters joined us for the weekend in Guyra and all had a great time. We had people from as far away as Brisbane and Sydney join us and the retail members all seemed pleased with the event.

The Executive will discuss the potential for a repeat in 2018.

2017 Camp: 16-18 June 2017, Galston Gorge

It's now only 31 days until our Camp at Galston Gorge and we're busy putting the last touches to the weekend's activities. We have workshops, demonstrations and talks, competitions, retailers – all those attending should have plenty to fill their time or of course you can just sit and knit and crochet with old and new friends.

If you haven't started on your competition entries, then now is the time! These are to be handed in by morning tea on the Saturday morning and will be judged by the wonderful Norah Gaughan.

On Saturday night we're hosting a **huge Show and Tell** so bring along an item you're particularly pleased with. Perhaps you've been knitting for many years but have never tackled fine lace before or a pair of socks and are quite rightly proud of them or you've made something a little 'quirky'. Maybe you'd be happy to admit to something that didn't quite turn out as you'd hoped. We've all been there and can share in your disappointment. We're looking forward to seeing the variety of items that Guild members produce.

Bookings for Camp have now closed but remember payment must be made to the Guild by 15th May. To pay, go to the website and click on Camp payments to pay by Paypal or to get the bank details for a direct deposit into the Guild's account.

We're all looking forward to this and hope you all are too.

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. 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

Our second FibreFest is shaping up to be even better than last year. Blacktown is already organised and has booked a bus. The bus will be leaving Blacktown Showground at 7.30am with pick-ups available at Gordon and Hornsby stations.

The cost of a seat on the bus is \$45 and if you would like to join them, please contact Caroline at carcraig@tpg.com.au.

Other Events

Singleton Crafters World Record Event – An Update

The World Record Attempt for the most people crocheting at one time took place in Singleton on 30 April. The results will take some time to be announced as verification by the Guinness World Record officials is a lengthy and involved process. However, the Singleton community is confident in its attempt as over 600 people gathered to be part of the event. The existing record sits at 485 people.

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.asn.au.

CONVENOR'S CORNER

Group Financial Reports

Thank you to everyone who submitted their Group Financials in time for the AGM. The process will be reviewed by the Executive over the next few months and after that you will receive an email from Helen (our wonderful Treasurer) with the steps and deadlines so we're all clear on the process.