



# KG Bytes

December 2018

## From the Executive

### Farewell 2018 and Bring On 2019!

Well, we're nearly at the end of 2018 and Christmas celebrations are well underway and I find myself muttering, "where has the year gone?". But as I reflect on 2018 I can't help but be in awe of all the wonderful members of the Guild.

It is these members that ensure our Groups continue to grow and expand; we have members that run numerous workshops; arrange tours and outings and not to mention create some beautiful projects that inspire and encourage.

So, thank you to all our members for making the Guild what it is and on behalf of the Executive we wish you all a very Merry (and yarny) Christmas and a Happy New Year.

### Renewal Season

Renewal Season is still going, but it does finish on 31 January 2019. We encourage everyone to renew sooner rather than later. You can renew online or via mail (a form was sent out with the November KG Bytes). If you have any queries regarding your membership, please contact Clare at [membership@knittersguildnsw.org.au](mailto:membership@knittersguildnsw.org.au).

### Positions Vacant

The Guild currently has two positions vacant that are essential to the running of the Guild. We are in need of a Returning Officer and a Public Officer. Both these positions were held by Sandra West for a number of years, but Sandra has plans (that include lots of traveling) next year and is unable to continue in these roles.

The positions can be held by the same person, but can also be separated. To apply for these positions, please send an email to Merrin Marks, Vice President at [merrinmez@gmail.com](mailto:merrinmez@gmail.com) by 15 January 2019. If you have any queries regarding these roles, please feel free to contact Merrin at that email.

### Returning Officer

The role of the Return Officer is to assess the annual nominations for Executive Committee offers and members for eligibility, in conjunction with the Information Management Convenor and conduct an election ballot as may be necessary. There may also be a need to conduct any other ballots at Annual or Special General Meetings as may arise. The Returning Officer can appoint assistants as required.

To be eligible for the role of Returning Officer, it is essential that the applicant be a 2019 financial member who is currently not on the Executive Committee and is not

intending to nominate or be nominated for a position on the 2019/20 Executive Committee and is able to attend Annual or Special General Meetings in Sydney CBD.

### Public Officer

The role of the Public Officer is to be listed with Fair Trading NSW as being the Guild's official address for governance purposes and where official documents can be received by post. The Guild does not operate from a premises, so the street address of the Public Officer is the one that is nominated with Fair Trading NSW. The Public Officer is an authorised signatory for the Guild (but not necessarily for Guild bank accounts), has custody of any Guild documents as required by the Guild's Constitution and must notify Fair Trading NSW of any changes to the Guild's official address. The Public Officer may be required to lodge the Guild's annual accounts and changes to the Guild Constitution with Fair Trading NSW.

To be eligible for the role of Public Officer the applicant must be over the age of 18, be a 2019 financial member and reside in New South Wales.

If you are interested in either of these roles, please contact Merrin Marks by 15 January 2019 at [merrinmez@gmail.com](mailto:merrinmez@gmail.com)

### Items for KG Bytes

Please forward items to me at [president@knittersguildnsw.org.au](mailto:president@knittersguildnsw.org.au) by the 7th of the month.

## Group Meetings

### Blacktown, 12th January

Happy knitting/crocheting for 2019 to everyone. In January our group members will participate in a "Round Robin" involving small tables, each showing how to do something different.

### Blue Mountains, 15th December

Today is our Christmas Party which includes an annual stash sale, book sale and market day. But we wish to take this opportunity to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

### Kiama, 15th December

Today we finish off the year with our Christmas Luncheon. There will be lots of food, chat and of course knitting and crochet. Merry Christmas to everyone and all the best for the New Year.

## More Group Meetings

### Ku-ring-gai, 21st January

Our first meeting for the year will be held on 21 January (the third Monday for this month only). On the agenda is welcoming our new committee, enjoying morning tea, working on UFOs and catching up with friends. We wish everyone a Happy Christmas and we look forward to having fun with fibre in 2019.

### Queanbeyan, 12th January

We will ease into the year with a low key meeting that includes some conversations about what we would like to do in 2019. With any luck, some of us will have some yarny Christmas gifts to bring for show and tell.

## Workshops

In the November KG Bytes we put out a call for a Workshops Convenor for 2019. I am very pleased to announce that someone answered that call and has now been appointed to the role of Workshops Convenor. Julie Hogan from Macarthur Group is the Guild's newest Workshops Convenor.

A big thank you to our outgoing Workshops Convenor, Diane Schnebli for a tremendous job throughout the year.

## 2019 Workshops / Events

### Save the Date

- 2 February . . . . .Celtic Cable Workshop with Merrin Marks
- 2 March . . . . .Indie Dyers Yarn Tasting
- 9 March . . . . .Finishing Techniques with Iris Horoch
- 6 April . . . . .Finishing Techniques with Iris Horoch
- 4 May . . . . .Annual General Meeting
- 11 May . . . . .Knit Like a Viking with Anghard Rixon
- 12-14 July . . . . .Conference, Newcastle City Hall, Newcastle
- 26 October . . . . .FibreFest Workshops
- 27 October . . . . .FibreFest Retail Day

## Guild Events

### Group Visits

Being a member of the Guild means that you can attend any Guild meeting across the State.

On Tuesday, 27 November members from the Maitland group joined members of the Clarence Valley group and we attended the meeting of the Mid North Coast group in Port Macquarie.

Everyone had a lovely time with yarny stories to share, lots of inspiration and encouragement given out along side a wonderful morning tea.

Everyone agreed it was a great visit and has planned to do it again in 2019. We just very pleased that Port Macquarie is the halfway point between Maitland and Grafton.

The Maitland members even enjoyed a retail stop over at Purlwise in Kendall on the way home.



Show and Tell with members of Maitland, Mid North Coast and Clarence Valley.

