



## From the Executive

### FibreFest 2018 Shawl

I'm sure everyone's aware of the upcoming release of the FibreFest 2018 Shawl. This is a shawl that has been specifically designed for this year's FibreFest. We hope that everyone attending FibreFest will create their own version and proudly wear it to FibreFest in October. Katoomba member, Dominique Trad has created this year's design and I think it's fabulous. It's brilliant for a beginner and offers enough creativity challenge for the seasoned knitter. The pattern is being released in this month's Guild Magazine and that's not too far away. Our Retail Members have also come on board and will be offering kits – more information about this will be coming soon.

### Every Group Welcomes Visitors

There are 27 groups in the Knitters Guild and each one welcomes visitors. I know it's hard for some members to visit other Groups due to work and family commitments, but if you can squeeze in the odd visit to a neighbouring group, I would highly recommend it. I recently visited the members of the Clarence Valley group at their first retreat and it was wonderful to share the craft with others equally as passionate (or should I say obsessed) as I am. Our groups meet at various time on various days, so why not try and pop over to another group to say hello?!

### 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 at [president@knittersguildnsw.org.au](mailto:president@knittersguildnsw.org.au) by the 7th of the month.



## Group Meetings

### Blacktown, 11th August

This meeting includes a workshop on basic cables. Blacktown is considering running a bus to FibreFest again this year. More details to follow, however, if you are interested contact Caroline at [carcraig@tpg.com.au](mailto:carcraig@tpg.com.au).

### Blue Mountains, 21st July

This meeting will include a workshop on colour work by Merrin Marks and a retail visit by Banksia Yarns.

### Blue Mountains, 18th August

This meeting has a retail visit from Susannes House of Wool.

### Ku-ring-gai, 23rd July

This will be an informal meeting about embellishing where members will show and talk about their projects. With knitted squares as the base and using our imagination and book as inspiration, we will spend time being creative.

### Macarthur, 28th July

Lynne Johnson from Canberra will be running some mini workshops using her ridges 'n' ditches technique with curls in a hat, corro rib hat and corro rib and crochet hat. All Guild members are welcome, but please RSVP to Janice on 0509 +82 352 for catering purposes. As these techniques play with colour, please bring a colourful selection of your favourite yarns and appropriate sized needles.

### Pittwater, 17th July

Our crochet stitch mini workshops are now well underway and at our second meeting of July we have Judy Thomas to show us a stash buster tapestry weave. All members welcome.

### Queanbeyan, 11th August

This meeting includes a Tunisian Crochet Workshop with Barbara.

## Workshops

Planning is underway for our 2019 workshops. The Guild is always on the look out for tutors. If you are interested in sharing your knowledge with your fellow Guild members, in a relaxed and friendly environment, then Diane would very much love to hear from you. Just drop her an email at [workshops@knittersguildnsw.org.au](mailto:workshops@knittersguildnsw.org.au) and let her know what you can do. If you have a suggestion, idea or feedback, about other workshops, we would love to hear from you too.

## Guild Events

### 2018 Guild Cruise – 21-24 September 2018

So far, we have a crafty band numbering almost 40 registered for the cruise (plus assorted relatives and friends just coming along for the 'ride') and there is still room for more. I have one person (Guild member) looking for someone to share with her, so if you're interested, please get in touch. Newsletter No. 2 was emailed last week, but if you didn't receive it or haven't had a response to general emails please contact me at [merrinmez@gmail.com](mailto:merrinmez@gmail.com) – the Guild emails have been having a few issues lately. Only about 70 sleeps until we sail away!

### 2018 FibreFest

Just a reminder, this year there is an additional day to FibreFest. The retail extravaganza is still on the Sunday, but on Saturday there are a number of workshops on offer. Announcements about these will be made very soon, however, you might like to consider booking your accommodation now to avoid disappointment.

### 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](mailto:president@knittersguildnsw.org.au)

## Other News

### Annual Exhibition in Thorleigh

The North Shore Craft Group's Annual Exhibition is on again. The Exhibition opens on Thursday, 19 July between 10am and 9pm with the theme; 'Text and Texturing'. Guest speaker, Janet Retz, Visual Arts and Design Education, will be speaking at the official opening at 7pm on Thursday, 19 July. On exhibition and for sale will be an eclectic selection of arts and crafts hand-made by local artisans, including a variety of textile, leather-work, studio glass, pottery, jewellery, woodturning, woodwork and more. Please come along and choose the Members' Challenge (Text & Texturing) with a chance to win \$200 to spend at the Exhibition. The local CWA is providing light refreshments. There is easy parking nearby at Bunnings and wheelchair access and facilities are within the Community Centre.

**Exhibition continues:** Friday and Saturday (10am-5pm) and Sunday (10am-4pm)

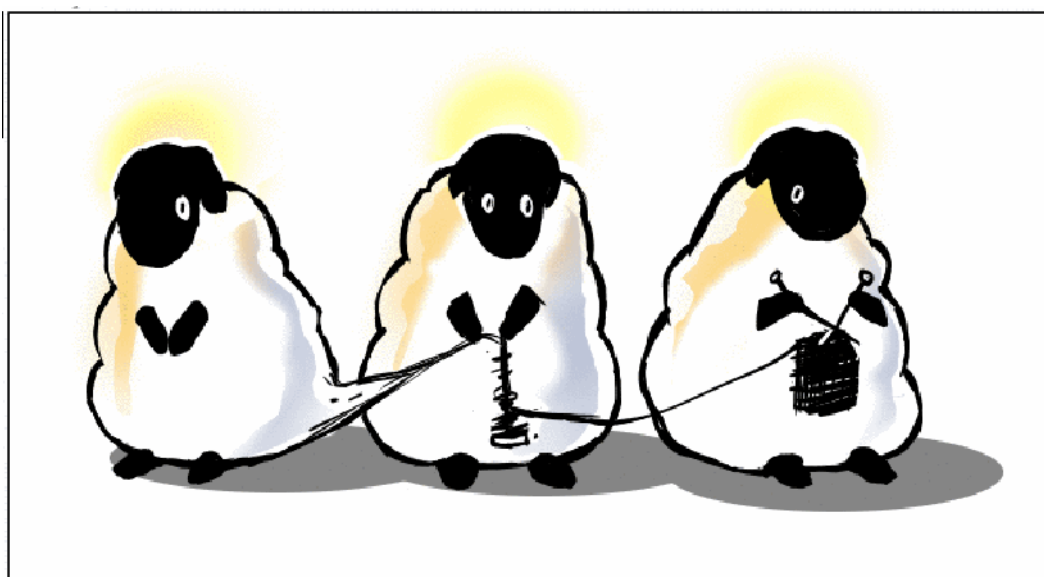
**Venue:** Thornleigh Community Centre, Cnr Phyllis Ave and Central Ave, Thornleigh (next door to Bunnings).

**Further information:** 0409 823 392

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