



## From the Executive

### Group Reports for Magazine

The next edition of the magazine is currently being compiled and we ask that each Group submits their report by 16 March 2018. These reports are a much-loved component of the magazine and it's a great opportunity for your Group to share their news. Please email your report to [magazine@knittersguildnsw.org.au](mailto:magazine@knittersguildnsw.org.au)

### Calling all Test Knitters

Our wonderful convenor who has created the current Knitting Certificate, Mary-Helen, is now working on the next certificate. To ensure that it's technically correct, Mary-Helen needs test knitters. It's not a large job, so if you could spare some help, Mary-Helen would love to hear from you. Please contact her at [standards@knittersguildnsw.org.au](mailto:standards@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 at [president@knittersguildnsw.org.au](mailto:president@knittersguildnsw.org.au) by the 7th of the month.

## Group Meetings

### Blacktown, 14th April

This meeting will be all about cables for beginners.

### Blue Mountains, 21st April

This meeting will include crochet texture with Ruth and a visit from the wonderful Pirate Purl.

### Crochet Epping, 9th April

This group caters for all ability levels from raw beginners to those who crochet well. Visitors and new members are always welcome. At our April meeting we will be learning a new technique.

### Crochet Turramurra, 4th April

This meeting is all about how to make bobbles. All are welcome.

### Epping, 2nd April

The Epping group meets every Monday at 10am. Our next business meeting is scheduled for the 2nd of April. However, on the 16th of April we are having our education class, which for this term includes a top down jumper and a cardigan with pockets.

### Kiama, 17th March

This month one of our members will show us how to crochet the tops for hand towels and tea towels. We have undertaken this workshop previously and as it proved popular, it has been decided to repeat it. We also look forward to Show and Tell.

### Ku-ring-gai, 26th March

At our March meeting a member of our group will show us how to make a multi strand knitted necklace.

### Pittwater, 20th March

The Cast Off Collective is visiting us on 20 March with their yarn and other supplies to tempt us and at the following meeting (3rd April) Maureen is holding a mini workshop in crocodile stitch. All are very welcome.

### Queanbeyan, 14th April

This meeting is all about checking on the progress of our crafting goals for 2018.

### OUT OF THE LOOP

BY TODD CLARK



## Workshops

Our Workshops are proving very popular and we certainly appreciate the support of not only the Guild members volunteering their time to tutor, but also the Guild members who come along to these workshops to learn something new. If you have an idea for a workshop, please feel free to contact the lovely Diane, who organises the workshop on [workshops@knittersguildnsw.org.au](mailto:workshops@knittersguildnsw.org.au).

### Finishing Techniques, 7 April @ SMSA

\$30 members / \$35 non-members

Finishing is so good. Beautiful yarn, superb knitting, but how is your finishing? Knowing the art of finishing is not only enlightening but is the secret separating the 'homemade' from the 'hand crafted'. Learn the joy of sleek shoulder lines, invisible seams and picking up stitches without leaving a hole. Learn why you should swatch first and why and how to block your completed work. There will be homework. After registering you will be emailed the details. To book direct: <https://www.trybooking.com/TLCN>

### Twined Knitting, 12 May @ SMSA

\$30 members / \$35 non-members

Twined Knitting is a traditional Scandinavian knitting technique dating back at least to the 17th century in Sweden. It's called tvaandsstickning in Swedish and tvebandsstriking in Norwegian – both meaning 'two-end knitting' because traditionally both ends of one ball of yarn is used. It differs from stranded knitting but the two are often worked in conjunction. This may just be the best wearing sock heel and is good for mittens, slippers, hats, trims on garments and bags – just for starters. In this Workshop you will learn the twined knitting stitch and decorative stitches. To book direct: <https://www.trybooking.com/TLCT>

### An Introduction to KnitCompanion, 2 June @ SMSA

\$30 members / \$35 non-members

If you have a tablet or smart phone and knit or crochet, then you really should be using KnitCompanion. KnitCompanion is an app that manages your patterns, charts, rows, stitches all in one place. This workshop will teach you the basics and provide you with an overview of the free version of the app. To attend this workshop, you will need to bring your own tablet and have downloaded the free version of KnitCompanion. To book direct: <https://www.trybooking.com/TLDD>

## Guild Events



### Yarn Express to Canberra, 18-20 May 2018

Are you planning on joining the "Yarn Express to Canberra" to attend the Old Bus Depot Markets? Well, the next step is to book your train ticket!

It's as simple as calling NSW Transport on: 02 4907 7599 (our contact is Martin Gisbey) and quoting the Booking Reference: **QKX112**.

You can then pay for your ticket over the phone. Costs are:

Return Adult Fare: \$79.08

Return Senior Fare: \$56.50

Return Pensioner Fare with vouchers: Free

**Booking deadline: 6 April 2018**

The train departs Sydney Central at 12.01pm Friday, 18 May 2018 and will arrive in Canberra at 4.08pm. The return journey departs Canberra at 11.50am on Sunday, 20 May 2018 and arrives at Sydney Central at 4.15pm.

Don't forget to book your accommodation. In the meantime, if you have any queries, please contact me at [president@knittersguildnsw.org.au](mailto:president@knittersguildnsw.org.au).

### Biggest Morning Tea @ Epping

Epping Group is again hosting a "Biggest Morning Tea" at 10am at Epping Creative Centre. Members from other groups and their friends are welcome to attend. Knitting competition categories are: 1) Headwear for an adult with cancer; 2) Anything else for an adult with cancer; 3) Headwear or other items for a child with cancer; 4) Cosies that cover anything including technology items; 5) Anything knitted

in bright lime green. More information will be emailed to Group Convenors.

## More Guild Events

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

Have you booked your ticket on the 2018 Guild Cruise? It's not too late. It's proving very popular and Merrin has lots of fun and learning planned. If you would like to know more, please contact Merrin (our lovely cruise director) at [cruise@knittersguildnsw.org.au](mailto:cruise@knittersguildnsw.org.au).

### 2018 FibreFest @ Singleton on 27 and 28 October

Have you heard? FibreFest is now over two days! The Sunday is still the retail opportunity that we know and love, but workshops have now been added on Saturday. The program is still being finalised, but the plan is to have a range of workshops, but still allow time enough for you to explore the region. There will also be a social knit night on the Saturday night. So, if you are planning to attend both days, we suggest you book your accommodation now.

## Other News ...

### Project Kindness

The Founder of Project Kindness, Clem Hartson, has contacted the Guild asking for donations of knitted items such as socks, beanies and any other warm item for Sydney's homeless and vulnerable. Clem has offered to collect these items, you just need to contact the Charity at [projectkindness@outlook.com.au](mailto:projectkindness@outlook.com.au). If you would like further information, please contact Clem on 0402 518 450.

### NSW Machine Knitters Association: Yarns for All & More

The NSW Machine Knitters Association are organising a day for all yarn enthusiasts to meet and source beautiful Australian yarns and more. With over a dozen retail opportunities this is a day for everyone. It is being held between 10am and 2pm on Saturday, 24 March 2018 at the Epping Creative Centre, 26 Stanley Road, Epping. Entry is by gold coin donation.

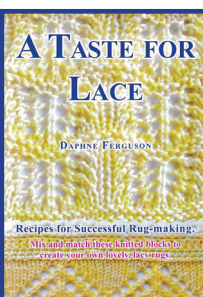
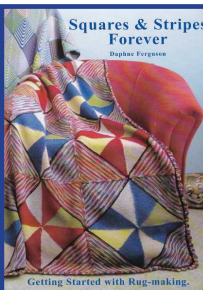
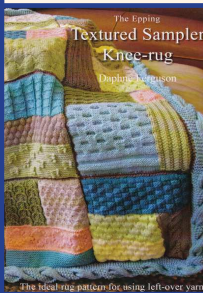


**Hi Fellow Knitters,**  
Joining the Epping group of the NSW Knitters Guild in 2013 inspired me to take my knitting to another level. These books and patterns are part of the resulting enthusiasm. Come and chat with me at my stall *Sip.Knit.Yarn* at *Craft Alive*.  
**Daphne Ferguson**

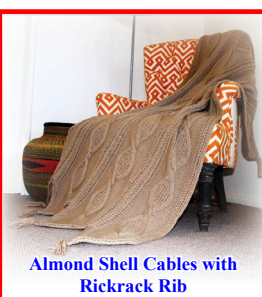
# Craft Alive

**Newcastle Racecourse**  
**20th - 22nd April, 2018**

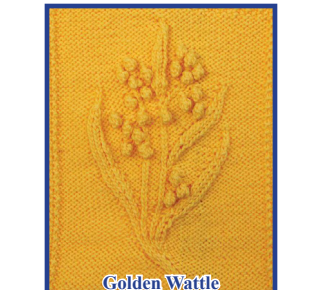
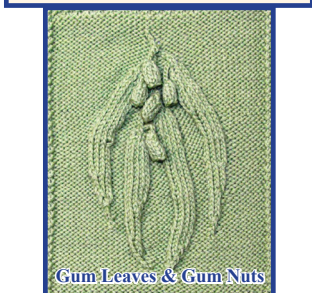
**3 ORIGINAL EXCITING  
RUG PATTERN BOOKS  
IN 8 PLY**



**NEW IN 2017  
3 CHUNKY CABLE CREATIONS  
IN 12 PLY**



**NEW IN 2018  
2 GREAT AUSTRALIAN AFGHANS  
IN 12 PLY**



**Books - \$25.00 each**  
**12 ply Patterns - \$10.00 each**  
**Rug Kits - \$125.00**  
**Spinning Yarn Holders -**  
**\$25.00**



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