



Breaking News / Save the Date

Camp (Conference) 2019

Planning is underway for Camp 2019. As we all know, this event is proving to be more and more popular each time it is held. In response to member feedback, Camp is now evolving into a bi-annual conference.

What does that mean, I hear you ask? Well, Camp will be held in one central location with a number of options available for accommodation. Participants will have the ability to choose their accommodation to suit their own style and budget. However, you won't have to do any extra leg work, it is anticipated that these options will be available as part of the registration process. All accommodation options will be connected to the venue by bus.

Of course, all the things we love about Camp will still be included, such as workshops, retail opportunities and the members' marketplace. We will also have a conference dinner on the Saturday night with a keynote speaker after dinner. This will be our international guest.

Who is the guest, I hear you ask? Well, this knitting celebrity is well known across the globe, has 198 designs on Ravelry and has over 33,000 followers on Instagram. We are very pleased to announce that **Bristol Ivy**, from the USA, will be joining us next year.

Now for the details. Our conference will be held between **12 and 14 July 2019** in **Newcastle**. Make sure you put it in your diary so you don't miss out.

More information about our conference will be made available as it comes to hand. Meanwhile, there is a team of people organising Camp, but if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch with me at president@knittersguildnsw.org.au.

From the Executive

AGM Update

The AGM was held on 5 May 2018 in Sydney. The 2018 Committee is:

President: Cynthia Mulholland
Vice President: Claire McCurley
Vice President: Merrin Marks
Secretary: Sharon Holstein
Treasurer: Helen Horan
Committee: Kate Semler
Committee: Sally Webersinke
Committee: Caroline Craig
Committee: Sally Ogilvie

One of the key messages from the AGM was that 2017 was certainly a busy year! The Workshops Convenor held 16 workshops and hosted 236 participants; Camp hosted 173 participants over 3 days; and events were held all over the state, including the Yarn Delight in Guyra.

The Guild Treasurer, Helen Horan, thanked all Group Treasurers for their diligence and efficiency in keeping accurate records and providing all information to her in a timely manner. This is most definitely appreciated.

KG Bytes Deadline: 7th of the month

Group Meetings

Blacktown, 9th June

We are celebrating WWKIP Day at our meeting on 9th June with a short two hour meeting, including a retail visit from Skein Sisters. Then we will move to Blacktown Library for our knitting public.

Blue Mountains, 16th June

This meeting will include a retail visit by The Australian Wool Store.

Clarence Valley, May

Members of Clarence Valley will have their works on display at the Ferry Park Gallery in Maclean during the month of May.

Epping Crochet, 4th June

Epping Crochet will meet on the first Monday due to the long weekend the following Monday. We will continue to explore new stitches.

Group Meetings (cont)

Epping, 21st May

We are hosting our Biggest Morning Tea at 10am on the 21st of May. There will be some great raffle prizes, a competition and an auction. Everyone is welcome.

Kiama, 19th May

Our May meeting will include our "Biggest Morning Tea". We will hold a trading table and profits will be donated to the Cancer Carers' in Wollongong.

Ku-ring-gai, 28th May

At this meeting we will be learning some of the basic techniques for Fairisle by working on a beanie with a simple pattern. The workshop will be led by Smila and in preparation we have instructions for knitting the band starting with one of several suitable cast ons.

Pittwater, 15th May

We will have a workshop from Barbara Syme on shawl shaping and our next meeting on 5 June we have a start of a series of mini workshops on crochet techniques.

Queanbeyan, 8th June

There is a stash enhancement opportunity scheduled for our June meeting with a visit from I Wool Knit.

Woy Woy, 19th May

Guest tutor, Colleen Mawson will run a workshop on the Pop Blanket. Visitors from other groups are always very welcome to attend. For further information contact sallypogilvie@gmail.com.

Workshops

Planning is underway for our 2019 workshops. If you have a suggestion, idea or feedback, we would love to hear from you. 2019 will see our international guest, Bristol Ivy deliver workshops after our Conference in July at various locations, if your group would like to host a workshop, please get in touch with Diane at workshops@knittersguildnsw.org.au.

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: www.trybooking.com/TLDD

More Workshops

Knit Like a Viking, 23 June @ SMSA

\$70 members (copper/brass) / \$90 members (silver wire)

\$75 non members (copper/brass) / \$95 non members (silver wire)

Angharad is back to teach us to "Knit Like A Viking". Using wire, you will create your very own viking Knit bangle to take home. This is an interesting and fun challenge that everyone will enjoy.

To book direct: www.trybooking.com/351740

Guild Events

A Knitting Retreat - 29 June to 1 July 2018

Members of the Clarence Valley Group are organising a knitting retreat between 29 June and 1 July at Seelands B&B, just a few kilometres west of Grafton. Places are limited. Arrive Friday afternoon and leave Sunday morning. To book your spot or to learn more, phone Evol King on 02 6647 7080.

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.

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 News ...

Fabric of Spacetime: Jo Hamilton Exhibition

The amazing US crochet artist, Jo Hamilton who creates portraits with crochet will have an exhibition in Newcastle between 31 October and 25 November 2018 at the Timeless Textiles Gallery, 90 Hunter Street, Newcastle East. If you would like to know more, visit the website at: www.timelesstextiles.com.au/exhibitions

South Coast Fibre Muster
Saturday 11th & Sunday 12th August 2018
9am - 4pm Saturday, 9am - 3pm Sunday
Gerringong Town Hall, Fern St, Gerringong NSW

Special guest appearance by Kev the Alpaca!
Instagram: @kevthealpaca

Feltmaking, Spinning, Weaving, Knitting, Crochet
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Textile & Fibre group displays and sales
Demonstrations
Competitions including 'Best Sheep In Show'

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