



KG Bytes

November 2018

From the Executive

FibreFest 2018

Wow! What an event! Need I say more?! If you didn't make it to FibreFest this year, just know that you missed a wonderful event. Sharon Holstein and her team did a great job of putting together two great days of knitting, crochet and craft heaven. For the first time, workshops were held on the Saturday prior to the retail day of FibreFest on the Sunday. Both days received great feedback from those that attended. Information provided by stallholders, put the crowd on the Sunday as approximately 1,300 people. The weather even managed to cool down on the Sunday, allowing everyone to wear their FibreFest shawls.

Angela Broad even managed to make a little video about her experience at FibreFest. Take a look: <https://youtu.be/hhHnm-PSbcc>, it's wonderful.

About the FibreFest Shawls – thank you to everyone who made a FibreFest Shawl and wore it on the day. Special thanks to Dominique Trad who designed the shawl and Sharon Holstein for coming up with the idea. The participation of Guild members was truly spectacular.

We are now putting together a story on the FibreFest Shawl journey for the February 2019 edition of the Magazine. If you have a photo and story, please send me an email at magazine@knittersguildnsw.org.au. For instance, I know one member created a crochet version; another member spun and dyed her own yarn to knit up; someone else decided to turn it into a cowl ... these are the stories I would love to hear. It only has to be a sentence or two with a photo. It would be great to have a full feature story in our next edition.

Annual General Meetings

November each year sees all our Groups across NSW hold their AGM. As you hold your AGMs, please remember to email us the results of the election – even if nothing has changed. It's essential that we maintain accurate records and we appreciate your assistance with this task.

Guild Magazine

Hopefully everyone is aware of the changes happening to the Guild's magazine. Over the years the magazine has gone from strength to strength and just last edition saw it increase in size. Rather than raise the membership fees to cover this cost, the Executive have decided to introduce a paid subscription to printed magazine. What this means is that the Guild will now send out an electronic copy to all members with an email address free-of-charge. If a member does not have an email address, they will automatically receive a printed copy of the magazine. However, if a member with an email address chooses to receive a printed version of the magazine, then that subscription costs \$24 per year. This option can be taken up at the time of renewal or getting in touch with us throughout the year. A letter and copies of the October edition of the Magazine have been sent out to each Convenor to bring along to a meeting to show members what the printed magazine looks like.

Renewal Season

Yes, it's that time of year when you can renew your membership with the Guild for the bargain price of \$30 per year for regular members. Membership to other Guilds can be quite significantly higher, so we ask that you stop and appreciate all that you get for your membership. You not only have access to your local group and all the support and friendship that entails, but you have access to regular communication, workshops, tutorials, videos, events and more. Please renew before January 31 and if you have any queries, Clare, our wonderful Membership co-ordinator is happy to help. Just email her at membership@knittersguildnsw.org.au. A copy of the membership form is attached to this newsletter.



More From the Executive

Expression of Interest – Workshops Convenor

Diane Schnebli has been our Workshops Convenor for the past 18 months and has done a tremendous job. We have seen a range of workshops on offer in various locations and the continuation of our Yarn Tasting event each year, where we get to meet indie dyers. Diane has decided to step down as Convenor in the new year and we are now seeking expressions of interest from Guild members who would like to take on this role. The new Convenor will be supported by the Executive and be provided training from Diane. If you are interested in this role, please email me at president@knittersguildnsw.org.au by **5pm Thursday, 22 November 2018**.

Workshops Convenor Role

- Organise a range of workshops in a range of locations which will develop the knitting, crochet and other associated craft skills of Guild members (and friends), including sourcing tutors and locations and dealing with bookings.
- Work with the Education Convenor to develop workshops that compliment and are part of the Certificate courses.
- Develop the Guild's list of tutors and their specialist subjects both from within the Guild and externally who can be available for the workshops as above and in individual Groups, exhibitions, Camp or at any other Guild activity.
- Liaise with Guild Groups to assist with their workshop programs.
- Recruit and co-ordinate a team to assist with the above.

Applicant Criteria

- Experience in organising events and workshops would be seen as an advantage.
- Ability to work in a team environment.
- Understanding of and willingness to support Guild objectives.

Meet the Retailer videos

Wouldn't it be great if we could all visit each and every retail member of the Guild? For some of us, that will probably never happen due to the tyranny of distance. So, we have embarked on the next best thing - a virtual tour.

Sukrita Mahon from The Entrance is visiting our retail members and is filming and interviewing them. She recently did a video on her visit to FeltFine and it is up on the Guild website. Check it out:

<https://www.knittersguildnsw.org.au/news/697-meet-the-retailer-feltfine>

As Sukrita does more, we'll let you know in KG Bytes.

Items for KG Bytes

Please forward items to me at president@knittersguildnsw.org.au by the 7th of the month.

Group Meetings

Blacktown, 8th December

At our meeting on 8 December we will be having our Christmas party, with our Christmas Challenge which will have been announced at our November meeting and on our Facebook page. Thank you to all the groups who came on the Blacktown bus with us to FibreFest and made it such a great day.

Blue Mountains, 17th November

This is our AGM, followed by our ordinary meeting. We will be announcing our 1 Skein Challenge, which has four categories, as well as welcoming Belisa Cashmere.

Blue Mountains, 15th December

This is our Christmas Party which includes an annual stash sale, book sale and market day.

Crochet Epping, 10th December

Epping Crochet Group has a shared Christmas lunch. Bring along crocheted Christmas ornaments including works in progress. Please note there will no meeting in January.

Crochet Turramurra, 5th December

This is our Christmas party and final gathering for 2018. Everyone is welcome.

Epping, 3rd December

This is our last meeting for the year and will include Christmas celebrations. Our first social meeting in 2019 will be on 7 January, followed by our official monthly meeting on 4 February where our guest speaker will be a representative of WIRES.

Kiama, 17th November

This month we will be holding our AGM. Following its completion, there will be a workshop on knitted string bags.

Ku-ring-gai, 26th November

The last meeting for the year will be our AGM followed by a Christmas morning tea. Goods that can be used to make up Christmas hampers will be collected for the Exodus foundation and knitted items will be donated to Save the Children.

Pittwater, 20th November

This meeting is our AGM and our Christmas lunch will be held on 4 December. All members are welcome.

Queanbeyan, 8th December

Not only are we celebrating Christmas, but we'll be checking in with our crafting goals.

Workshops

Don't forget, if you have an idea about a workshop, or a technique you would like to learn, tell us about it. If you find out about a visit or a new book release by a designer, tell us about it. If you see something in a video podcast, tell us about it. Odds are someone else will be interested as well. Just let Diane know your idea and we'll follow it up. Diane can be contacted at workshops@knittersguildnsw.org.au.

Toe Up Socks – Two at a Time

Thank you to Anna from Newcastle who taught the last workshop for 2018. It was a full room of very keen and eager pupils.

2019 Workshops / Events

Save the Date

- 2 FebruaryCeltic Cable Workshop with Merrin Marks
- 2 MarchIndie Dyers Yarn Tasting
- 9 MarchFinishing Techniques with Iris Horoch
- 6 AprilFinishing Techniques with Iris Horoch
- 4 MayAnnual General Meeting
- 11 MayKnit Like a Viking with Anghard Rixon
- 12-14 JulyConference, Newcastle City Hall, Newcastle
- 26 OctoberFibreFest Workshops
- 27 OctoberFibreFest Retail Day

Guild Events

2019 Conference

Planning is underway for the 2019 Conference in Newcastle between 12 and 14 July 2019. As you would be aware, Bristol Ivy (www.bristolivy.com) is joining us at the Conference. Bristol won't be teaching at the conference, but instead will be the keynote speaker, along with a trunk show, at the conference dinner on the Saturday night. She will, however, be participating in the conference sessions no different to you and I, so there will be plenty of time to meet her, sit with her and perhaps discuss knitting with her. In the week after Conference, Bristol will be taken around various locations and deliver workshops on various topics.

Members may recall that initially it was reported that accommodation options would be included in the Conference registration. However, the planning team has revised this decision and rather than limit the accommodation options, has decided that it would be more efficient for participants to book their own accommodation in Newcastle. This way a participant can choose accommodation styles that suits their needs and budget. A list of accommodation options is attached to this newsletter.

Be sure to take note of where the accommodation is located in relation to the venue before you book. The list contains many different options and some are quite some distance from the Newcastle City Hall.

After the success of the FibreFest Shawl Knit-a-long, we thought we would also have a Bristol Knit-a-long prior to the Conference. Perhaps we could all wear our Bristol garments to the conference dinner. More information will be provided in the December KG Bytes.

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 ...

Dungog Tea Party, 20-25 August 2019

The 2019 Tea Cosy Challenge has been announced! With seven categories to choose from a range of prizes up for grabs, this challenge is available to everyone. All the rules and conditions are set out on their website: www.dungogteaparty.com.au. This could be a great task for your Group to be involved in.

Contemporary Crochet Portraiture, until 25 November

Textile artist Jo Hamilton has created a visceral link to the past with the crocheted work in her Fabric of Space Time fibre art exhibition, on display at the Newcastle's Timeless Textiles Gallery until 25 November 2018. Scottish Born, Oregon based, Hamilton is one of the world's leading contemporary crochet artists.





Membership Renewal Form 2019

Renewals must be finalised by 31st January 2019

Renewals should be returned between 1st November 2018 and 31st December 2018
Renewals may also be completed online at: www.knittersguildnsw.org.au/membership

Please print all information clearly

First name Last name
Address
Postcode Telephone (.....) Group
Membership No Email

The Guild Magazine is sent by email. If you do not have an email, you will receive a printed copy as part of your membership fee. If you wish to purchase a printed copy of the magazine in addition to your electronic copy for an annual subscription of \$24, please tick here:

The Guild communicates by email. If you **do not** wish to receive information by email, please tick here

Age group Under 18 18 – 24 25 – 34 35 – 44 45 – 54 55 – 64 65 – 74 75 – 84 85+

Annual Subscription – NB. if renewing after 31st January 2019 an additional \$10.00 fee applies

Full: \$30.00 Annual subscription for printed Magazine in addition to electronic copy: \$24
 Junior (under 18 yrs): \$15.00
 Retail \$60.00

Signature..... Date

Payment Method (Please DO NOT post Cash)

Total payment enclosed or amount paid by direct deposit \$......Date of Direct Deposit.....

Direct Deposit: ANZ Cheque
Account name: Knitters' Guild NSW Inc
BSB: 012 819
Account number: 2238 84798

If paying by Direct Deposit please enter your name and membership number in the line/transaction description.
If paying at an ANZ branch please include a dated copy of the bank deposit confirmation.

Please return this form either

by mail to: Guild Secretary, Knitters' Guild NSW Inc, PO Box 460, EPPING NSW 2121, **or**
by email, with payment details/receipt, to: membership@knittersguildnsw.org.au

All members will be issued with a receipt, which is proof of your membership.
This will be sent to an email address if one is registered or by post if email communication is not desired.

Renewals as per the Knitters' Guild NSW Inc. Constitution 2011:

Subscriptions: (9b) The annual subscription shall fall due and payable in total on 1st January each year.

Unfinancial Members: (13) Any member whose Annual Subscription falls into arrears shall thereupon cease to be a member but shall be reinstated if the subscription in arrears is paid within one month of the due date of that subscription. Any member paying an annual subscription after one month of the due date of that subscription must also pay the current joining fee.

Note: It is necessary to be a financial member before nominating, seconding or accepting nomination for the Executive Committee or Group Committees. Members not renewing must submit their Resignation in writing.



NSW KNITTERS GUILD - ACCOMMODATION OPTIONS

A range of accommodation options is listed below. As some delegates prefer to book directly with the hotels, we have provided websites however we would also suggest you research other booking sites closer to the date (availability is usually listed six months in advance) such as www.wotif.com, www.lastminute.com.au or www.expedia.com. You can also visit our website at www.visitnewcastle.com.au for additional options and tourism information.

Options within walking distance of the conference venue, NEX, are listed in the table below:

Property Name	Website & Contact Information
Serviced Apartments	
Chifley Apartments Newcastle	www.nexthotels.com/chifley/apartments-newcastle T: 02 4910 4910
Crown on Darby	www.crownondarby.com.au T: 02 4941 6777
Quest Serviced Apartments - Newcastle and Newcastle West	www.questapartments.com.au/Newcastle T: 02 4920 3400
Quality Apartments City Centre Newcastle	www.qualityapartmentsnewcastle.com.au T: 02 4040 1200
Hotels	
Newcastle Beach Hotel (3 star)	www.newcastlebeachhotel.com.au T: 02 4926 3688
Hotel Ibis Newcastle (3.5 star)	www.accorhotels.com.au/accommodation/newcastle-nsw/ibis-newcastle T: 02 4925 2266
Newcastle Central Plaza (3.5 star)	www.newcastlecentralplaza.com.au T: 02 4978 7500
Travelodge Newcastle (4 star)	www.travelodgehotels.com.au/Newcastle T: 02 4926 3777
Quality Hotel Noahs on the Beach (4 star)	www.noahsonthebeach.com.au T: 02 4929 5181
Novotel Newcastle Beach (4 star)	www.novotelnewcastlebeach.com.au T: 02 4032 3700
Rydges Newcastle (4.5 star) (formerly Crowne Plaza Newcastle)	www.rydges.com/newcastle T: 02 4999 0000
Pub-Style	
The Lucky Hotel	www.theluckyhotel.com.au T: 02 4925 8888
The Clarendon Hotel	www.clarendonhotel.com.au T: 02 4907 6700
The Grand Hotel	www.thegrandhotel.net.au T: 02 4929 3489
The Delany Hotel	T: 02 4929 1627
Backpackers	
Newcastle Beach YHA	www.yha.com.au/hostels/nsw/newcastle-surrounds/newcastle-beach/ T: 02 4925 3544



Options within a 30 minute drive of the CBD are included below:

Property Name	Website & Contact Information
Best Western Apollo International Newcastle	www.apollohotelnewcastle.com.au T: 02 4943 6733
The Gateway Inn	www.gatewayinn.net.au T: 02 4903 6300
The Executive Inn	www.executiveinn.com.au T: 02 4935 1100
Mercure Newcastle Airport	www.mercurennewcastleairport.com.au T: 02 4033 8900
The Esplanade Motel Warners Bay	www.theesplanademotel.com.au T: 02 4948 9666
Merewether Motel	www.merewethermotel.com.au T: 02 4963 1283
Travellers Motor Village	www.tmv.com.au T: 02 4968 1477
Stockton Beach Holiday Park	www.stocktonbeach.com T: 02 4928 1393
The Albion Hotel	www.thealbion.com.au T: 02 4962 2411
Pippi's at the Point	www.pippis.com.au T: 02 4958 1022
Junction Hotel	www.junctionhotel.com.au T: 02 4962 8888
Citigate Motel Newcastle	www.citigatemotel.com.au T: 02 4967 1977
Macquarie Inn	www.clubmacquarie.com.au/stay T: 02 4911 9595
Tudor Inn Motel	www.tudorinnmotel.com.au T: 0249 692533
Chaucer Palms Boutique-Bed and Breakfast	www.chaucerpalms.com.au T: 0428 031 933
Panorama Motor Inn	www.panoramamotorinn.com.au T: 02 4943 3144
Carrington Place	www.carringtonplace.com.au T: 02 4961 1116
Elizabeth Motor Inn	www.adamstownmotorinn.com.au T: 02 4952 7111
Warners at the Bay	www.warnersatthebay.com.au T: 02 4956 6066

For other options in Lake Macquarie, please visit www.visitlakemac.com.au.

There are also further accommodation options available in Port Stephens - less than a 45 minute drive of the CBD www.portstephens.org.au.

Hunter Valley Wine Country is also just an hour's drive of the CBD www.winecountry.com.au.

MAP OF CBD

