



KG Bytes

April 2019

From the Executive

Farewell From Me

This is my last KG Bytes and it's been a blast. My time as President is coming to an end and I just wanted to say, thank you. I have been President for the last three years and it's certainly been a great honour. We've had some great events, some fun outings, lots of interaction and all of it reported in KG Bytes. At the AGM coming up on Saturday, 4 May a new President will be appointed, along with some new members of the Executive and I wish them all the best for the future.

Cynthia Mulholland, President

2019 AGM

Formal notice of the upcoming AGM will be going out very soon, but in the meantime, put the 4th of May in your diary. The AGM starts at 11am, lunch is provided and a guest speaker from the Australian Design Centre will present from 1pm. All this takes place at the Sydney Mechanics School of Arts, 280 Pitt St, Sydney. I hope you can join us.

2019 Conference

Registrations are now open for the 2019 Conference in Newcastle. There's a great line up of presentations, workshops and activities. For all the details, visit the Guild website: www.knittersguildnsw.org.au.

Bristol Ivy Workshops

Registrations are open for the workshops being held after Conference with Bristol Ivy. These are in various locations and all the information is on the Guild website. An additional Bristol workshop will be held on the evening of Wednesday, 17 July at SMSA from 6pm. Details are yet to be confirmed, so please keep an eye out on our social media accounts.

Everyone is Welcome at the Guild

You may have noticed a bit of chatter on social media of late regarding racism in the knitting world. The Guild is working on its formal 'Inclusivity Statement', but essentially, everyone is welcome at the Guild. No matter what background, culture, sexual orientation, financial status or age, everyone is welcome.

Items for KG Bytes

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

Group Meetings

Blacktown, 11th May

At this meeting we'll be learning how to join squares.

Crochet Epping, 14th May

We will continue to make our crochet granny organisers using 4ply cotton. This group is open to all levels of crochet ability, and everyone is welcome.

Crochet Turramurra, 1st May

At this meeting we will be doing an interesting Tunisian Crochet project. Please join us.

Epping, 20th May

Join us at our Biggest Morning Tea. Everyone is working on items for the knitting competition to make things for those with cancer. We are also knitting 'Tit Bits' (soft breast prostheses) ready for our Morning Tea.

Macarthur, 13th May & 25th May

Come and learn Entrelac. You will need a few different colours of 8ply yarn and needles to suit. We will also be swapping more of our Friendship Rug squares. Come for a look, everyone is welcome.

Mid North Coast, 23rd April

At this meeting we'll be starting our sock knitting tutorials.

Mid North Coast, 28th May

At this meeting we're exploring knitting technology, such as KnitCompanion and Ravelry.

Pittwater, 16th April

Tuition Tuesday will see us learning Yorkshire buttons with Pat McGregor.

Pittwater, 7th May

At this meeting we have a 'Buy/Swap/Sell' session. Feel free to bring your unwanted stash.

Workshops

Knit Like a Viking! Saturday, 18 May @ SMSA

Back by popular demand. If you haven't been to this workshop yet, then don't delay. Learn to knit metal wire into a beautiful bracelet using the same techniques Vikings used. Bookings are essential and all details, including costs, are on the Guild website: www.knittersguildnsw.org.au

Group Events

Biggest Morning Tea

Once again, Epping and Epping Crochet are hosting a 'Biggest Morning Tea' on Monday, 20 May between 10am and 12.30pm at the Epping Creative Centre, 26 Stanley Rd, Epping. There will be great food and event a knitting competition. All the details are in the attached flyer.

Clarence Valley Knitting Retreat

Clarence Valley are once again holding a knitting retreat the Seelands B&B situated on the Clarence River, just a few kilometres outside Grafton. The retreat is from Friday, 31 May to Sunday, 2 June 2019. Luxury accommodation is available and everyone is welcome. For more information, contact Evol King on 02 6647 7080.

Other Events

FibreX, 22 June 2019

Feltfine, a retail member of the Guild, is hosting / organising a wool and fibre event on the Central Coast on 22 June 2019 between 9am and 4pm. It all takes place at the Fine Arts Studio, Ourimbah Campus, University of Newcastle.

There are 28 market stall holders from the Central Coast and beyond selling fine yarns, hand-dyed yarns, tops/roving, fibre arts tools and even finished fibre arts products.

There is a community crafting space where everyone is welcome to sit and craft.

There are workshops galore, including a colourwork knitting workshop by Aroha Knits. Feltfine are partnering with Coastal Yarn Traders at Toronto to host a Trunk Show on 21 June and a shawl knitting workshop on 2 June. Follow Coast Yarn Traders on social media for more details.

The market place and community craft space are free, but workshops must be booked. All the details are on Facebook - just search for FibreX.

For more information, contact Clare on 0422 106 506.

Just in case you missed it



Heavy Metal Knitting

Finland has started a new competition, The World Heavy Metal Knitting Championships, combining the two rather different past times.

The contest will begin on 11 July 2019, in Joensuu, Finland with a grand prize of "a hotel weekend in authentic Finnish scenery".

So, what exactly is 'heaving metal knitting'?

"In heavy metal knitting, the knitter becomes a part of the band, showing their best needlework tricks as the heavy riffs echo on the background. The knitter takes part in the jam while their balls of yarn and knitting needles swish through the air ..."

To learn more about this event, visit the official website at: <https://heavymetalknitting.fi/en/>

