



KGBytes

August 2019

Group Reports

Blacktown

14 September: At our workshop, Ting will be teaching us how to make an Amigurumi (crochet) Jellyfish. There will be a follow-up Amigurumi workshop in October.

Clarence Valley

5 September: Entrelac, Advanced, with Caroline and Jenny.
19 September: Entrelac, Advanced (continued), with Gay and Meredith. Visit to Gay's home.

Ku-ring-gai

26 August: Beaded knitting with Sue Thompson from The Entrance Group.

Macarthur

24 August: We are continuing with our lessons on Kitchener Stitch. Come and join us in the month of September.

Monday 9th and Saturday 28th for lessons on knitting socks.

Pittwater

20 August: Toe-up sock with German short row – Judy

3 September: Mini workshop – Bring your favourite scarf, with pattern

17 September: Scrumbling/Free-form knitting and crochet – Elaine Dewey

Queanbeyan

14 September: The Queanbeyan group will have its traditional September Destash at the next meeting, always a popular event.

In October we'll be learning about design from one of our members and in November we'll be demonstrating our crafts at the Queanbeyan Show. Our members have been doing this for years and we enjoy sitting amongst the lovely creations in the Craft Pavilion, talking to passers-by about who we are and what we do.

Group Information Day

Don't forget that our Group Information Day is being held on Saturday 31st August from 11.00am at SMSA, Pitt Street, Sydney (just around the corner from Town Hall Station). Up to three members from each group are invited to attend.

If you're intending to join us that day and haven't yet contacted us, please email Luke asap on Secretary@knittersguildnsw.org.au.

All Executive Committee members will be there, together with the Convenors of the Sub-Committees, so it's your opportunity to find out what's going on in the Guild, and to give us your opinions, suggestions and general feedback.

Help Needed With Blanket Repair

We've been contacted by a mother whose daughter **really** wants her blanket repaired – she was given it at birth and is now 10. Would someone be able to help with this?

The photo shows the largest hole but there are some smaller ones too. The blanket is in Balmain. If anyone would be willing to tackle the repair for this little girl (she put the repair on her wishlist for her 10th birthday!) please contact Luke, our Secretary, and he'll put you in touch.



Items for KG Bytes

Do let us know if your group is planning a workshop or event so that we can publicise it here.

It's a good way to send a reminder to your group members and to encourage members of other groups to visit.

It also passes on some good ideas for activities that other groups may want to organise.

Please send the information by the 7th of each month to President@knittersguildnsw.org.au.

Workshops



Knitters Guild NSW

Stranded Knitting and Fairisle-style beanie

9.30am - 12.30pm & 1pm - 4pm
Sat, 7 September 2019

Sydney Mechanics School of Arts, 280 Pitt St, Sydney

The morning session is an introduction to stranded knitting. The afternoon session provides an opportunity to learn design techniques for you to design your own fairisle-style beanie.

After registering you will be emailed the details about what to bring to the workshops.

Cost: \$28pp (half day) \$40pp (full day)

Representation only



Knitters Guild NSW

Continental Knitting

11.00am - 3.30pm
Sat, 16 November 2019

Sydney Mechanics School of Arts, 280 Pitt St, Sydney

Learn the techniques involved in mastering the art of Continental Knitting. We'll cover long tail cast on, how to hold the yarn, keeping tension, and then move on to purling and moss stitch.

You will need to bring 8 ply yarn (DK) with 4mm and 3.5mm needles. Interchangeable needles would be an advantage, but are not a requirement.



Knitters Guild NSW

celtic slip stitch cables

9.30am - 12.30pm & 1pm - 4pm
Sat, 30 November 2019

Sydney Mechanics School of Arts, 280 Pitt St, Sydney

The morning session is all about learning the techniques involved in the Celtic Slip Stitch Cable in order to knit your own scarf. The afternoon session is to practise the techniques learnt in the morning and troubleshooting help for those who have previously done the course.

After registering you will be emailed the details about what to bring to the workshop.

Cost: \$28pp (full day) \$10pp (afternoon only)

Knitting For Charity

There are always so many charities looking for hand-knitted and crocheted items so whatever your preference and your skill level you should be able to find one that you could support. We've been contacted by two of these in the last few weeks.

Cannula Sleeves For Dementia Patients



These are similar to the Twiddlesleeves that we know some of you have made, but go further up the arm in order to cover a cannula, and are given to dementia patients undergoing

Save the Date

Fibrefest

Sisters of Mercy Convent

30 Queen St Singleton

Oct 26-27, 2019

Visit the website to book your place in one of the FibreFest workshops.

<https://www.knittersguildnsw.org.au/what-s-on/fibrefest-2019>

hospital treatment. The details of these can be found on this site which shows their use in the UK, <https://www.bbc.com/news/health-48335245>.

Hornsby Hospital Emergency Department has asked if this is something our members may be willing to make as the hospital finds that not only do they help keep the patient occupied but they deter these patients from removing their cannulas. If you'd like to help, please send the finished items to Emergency Department, c/o Dr Nadia Bowman, Hornsby Hospital, Hornsby, NSW 2077.

Sweaters For Penguins Again



You may remember that a few years ago the world's knitters were making sweaters for Penguins on Phillip Island after oil slicks had caused serious damage.

They've now put out another call for these sweaters as they are expanding their facility. However, they've pointed out that so many of those that were kindly sent last time were of no use to their penguins—the sweater **must** be knit to their pattern so that it is the correct size and it **must** be made from wool. Those that they couldn't use were put onto toy penguins and sold in their shop, raising \$185,000 over five years.

If you'd like to make a sweater, or two or three, go to the ABC website, where you can read all about their current campaign and see a link to the pattern and instructions: <https://www.abc.net.au/news/2019-08-10/little-penguins-need-rehabilitation-jumpers-in-case-of-oil-spill/11401356>.

Magazine

If you're a Guild member who is also a knitting or crochet designer, would you be interested in showcasing one of your patterns in our quarterly magazine?

We also have members looking for hints on taking photos for the magazine. If you have any good suggestions for photography, or would like to submit a pattern or article, please contact Sally Webersinke at editor@kgnsw.org.au.

Message For Group Treasurers

Following the Banking Royal Commission, some banks have introduced new protocols to try to stamp out money laundering. You may receive a letter from your bank asking you to produce certain documents to show that the Guild is a legitimate Australian concern with a Tax File Number etc. If you get one of these letters, please contact Merrin at Treasurer@knittersguildnsw.org.au. She'll be able to provide you with all the necessary documentation.

Also, we're getting a number of requests from Groups to supply the latest Certificate of Currency for our Public Liability Insurance. Please note that this is available on our website – log into the Guild website and go to Group Administration. From there you can download the Certificate.

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